

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

LESSON 33

2 **FLOOR PLAN GRAPHIC**

3 **INTRODUCTION**

- We are coming to the end of the portion of Scripture that is from the heaven's point of view, the upper room on our Revelation floor plan chart
- This is written in similar fashion to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke; different perspectives of the same events
- It would be impossible to understand the meaning of these Scriptures without this multiple viewpoint perspective
- This takes place from the Rapture to the return of Jesus Christ at the battle of Armageddon

4 **THE SEVENTH SEAL**

Revelation 10:1-2

1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

2 and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

- This little book in verse 2 is the same little book that appeared in the right hand of God
- When we first saw this book it was sealed
- Now the last seal has been broken; six of the seven trumpets have sounded
- The last trumpet, yet to sound, will bring us to the end of this day of trouble and usher in the Millennium

5 **THE SEVENTH SEAL cont.**

- In verse 1 Jesus is called the mighty angel

- Throughout Revelation heavenly beings, whether Jesus, the saints, or created angels, are called angels
- These can always be identified by the description
- This description in verse 1 follows the rule that when Jesus is mentioned, some portion of the 1st chapter is repeated
- The rainbow comes from the the 4th chapter and verse 3 and is the sign of God's purpose to redeem, not destroy, the world and the human race
- The first step is nearly over; the book, the title deed to the earth, is open and it is now time to take possession of the earth

6 **THE SEVENTH SEAL cont.**

- The breaking of these seals was a legal process; the one who broke the seals had the right to possess the property
- In verse 2 Jesus set His right foot on the sea and His left foot on the earth; this is an act of possession
- Jesus has not yet returned
- This is a spiritual act, seen only by heaven and possibly Satan, because he reacts to it
- This act is like taking legal possession in a lawyer's office before actually going to the property and taking physical possession
- Now that all the preliminary steps have been taken, Jesus will come and take over the rulership of the earth

7 **THE SEVENTH SEAL cont.**

Revelation 11:15

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

- This is when Jesus takes possession and the earth no longer belongs to Satan or sin
- God's people have always waited for this; a time when there is no sin, and the perfection, beauty, and purity of God

- This is the result of the 7th trumpet

8 **THE SEVENTH SEAL cont.**

Revelation 10:3-4

3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

- If the words of the seven thunders were not to be recorded, why did they speak at all? Was it simply for John's benefit?
- John saw what was going to happen
- What they say will be known, it is simply not to be made known in advance

9 **THE SEVENTH SEAL cont.**

- Most secrets, like the time of the Rapture, are kept from Satan rather than from the saints or angels
- If the saints or the angels knew it, then Satan could find out some way
- As far as Satan is concerned, this is war, an invasion of his domain
- Satan will most likely bring this out to be like an invasion of earth from outer space
- The whole world will unite at Armageddon against the forces from space
- Satan will certainly attempt to belittle the heavenly host
- Satan will be making ready to fight when Jesus steps out and He cries and these seven thunders utter their voices

10 **THE SEVENTH SEAL cont.**

- The voices of the seven thunders are for the battle of Armageddon as Jesus Christ returns with all of His saints
- Satan will have the entire earth with all his power against Jesus

- They meet on the plain of Megiddo in the Jezreel Valley but the battle is actually fought in Jerusalem
- In any war there are top secrets and in this war the voices of the seven thunders are classified
- We are not to know them yet but we will hear them when they happen
- We are living in the Book of Revelation; we are at the door of the Rapture

11 **THE END TIMES**

- The beginning of sorrows and troubles have already started in the world and they are not going to let up
- All of mankind feels this, even those who do not believe in a god
- The world is in perplexity; there is no way out
- Politicians cannot find it, governments cannot make it
- The time for these things to take place is just about at hand
- We need to know and understand what the Scriptures are telling us
- Satan wants to keep us from this understanding and separate us from God by keeping us busy with the everyday cares of this life

12 **THE END TIMES cont.**

- By keeping God first and seeking more of Him we can overcome the efforts of Satan, God will make a way for us
- We need to understand these Scriptures we are studying and we need to understand the times we live in and what God's people do have

13 **THE SEVENTH TRUMPET**

Revelation 10:5-7

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

14 **THE SEVENTH TRUMPET cont.**

- This phrase "time no longer" is sometimes rendered "there shall be no more delay", our idiom would be "time's up!"
- This proves the correctness of the structure of Revelation which makes chapters 12 to 16, and again 17 to 18, parallel as to time, taking the same series of events from different standpoints
- This means that the entire period from the Rapture to the Millennium is covered by the seals and trumpets
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15 **FLOOR PLAN GRAPHIC**

16 **THE SEVENTH TRUMPET cont.**

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- This structure of Revelation also supports the fact that this Book cannot be read as you would a novel or other book
- This is exactly explained by the angel in verse 7 when He says "....But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel...."

