

1 ☐ A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

LESSON 26

2 ☐ OPENING REMARKS

- The prophecy that we're seeing at this time in the Book of Revelation is the consummation of redemption
- The redemption process started in the Book of Genesis

Revelation 21:5

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

3 ☐ OPENING REMARKS cont.

- As we studied into the Scripture we found that God does not utterly destroy the world today or ever
- He is going to renew this earth; destroy and cleanse the sin and effects of sin from it
- Much the same as in Noah's day, God did not destroy the earth He cleansed it of sin
- The 5th verse in the 21st chapter of Revelation explains it all quite simply
- God does not say He will make all new things; He says He will make all things new
- This parallels the new birth; when we are born in the Spirit it does not do away with what we were in the natural

4 ☐ OPENING REMARKS cont.

- It is making of the old something new
- This new birth comes out of the old, it is the new nature of Jesus Christ in us
- This is what the consummation of redemption is going to be like; not all new things but all things new
- We finished chapter 6 last week and we saw the 6th seal being broken
- We now have one more seal – the 7th seal
- Under this 7th seal are 7 last plagues
- This event ends the first 3-1/2 year period, the Great Tribulation,

and starts us into a new period of time; the 7 years of pure judgement

5 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED**

Revelation 7:1-3

1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

6 ☐ **RAPTURE TO ARMAGEDDON TIME CHART**

7 ☐ **A PAUSE IN HEAVEN**

- Before the 7th seal is opened, in the midst of His wrath, God remembers mercy once more
- We can see throughout history how God has shown mercy just one more time, He also does this in our personal lives
- This is the last time we see God's mercy in life as we know it today
- The remaining judgements are so severe that there must be protection for any of God's people who are to remain upon the earth
- All the forces of nature which have been summoned to aid in this final cleansing of the earth are now held in check for a brief moment

8 ☐ **A PAUSE IN HEAVEN cont.**

- It's as though everything stood still between the 6th and 7th seals
- The 4 Horsemen we saw earlier in chapter 6 are the same as the 4 angels here in chapter 7 verse 1
- The forces of nature used earlier in the first 3-1/2 year period by the opening of the first 6 seals are now being held in check for a very brief moment
- As we learned earlier these forces of nature were used to bring turmoil and strife to Satan's kingdom so that he would not destroy all of those that were to be martyred all at one time
- They were given a period of time to repent as the message is preached supernaturally through the heavens

9 ☐ **A PAUSE IN HEAVEN cont.**

- This next event, the 7th seal, is so great that God stops everything which in itself shows how terrible these 7 last plagues are
- There are divine principles illustrated here
- One is that God is always the same and He does not change
- At various times throughout the Bible we encounter a form of judgement that is sent directly from God: the flood, the destruction of Sodom, the plagues in Egypt
- These differ from disasters of natural origins
- God promises no special protection from the natural workings of nature

10 ☐ **PROTECTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

- When there is a special judgement because of sin, because of iniquity, and this special judgement is imposed by God Himself, God's people are first given protection
- This is a fundamental principle that God adheres to
- In Lot's time the angel told Lot "Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou become thither." Genesis 19:22
- God's people are always promised protection from God's judgements
- We see this same principle applied when the saints are delivered before the Tribulation in the Rapture

11 ☐ **PROTECTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE cont.**

- People are saved from these judgements
- They must also be given protection, so they are sealed
- This is clearly stated in verse 3
- How are we sealed today that we are not brought under the tribulation period?

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

22 who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

12 ☐ **PROTECTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE cont.**

- The earnest of the Spirit is our seal

Ephesians 1:13-14

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

14 which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

13 ☐ **PROTECTION OF GOD'S PEOPLE cont.**

Ephesians 4:30

30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

- Without the Holy Ghost we would come under the judgement of this world, its iniquity and our own sins
- It is by the Holy Ghost we will be taken out of this world and harm's way

14 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

Revelation 7:4-8

4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

6 Of the tribe of Asher were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Naphtali were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasseh were sealed twelve thousand.

