

1 ☐ **A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

LESSON 22

2 ☐ **OPENING REMARKS**

- We are still in the 5th chapter of Revelation
- The events we've been studying in Revelation parallel the events in the world today
- It's almost time for these seals to be opened
- It's almost time that we are caught away first that He might open up these seals
- We read last week Revelation 5 verses 8-10 which concerns the time of worship and of praise that always proceeds some great event in heaven

3 ☐ **OPENING REMARKS cont.**

- Jesus stepped forward in triumph and He was able to take the title deed of this earth out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne
- How close this comes in comparison to the one day of triumph He had on this earth
- Our life has to parallel His life including sadness, sorrow, suffering and triumph

4 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN**

Revelation 5:8-10

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

5 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN cont.**

- The saints have made it into heaven, the bride has arrived
- This is ALL the saints beginning with Stephen, the first martyr, to the last one who makes it in in this period of Grace
- ALL the mighty host of heaven will also be rejoicing

- The combined numbers will be so great that they will be stretching out into measureless space
- We will all be gathered around this throne as we watch Jesus take this book

6 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN cont.**

- We see that Jesus has now triumphed forever over all things
- This praise and worship in heaven is not scripted but is a spontaneous eruption of joy and worship as Jesus takes the book
- Our praise and worship here is tiny measure of what is seen here in this great celebration
- The song breaks out first among the elders and living ones as they are closest to the throne
- Even here the power of God first touches those closest to God and then spreads out from them

7 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN cont.**

- We see as these start the singing, it ripples out more and more into space until all creation vibrates with the praises of God
- The new song they sing in verse 9 is remembering that we have already been redeemed
- We are not just redeemed but are made to be kings and priests with Jesus
- We will rule and reign with Him in both spiritual and natural matters
- It is the Blood of Jesus that has redeemed us, not just here in this body, but out of every nation, kindred, tongue and people

8 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN cont.**

- God has people everywhere
- People are not our enemies; actions and Satan are
- As we see the power of this new song going out through the heavens it is no wonder we see the powers of heaven shaken on the earth
- Even though this is called a new song there seems to be nothing new in it; nothing that the saints have not been singing through the years....I've been redeemed
- This is however a new song in heaven as it is the first time that a song of redemption has been sung there

9 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN cont.**

- The angels and created beings cannot sing the song of redemption as Jesus never died for them
- We have learned and sung this redemption song here on earth
- We will have to have learned and obeyed and walked with Him right here if we are going to be with Him in heaven
- We will not learn something new after we get to heaven; we will have to have learned it here
- It is only after the redemption song has died away that the created beings and the angels raise their voices in praise to God

10 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN cont.**

- It is only after we sing our song, which can be who knows how long, that the other inhabitants of heaven are able to lift their voices in praise and worship
- The angels have to wait their turn

11 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN cont.**

Revelation 5:11-14

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12 saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

12 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN cont.**

- After the saints sing their song, the angels begin their praise and worship
- As we see in the Scriptures that the worship begins to close we find out later that it goes on and on and on
- There is praise and worship in heaven at every great event
- The worship begins to close as preparations need to be made for the opening of the seals and the resultant distress on earth
- This distress is greater than mankind has ever known or will ever

know

13 ☐ **SINGING & REJOICING IN HEAVEN cont.**

Revelation 5:13

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

- There is a truth here in verse 13 that is not very well understood as it is something we cannot see. What is it?
- There is an unseen world of spirit beings. These that are praising and worshiping God in verse 13 are the good ones
- There are also the bad ones that will we learn more about as we progress in our study

14 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM**

- We are only going to be able to grasp the world of spiritual beings with spiritual eyesight
- The main reason this realm is not understood or thought about is that it cannot be seen or detected with our natural senses
- There is an unseen world of spiritual beings that the Scriptures flat out confirms
- Some of these beings are evil that will be loosed during the judgement period, some are under the river Euphrates
- Hebrews 12:1 states that we are "...compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses...."