17 **THE MYSTERY OF GOD**

- Also in verse seven the angel has declared "....the mystery of God should be finished....". God is not going to start all over again; this time period is finished
- A mystery is a revealed secret

- It may still be a secret after it is revealed
- It can still be a secret if they don't look for it or do not try to understand it
- This mystery is revealed in the Word of God but many in this world do not understand His Word and either don't care to or don't want to so it is still a secret to them
- The whole future redemption program of God was revealed to the prophets all through the Old Testament and Jesus brings it out again and again

18 **THE MYSTERY OF GOD cont.**

- The only mystery/secret of God we do not know is the exact time of the Rapture
- The Bible reveals many secrets and mysteries yet there are not very many that understand or even know because they do not look into it
- The Scripture says to search the Scriptures (John 5:39) and study to show yourself approved (2 Timothy 2:15)

19 **THE MYSTERY OF GOD cont.**

Amos 3:7-8

7 Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

- The Bible reveals many things, they are just not understood and still are a secret to most of the world
- We studied the Book of Daniel shortly before we studied the Book of Revelation because these Books go together
- Daniel covers this same time period we are studying but Daniel is about and for the Jews
- Revelation is for the church, the Gentiles

20 **THE MYSTERY OF GOD cont.**

Daniel 12:8-10

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

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.

- God gives us the power through the Holy Ghost to be made white and be without spot or blemish
- God is much stronger and more powerful than Satan who would have us believe that living without sin is impossible

21 **THE MYSTERY OF GOD cont.**

- Our lives have to belong to God and we have to make the effort to overcome those things that would keep us from being pure and holy
- "...and none of the wicked shall understand...." This gives the answer to the question that is so often asked in these days...*If all this is true how come more people don't know about it?*
- If you want to you will; if you don't, you won't!
- God does not reveal His secrets and mysteries to those who do not them and to those who are not seeking Him
- Those that are wise in God; wise enough to seek His Word, wise enough to seek His Spirit and wise enough to obey His commandments, they are those who will understand

22 **THE MYSTERY OF GOD cont.**

- You have to know God's Word in order to obey His Word
- You have to have God's Spirit, the Holy Ghost, in order to understand the things of God as these things are spiritually discerned (I Corinthians 2:14)
- These Scriptures give us the answers to so many things

23 **THE LITTLE BOOK**

Revelation 10:8-11

8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

11 And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

24 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

- This is John the Beloved on the Isle of Patmos over 2,000 years ago describing the visions that Jesus is giving him
- This little book has been the center of attention through the whole of these proceedings; all action has stemmed from it
- Now the action is about over; the book is open
- With all the authority of the open book, the earth has been reclaimed
- The book is then given to John
- This is the end, we are coming up to the battle of Armageddon when we finish this about the little book

25 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

- This is Jesus returning in this section that is the viewpoint from heaven
- We see the earth is reclaimed and then the little book is given to John
- John is physically on the Isle of Patmos those thousands of years ago but he is describing events far into the future in a vision so how then can he take part in the action?
- Here he is actually taking part for the first time
- John here is a type; when he enters into the action he does so as a

type of the church – the whole body of the redeemed

26 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

Revelation 4:1-2

1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the Spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

- Here John is representing the entire church as a type
- At the end as the events are finishing John again is a type representing the whole church
- The little book could not be given to the living ones or the elders because they represent only groups among the redeemed, not the whole body

