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

LESSON 35

2 **INTRODUCTION TO LESSON 35**

- We are in chapter 11 in these prophecies of the end days that deals with the Jews and Jerusalem
- Chapter 11 is the only chapter in the entire Book of Revelation that deals with the Jews
- Chapter 11 is also the last portion of Scripture from heaven's point of view
- The 3rd woe follows directly upon the ascension of the two witnesses
- The 3rd woe/7th plague brings us to the return of Jesus Christ where He takes His great power and reigns over the earth

3 **A GREAT EARTHQUAKE**

Revelation 11:13-14

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

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- Great earthquakes occurred at the death and resurrection of Jesus
- We read of no deaths caused by them
- Here in this earthquake many are killed

4 **A GREAT EARTHQUAKE cont.**

- What would be the difference between these two events?
- The 7,000 that are killed here are the Jews, this is not a world-wide number
- At the time of Jesus' crucifixion we were in the days of grace and mercy, here we are in the days of judgement
- Even though God saves the 144,000, this is a day of judgement only

- We may wonder if even Satan thinks God is just a God of mercy and goodness and not of severity
- The world seems to thinks this way; they never look on God as a judge and punisher

5 ☐ **SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS**

- Satan propagates this concept throughout the world much like he did with Eve; *God won't really do what He says He will do*
- Jesus said just before He died *Forgive them Father for they know not what they do*. This shows the great mercy of God. (Luke 23:34)
- What they did not know was who they were killing; the God of glory
- If they had known who they were killing then there would be no forgiveness for the Jews
- The people, the Jews and mankind today, even Satan, ought to sit down and read these Scriptures here in Revelation as this is all going to take place

6 ☐ **THE GOODNESS & SEVERITY OF GOD**

- We cannot think that God is just a God of mercy and forgiveness
- "Behold the goodness and severity of God" Romans 11:22
- We need to realize that there is much more to God than just longsuffering and patience in these days of grace
- We need to realize there is much more to God than what is seen and known about Him on the surface
- Even Satan has had pretty much free reign these last 6,000 plus years
- Satan must have the delusion that he can really beat God otherwise why would he fight to the end?

7 ☐ **ENTERING GOD'S KINGDOM**

- We have the Scriptures that tells us how to make it into the kingdom of God
- We also have the Scriptures that tells us what would prevent us from entering the kingdom of God
- To make it we must endure until the end (Matthew 24:13)
- We cannot stop growing anywhere along the way in our walk with

God

- God must be 1st in everything we do if we are going to make it to the end

8 **THE JEWS AND HOLINESS**

- In verse 13 we see that the remnant of the Jews were affrighted and gave glory to God
- They are about to receive their King who they finally recognize
- It won't be until this period of time and the 1,000 years of peace that Jesus reigns and the city of Jerusalem and its people become holy
- This will be after much death and weeding out of even the Jews
- It is out of the entire Jewish population that the 144,000 are sealed because they are serving God in every way they know how to
- The Jews are not a Godly people as they have no standards of holiness because they do not know who their God is

9 **THE JEWS AND HOLINESS cont.**

- God has always had a remnant and these 144,000 are just that
- The Jews will not become a holy people until this period of time we are studying and this is just the beginning
- It will take a thousand years for them to become holy as God reigns with them and deals with them in Palestine
- It is so easy for us now with the Holy Spirit and if we stay full of the Holy Spirit
- We have His Word that we need to study
- It is much easier for us to become holy and stay holy than it will be for the Jews

10 **THE END OF THE SECOND WOE**

- This brings to an end the 2nd woe which began with the 6th trumpet in Revelation 9:13
- What is to follow is the 3rd woe that commences directly on the ascension of the two witnesses
- The third woe brings us to the return of Jesus Christ when He takes His great power and begins His reign over the earth

- This is proof of the time element that is part of this study which states that the 3-1/2 years during which these two witnesses prophesy are the last 3-1/2 years before the return of Jesus Christ at the battle of Armageddon
- The understanding of these prophesies in Revelation are for our time as we are living in "the time of the end" (Daniel 12:4&9)

11 ☐ **RAPTURE TO ARMAGEDDON TIME CHART**

12 ☐ **THE THIRD WOE & SEVENTH TRUMPET**

Revelation 11:15-18

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.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

13 ☐ **THE THIRD WOE & SEVENTH TRUMPET cont.**

Revelation 11:19

19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

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Revelation 16:17-18

17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

14 ☐ **THE THIRD WOE & SEVENTH TRUMPET cont.**

Revelation 16:19-21

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

15 ☐ **THE THIRD WOE & SEVENTH TRUMPET cont.**

- Remember before every great event in heaven there is a worship service that is led by the saints, the elders and the living ones
- This event is when Jesus steps out and comes back with His saints and the world becomes His
- The kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and He shall reign forever and ever
- Can we ever worship God enough?
- There is such a big difference between being blessed from God and worshipping to God
- The one is going up and the other is coming down
- To many times all we think about is "I want a blessing"

