

1 ☐ A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

LESSON 04

2 ☐ COMPLETING THE STORY

- Revelation is the last book of the Bible and so bring a close to the Word of God
- The Gospels do not complete the story of redemption
- The Book of Acts picks up the story where the Gospels leave it but does not finish its story.
- No other book of the New Testament adds anything to the narrative until we come to Revelation
- In Revelation the story continues beginning where Acts closes and traces the course of the church through the years to the very time of the Resurrection

3 ☐ COMPLETING THE STORY-cont.

- Revelation rehearses the activities of the saints in heaven after the Resurrection
- Revelation tells what will take place on earth during those days of tribulation and judgement
- It records the second coming of Jesus with His saints to reign on the earth and the appearing of the Holy City New Jerusalem
- Revelation records the last days of *time*
- *Time* is that period between creation in Genesis and the new heaven and new earth of Revelation

4 ☐ JESUS AS A PROPHET

- He would prepare a place for us and He will be with us
- He would come again to receive His disciples
- He would come in glory with all His holy angels with Him
- He would come to reward His servants
- He would punish His enemies
- He would come in a day of distress and judge the nations

5 ☐ JESUS AS A PRIEST

- Redemption must include atonement and so requires a Savior
- He is the first begotten of the dead

- He stands in the midst of the candlesticks
- He is clothed in a priestly robe and His hair is white
- These qualifications refer to the priestly and the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ

6 ☐ **JESUS AS A KING**

- He has eyes like fire and feet like brass
- He has the voice as the sound of many waters
- He has a sharp two-edged sword that proceeds out of His mouth
- He has a countenance as the sun
- He has two special characteristics a king must have to sit in judgement:
 1. Perfect knowledge, insight and the ability to read even the thoughts and intents of the heart
 2. The power to enforce punishment

7 ☐ **NOTES ON THE FIRST CHAPTER**

- Whenever Jesus is mentioned throughout the book of Revelation, some part of this first chapter is repeated
- This makes it easy to identify Jesus and in what capacity He is functioning even though He is called an angel
- The saints also have identifying marks by which they may be recognized

8 ☐ **NOTES ON THE FIRST CHAPTER cont.**

- The first chapter is probably the most important one in Revelation
- It contains the keys that unlock all the other rooms
- If you master the first chapter, the rest of the book will be easy to understand
- It tells what the book is, where it came from, what it is about, whom it is about, and how to identify the various characters therein
- It gives the outline of the book, illustrates the rules of interpretation, and pronounces a special blessing on those who give heed to it at the time of fulfillment

9 ☐ **REVELATION 1:1-4**

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass ; and he

sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come;

10 ☐ **REVELATION 1:4-7 cont.**

4 and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

11 ☐

I Peter 1:7 & 13

I Corinthians 1:7

II Thessalonians 1:7

12 ☐ **THE WORD “APOKALUPSIS”**

- This is the original Greek word for revelation
- It is used in more than one sense in the New Testament
- Translated into: appearing, coming, revealed

13 ☐

I Peter 1:7 & 13

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise

and honor and glory at the *appearing* of Jesus Christ:

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the *revelation* of Jesus Christ;

I Corinthians 1:7

7 So that ye come behind in no gift ; waiting for the *coming* of our Lord Jesus Christ :

II Thessalonians 1:7

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be *revealed* from heaven with his mighty angels,

14 **THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

- This book, The Revelation of Jesus Christ, is a special gift from God through Jesus to the church
- The matter of His second coming was very dear to Jesus; it was His favorite topic of conversation
- Nearly all the parables were told to illustrate some phase of this event
- Here in Revelation it is now possible for Him to give His people the complete story of those wonderful times leading up to and following His return

15 **REVELATION 1:1**

1.....things which must shortly come to pass;

- Time is relative
- Revelation closes a history that began with creation
- Although the events recorded may cover a period of two thousand years or more, still, as compared to the whole of time, they are things which must shortly come to pass
- All of Revelation, except chapter 1 through chapter 3, is still in the future

16 **DANIEL 12:4, 9 & 10**

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and

sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

17 ☐ **THE SEVEN CHURCHES**

- This book, Revelation, is addressed to the seven churches
- Seven is the number of completeness
- These seven churches were chosen because of their representative nature
- They are types of seven kinds of churches and types of the church in seven periods of church history
- The seven churches are true types and follow the law of types
- The thing the church represents is described in detail rather than the church itself

18 ☐ **THE SEVEN CHURCHES cont.**

1. They are types of seven kinds of churches
2. They are types of the dominant church in each age
3. Prophetically, these churches represent seven periods of church history
4. They form a history of the church

19 ☐ **THE SEVEN SPIRITS**

- The Holy Spirit is the Comforter. He is God present in the church

Isaiah 11:1-3

1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord. And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

20 ☐ **THE SEVEN SPIRITS cont.**

The Spirit of the Lord as the Spirit of:

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Counsel
4. Might
5. Knowledge
6. Fear of the Lord
7. Quick understanding (refreshing)

21 **THE FAITHFUL WITNESS**

- It seems the first seven verses were written last, after John had seen the vision
- They were written by one who already beheld the scenes that follow
- We have a great responsibility because we are seeing so much happening and taking place and the understanding has been opened to us
- Sixty years before this vision John had given up his own life for the work of Jesus