27 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

- John here in chapter 4 is a type of the saved when he is caught up to heaven. It is a type of the Rapture
- Remember a type is not a symbol, a type is representative, in this case of the entire bride of Christ
- John eats this little book. Where in the New Testament does Jesus use words similar to this about Himself when He says take eat something?
- At a point when Jesus had many disciples and followers He turned to them and said you must eat of my flesh and drink of my blood (John 6:53-58)
- What we eat actually becomes part of us
- Jesus is telling us that we must take up our cross daily and follow Him; we must walk in His footsteps

28 **A PARTAKER IN JESUS CHRIST**

- The Scriptures tell us that Jesus is the firstborn of many brethren and

that He is the image of the Father and we must be the image of Him (Romans 8:29) (Colossians 1:15-17)

- We have to be part of Jesus and He part of us
- People did not want to be like Jesus when looking through natural eyes as He was poor and had no earthly belongings, not even a place to rest His head
- People also believed that you could not live a life without sin so many turned away left Him
- Jesus turned to His disciples and asked "Will you leave me also?" (John 6:67-68)

29 **A PARTAKER IN JESUS CHRIST cont.**

- The twelve were the only ones that were wise as Peter responded to Jesus "Where would we go, only you have the words to eternal life?"
- There is joy unspeakable following in His footsteps
- We would not have it any other way; once we have received the Holy Ghost and witnessed the surety of the power, the love, the righteousness, the peace and the joy that is thus received
- Sin is the opposite of the good and wonder of living for Jesus, sin just makes us miserable and unhappy not to mention how displeasing it is to God
- Doing right in God brings us much peace and joy and we can live like Him

30 **THE LITTLE BOOK**

- The church will take this little book and it we be part of them
- This little book , the title deed to the earth, becomes John's absolute possession
- Dominion over the entire earth was originally given to mankind
- Through sin it passed into the possession of Satan and Satan became the prince of this world
- The wars and misery in this world are because it is occupied by Satan and his minions
- Mankind by their sin gave this world to Satan

- Dominion of the earth will be restored to mankind when the saints inherit the earth through this little book

31 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

Ephesians 1:3-6

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved:

32 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

Ephesians 1:7-11

7 in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 that in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him.

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

33 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

Ephesians 1:12-14

12 that we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

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.

- This is when dominion will be restored to mankind, when the saints of God shall inherit the earth
- The earth does not belong to us now

34 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

- Who would want the earth as it is now?
- We are so close to when Jesus will call His bride home
- The earth must be purged and cleansed and redeemed
- To make this earth the cleansed, purged and redeemed place that it will become for God and His people is not a pleasant task to undertake, there is much hard work to do
- There is now way it can be pleasant to send forth these plagues even for those who are out of danger
- It will be bitter to have to do this cleansing and purging through these plagues

35 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

- There is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repents
- During the Great Tribulation this rejoicing will turn to terrible suspense and anguish as the saved sinner begins to suffer the persecutions of Antichrist
- Right now it is still a time of rejoicing, a time to be filled and sealed with this Holy Spirit of promise, a time of peace and joy in God, and of getting ready for this time that's coming
- In verse 11 Jesus is telling John, representing the entire church, that he must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations and tongues and kings

36 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

- Prophesying is more than preaching, even as the prophets were more than preachers
- Prophesying includes all the various phases of redemption

- This one little verse 11 is parallel with chapter 6 speaking of that rider on the white horse that goes forth to preach to those of the Great Tribulation, during the first 3-1/2 years when grace is mixed with judgement
- Chapter 7 verse 9 shows us those that are redeemed during those first 3-1/2 years
- This is what makes it bitter for John; makes it terrible to think about
- These saved out of the Great Tribulation have joy because they are redeemed but it is bitter because of what they have to go through

37 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

- These will starve to death if they don't take the mark of the beast
- They will starve and have to give their life during that time
- Now all we have to do is to give our life but we live it for Jesus Christ now
- We do not have to die for our salvation during this period of God's grace

38 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

Revelation 7:9, 13-14

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

39 **THE LITTLE BOOK cont.**

- Chapter 10 verse 11 is the parallel Scripture, what Jesus is repeating to John, why the opening of that little book and the fulfilling of all those seals and prophecies have become part of the bride
- This redeemed earth only belongs to God and His people after the

opening of this little book

- When this little book actually became part of John he is told that he must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations and tongues and kings
- This is simple going back to repeat part of chapter 6 and the preaching of the gospel of that day

40  **CLOSING GRAPHIC**