16 ☐ **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

- All the angels and unseen witnesses see that God receives so much more glory when we worship Him
- We learn everything we are going to do in heaven right down here on earth
- Our worship/song service and our testimonies are a time of worship of God
- If God choses to send us blessings during our worship of Him it only

increases our worship of Him

- Every song we sing means something
- As we sing the words of these songs of worship we must reach inside ourselves and raise those words to God in worship
- We need to learn more about worship

17 ☐ **THE THIRD WOE & SEVENTH TRUMPET cont.**

- We need to learn how to worship God while we are still down here
- We need to give back to God in the form of worship
- In verse 17 they are praising God because of who He is, the almighty God, and He has taken to Himself His great power and has reigned
- This is spoken of as an already accomplished fact agreeing with the words of the angel who said that when the seventh trumpet sounds there should be no more delay
- "And the nations were angry and thy wrath is come" – this is what they are praising Him for, His anger is come
- This period of time is the gathering of nations at Armageddon in anger against the Lord to prevent Him from taking over the earth

18 ☐ **THE CHOICE TO SERVE GOD**

- This anger is in part due to self-willed people questioning God and doing what they want to do
- In God, we do not rule our own life
- If we are called of God and we are to endure to the end every little tiny thing is important
- The Scripture tells us that when we are called of God we are predestinated according to what He called us to be and where He called you to be and how He called you to be (Ephesians 1:11)
- We do not have to serve God, it's up to us, but if we are going to serve God then we must serve Him on His terms
- It is much like a volunteer army; when we volunteer that which we will do or become will be what they want

19 ☐ **THE CHOICE TO SERVE GOD cont.**

- We have a free will but in God we turn it all over to Him and we must

seek what He wants

- God has predestinated us to be a part of the body the He wants us to be
- He knows what is best for us as He knows us much better than we know ourselves
- God knows the entire past, present, and future
- Being born into His Kingdom is being born into His hands and being predestinated according to His will
- This attitude of trying to prevent Jesus from taking over the earth is as with us today; so many people go about doing what they want, when they want, and how they want according to their own ideas

20 ☐ **THE CHOICE TO SERVE GOD cont.**

- Those that have their own mind and their own way will never endure until the end
- The Bride is going to have the mind of God
- We actually fight against God in our own individual way when we do not follow His words and what He has for us
- The actual judgement of the dead is future but it is linked with the rewards of the righteous
- Once we are dead that's it: no changes
- We are either judged righteous or we are judged unrighteous
- The actual judgement of the dead is at a future time

21 ☐ **THE THIRD WOE & SEVENTH TRUMPET cont.**

- The reign of Jesus Christ guarantees that the dead will be judged, the saints will be rewarded, and those who destroy the earth will be destroyed
- The word "destroy" as used here actually means corrupt as in those who actually corrupt the earth with their sin

Revelation 11:18

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them

that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

22 ☐ **THE THIRD WOE & SEVENTH TRUMPET cont.**

- All of verse 18 is a process and the whole process will probably require 1,000 years for it is not until the end of the 1,000-year reign of Jesus and His saints that all of the wicked on earth are destroyed
- Processes are used throughout the Bible: the 10-1/2 years we are studying is a process, the salvation plan is a process, our redemption and that of the earth is a process and so on
- Verse 19 tells us the temple of God was opened in heaven. John saw it and he was there in our stead
- We are going to be there in God's temple and see the ark of God's testament

23 ☐ **THE TEMPLE OF GOD IN HEAVEN**

- The tabernacle of the Old Testament was patterned after God's temple in heaven

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Exodus 25:8-9, 40

8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

9 According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

40 And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount.

24 ☐ **THE TEMPLE OF GOD IN HEAVEN cont.**

- God showed Moses the same thing that John is seeing at this time in Revelation

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Hebrews 9:23-24

23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands,

which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:
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- The blood of the animals that was offered up in the Old Testament was not good enough for the spiritual

25 ☐ **THE TEMPLE OF GOD IN HEAVEN cont.**

- It took the blood of Jesus Christ that purified those that offered it up, that made them worthy of this temple in heaven
- Jesus not only went into the natural temple He also went into the heavenly temple

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Revelation 15:5

5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:
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- This is not the temple of Soloman which was on the earth

26 ☐ **THE ARK OF THE COVENANT**

- There is a temple in heaven and there is an ark of the testimony in heaven
- The earthly temple and ark were made according to patterns provided by God which were patterned after those in heaven
- The ark of the covenant was the only piece of furniture in the temple that was the shadow that looked forward to the coming of Jesus Christ
- The ark contained the mercy seat upon which the blood was sprinkled and therefore looked forward to the atonement of Jesus Christ
- The ark was also a symbol of victory and possession of the land
- This part of the symbolism of the ark will be fulfilled when Jesus comes again

27 ☐ **THE ARK OF THE COVENANT cont.**

- The original ark of the covenant always led the Israelites to victory

- The ark disappeared from the temple in the days of Solomon
- It was not in the temple in Jesus' day when the veil was rent in two, thus bringing to an end, by fulfillment, the symbolism of the temple furniture
- It was by God's design that the ark was not there because its symbolism will not be completely fulfilled until the return of Jesus Christ
- It is probable that the ark of the covenant will reappear and again demonstrate to the world the power of God to restore Palestine to the Jews and the Jews to Palestine

28 **CLOSING GRAPHIC**