15 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- These spiritual beings are real, they have actual bodies
- Their bodies are not made of dust or any earthly substance or anything that we call physical
- They are not part of our world and theirs is probably much older than ours
- Transfiguration means *changed into another form*
- The transfiguration of Jesus showed Him with such a bright light and the shining glory round and about Him
- This was caused by the glory of God shining through His body; it was coming from the inside out

16 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- This is the same glory we saw in Moses when he came down off the mountain
- It was so bright they could not look upon him
- Moses had been in the presence of God and Moses' shining glory came from the outside
- This was an Old Testament shadow of the Holy Ghost, the glory being upon them
- The glory lifted from Moses but with Jesus Christ it was on the inside and it shone through Him

17 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- When Moses and Elijah visited with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration they made a miraculous appearance
- Their appearance was the real miracle, not their disappearance. When they disappeared they were probably no further away: they didn't go anywhere
- It was this appearance to the natural eyes that was so miraculous
- We find in Luke chapter 24 the same type of miraculous spiritual body
- They had substance, you could see them and they were recognizable

18 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

Luke 24:34-36

34 saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.

35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

- Where do you think Jesus came from?
- Jesus says "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

19 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- Jesus is in His spiritual body which is more real and lasting than these mortal bodies
- Unless our spiritual eyes are opened we will not see the spiritual

realm

- The Scripture states that He appeared and disappeared but He did not go anywhere....He was still there, we just could not see Him
- The disciples were terrified thinking they had seen a spirit and the had seen One
- It was an alive spirit
- We will be too but we will also have bodies to go with the spirit

20 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

1 Corinthians 15:44

44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

- We will not be floating around on a cloud somewhere
- We are going to have a *spiritual* body, just as Jesus has

21 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

Luke 24:37-41

37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

40 And when he had thus spoken, he showed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

22 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- Jesus ate with His disciples to show them His spiritual body was real
- We will be able to do the same with our new bodies
- There are spiritual beings that occupy everywhere
- There are also disembodied spirits
- They are not in a happy state
- The loss of body is a punishment
- Satan had lost his spiritual body when cast out of heaven, which is why he takes over the body of the man who becomes antichrist

23 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- The angels have bodies; however they cannot be seen by mortal eyes except by miracle
- The attributes of spiritual beings brings to mind the characteristics of the Antichrist
- He will be a man who; is wonderful to look upon, has piercing eyes that are mesmerizing, has words that are spellbinding and charisma that is unmatched in human history
- The Scriptures teach that many countries turn over their rule to this one man

24 ☐ **THE RISE OF ANTICHRIST**

- Before we go up and Satan is cast down he will have established his kingdom out of the old Roman empire

MAP OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE 117AD GRAPHIC

25 ☐ **THE RISE OF ANTICHRIST cont.**

- This man will already have great power and will bring peace to this area of the world
- The whole world will be ready to turn over their rule to him
- This will lead to world peace and a world religion
- He will be a man that people will look to as a man of peace but the peace will last only a very short time
- We want to look for a man that fits his description begin to rise in power and influence
- The terrible state of the world will give to his rise of power

26 ☐ **THE RISE OF ANTICHRIST cont.**

- It will be obvious that this man will be different from everyone else
- This is before Satan is cast out and comes down to earth and takes control of this man's body
- It is the man Antichrist who gives himself over to Satan
- We should be looking for these signs and events now
- We will not know when the Rapture happens until it happens

27 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- We see some of these signs, but how much more will we see?
- It is hard to wait for Jesus to step out on the clouds and call us up.....but we have to
- After Jesus' resurrection and He has His glorified body, we find that He could appear or disappear at will, pass through closed doors,

and ascend into heaven

- Physical things are not barriers to spiritual bodies

28 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- Heaven does not have to be far removed from the earth; it could be very close
- A woman's hair is given to her for her glory and because of the angels she should not cut her hair (1 Corinthians 11:10)
- The angels are simply watching our obedience or disobedience
- We often think of the unseen witness looking down but that is not necessarily accurate
- Satan was allowed into the presence of God and we are not given who the others are, just that they are spiritual beings (Job 1:6)
- God and Satan were probably standing right next to Job but he didn't see them

29 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- God said "Behold my servant Job". Behold him where?
- Angels are all around us; the prophets and great men of God recognized this

II Kings 6:15-17

15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

17 And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

30 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- The spiritual beings were already there, Elisha did not have to call them up from somewhere
- What we are seeing is part of Revelation 5:13
- These beings were not called from far distant places
- Jesus said He had legions of angels at His command (Matthew

26:53)