7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

8 Of the tribe of Zebulun were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

15 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- This is the first mention of the nation of Israel in the Book of Revelation
- There is no interpretation needed here; they are exactly who the Scripture says they are

- If they had been killed during tribulation they would not need this seal
- As they are living at the end of the tribulation they would, without this seal, face the 7 last plagues
- They must, therefore, have accepted Jesus as the Messiah during the preaching of the gospel from heaven

16 **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

Isaiah 26:20-21

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21 For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

- This is the time Isaiah is talking about, when the Jews will be sealed in Revelation chapter 7
- There is a parallel reference in Revelation 14 from the earth's point of view that shows that these Israelites have been saved

17 **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

Revelation 14:1-4

1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

3 and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

18 **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- Chapter 7 brings the nation of Israel into the Book of Revelation

- If they had been saved before the Rapture, they would have gone to heaven with the other saints
- In our dispensation today there is no Jew or Gentile; salvation through grace is open to all
- Salvation is the same for all; the death, burial, and resurrection
- These Israelites, or Jews, did accept the gospel of that time as it was preached from heaven
- They were not killed or martyred as they were living in Palestine, which will, for a time, be exempt from the persecutions of Antichrist

19 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- Further on we will study about how Antichrist will attempt to appease the Jews and therefore will not persecute them during the 1st 3-1/2 year period i.e. the tribulation period
- Antichrist will later turn against the Jews and there will be trouble in Palestine during the 3-1/2 year period before the return of Jesus (the third 3-1/2 year period) for the battle of Armageddon

20 ☐ **THE TIME ELEMENT GRAPHIC**

21 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- The Scriptures teach us that Jesus returns as King of the Jews
- At His return He will take up His kingdom in Jerusalem as King of the Jews for the 1,000 year reign after the battle of Armageddon
- At this point in our study we are coming to the end of two dispensations at the same time; the Jewish and the Christian
- The Jewish dispensation was not finished in the Book of Acts at Pentecost, it was interrupted

22 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- Paul says they, the Jews, are set aside and we, the Gentiles, are grafted in (Romans 11:17-25)
- The Jews are still there
- The Scriptures tell us we all become as one (Galatians 3:26-28)
- The sealed Jews will be saved by the same gospel as the tribulation saints
- The Holy Spirit will no longer be for the individual after the Rapture, He will be taken out

23 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- Our gospel is finished at the Rapture

- For the next 3-1/2 years after the Rapture salvation only comes by martyrdom
- The Jews are not martyred for a very specific reason
- The Old Testament prophets all describe this time period a little differently just as the 4 Gospels do
- The seals may not be something our natural eyes can see much like the Holy Ghost
- It could be a supernatural seal that only God does see

24 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- The Scriptures tell us that Jesus Christ's blood was for mankind's sins all the way back to creation
- Jesus' blood was retroactive and it goes all the way ahead until the Rapture
- When Jesus came the law was fulfilled but not done away with
- Once these Jews are sealed they do not go back to another time (under the law)
- They are under the same commandments we are which are the two greatest as found in Matthew 22:37-40

25 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- God has always had a people on this earth
- Pentecost marked the beginning of a new age
- This is when the Jews were set aside as a nation
- The church took the place of the Jews in the program of redemption
- The Jews were meant to tell the world about God from the beginning, but they didn't
- After the Rapture there will still be a Gentile church made up of those saved after the Rapture by martyrdom
- At the end of the Tribulation, the first 3-1/2 year period, comes the 7th seal with the 7 plagues – no one can withstand that

26 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- The martyred saints number will be completed in the Tribulation period and they will be raised from the dead completing the first resurrection
- So who will be on the earth when Jesus comes back?
- God would have no representatives on earth if the Jews did not come back into their former place as His chosen people

- We know from Daniel this period lasts 7 years
- So from the time from the sealing of the 144,000 Jews to return of Jesus is 7 years

27 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- During this last 7-year period there is no record that anyone is saved
- It specifically states that in one instance no one repents (Revelation 16:9)

Revelation 16:9

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

28 ☐ **THE ISRAELITES SEALED cont.**

- These 144,000 are God's people on the earth during these plagues and they'll be here to welcome Him back
- In our next lesson we'll pick up at verse 9 where the Tribulation saints are resurrected and appear in heaven as a separate group

29 ☐ **END GRAPHIC**