- Science has learned that time and space are synonymous
- Time, space and distance are all relative if they exist at all
- Such earthly things as time, temperature, and gravity are not factors in the world of beings that are made to inhabit the universe

31 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- In Revelation 5:13 we wonder how can these beings be under the earth and in the earth and under the sea, how can they be in all these places?
- They simply inhabit a different space (dimension)
- Such words that we have cannot adequately describe all this
- These things – so new to science today – are old truths in the Bible
- This throne of God we saw in the 4th chapter, as seen by John and we will see in our day, need not be any distance at all from the earth

32 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- We cannot see with mortal eyes the sea of glass that John writes about
- God knows everything about us and we are being seen even in darkness
- When all of the angels and all of the saints are gathered together as they are here in these verses of Scripture, they extend out into space in all directions; down to the earth, under the earth, in the sea – everywhere
- The Scripture tells us a child's angel does always behold the face of God (Matthew 18:10)

33 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- God puts these angels there to watch over what's happening to a child; it does not take away what happens to them
- The word "angel" has many different uses but it simply means "messenger" or a "go between"
- God's spiritual worlds has many inhabitants; cherubim, seraphim, and other spiritual beings and bodies created by God
- ".....every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying,"

34 ☐ **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- This is at the Rapture so they are there as we will be
- Try not to think of these beings in the natural such as being fish-like creatures because there were in the sea
- Natural things of this world does not hold to them
- This is *not* science fiction; just facts about the spiritual world
- We finish chapter 5 with the 4 living ones saying Amen to that and they are still worshipping
- As we go into chapter 6, it is not a new subject but a continuation of what is been happening in chapter 5

35 **THE SPIRITUAL REALM cont.**

- There is no separation between chapter 5 verse 14 and chapter 6 verse 1
- The scene is still around the throne
- Jesus is about to break the seals
- We find the seals are broken one at a time and as each seal is broken something happens in heaven that has results on the earth
- Remember this important fact: these are Scriptures that describe events in parallel; what is happening in heaven (chapters 4-11) and what is happening on earth (chapters 12-16)

36 **THE BREAKING OF THE SEALS**

- The area we are in now in the heaven point of view section
- In this section – the story of the tribulation and the Day of the Lord from the standpoint of heaven – we are always passing from cause to effect
- The cause is what takes place in heaven; the effect is felt on the earth
- All action stems from the breaking of a seal
- The key word here is *administration*
- God is very orderly and organized; we need to be like Him in this manner with our life

37 **THE BREAKING OF THE SEALS cont.**

- The saints are going into action; they are the administrators of God's grace and judgement
- We are the administrators of God's grace in this present day
- The breaking of each seal, even with terrible earthly consequences, brings the redemption of the earth one step closer

- The scene we see at the beginning of chapter six is not mob violence
- There is organization and each person has his work

38 ☐ **THE BREAKING OF THE SEALS cont.**

- There is reason and direction in every action taken
- Remember the elders and living ones we have seen in chapters 4 and 5 represent groups, not individuals
- In chapter 6 we encounter more redeemed saints and they are presided over by 4 horsemen
- We have to put the horsemen in the same light as the elders and living ones, as the Lion and as the Lamb. This is their attributes, not what they are
- Again John is using earthly words to express heavenly scenes

39 ☐ **THE BREAKING OF THE SEALS cont.**

- They are called horsemen simply because they go forth from heaven to carry out the assignment revealed by the broken seal
- Jesus breaks the seal; He is in charge of the whole program
- The next under Him gives the order then the next in line carries it out until it reaches the earth
- This is exactly what Ezekiel saw and described in his first chapter as wheels within wheels – in other words, organization to carry out a task

40 ☐ **THE BREAKING OF THE SEALS cont.**

- Remember in these chapters that John is caught up in the spirit to heaven and records what will happen there so everything that is recorded in this portion, Room 3 on the chart, takes place in heaven
- The earth is in view only if the heavenly act has a result on earth
- The following Scriptures show this is not a worldly organization
- This is God's organization; He is the head and we are the body, we all have our places

41 ☐ **THE BREAKING OF THE SEALS cont.**

Matthew 20:20-23

20 Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.

21 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the

other on the left, in thy kingdom.

22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.

23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.

42 **THE BREAKING OF THE SEALS cont.**

Matthew 19:28-30

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

43 **7-SEALED SCROLL CLOSING GRAPHIC**