

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

LESSON 40

2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We are continuing in our study of prophecy in the Book of Revelation
- We have been studying in the 12th chapter
- For those who have not been with us before in the study it will help tremendously to get the floor plan layout chart
- The Book of Revelation was not written to be read to be understood; it must be studied to be understood
- The Book of Revelation is the only book in the Bible that the Scriptures tell us that we must study (Revelation 1:3)
- Revelation is not written like a book

3 **OPENING REMARKS cont.**

- The Book of Revelation was not meant to be understood until the end days
- Daniel was told "for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end" (Daniel 12:9)
- These prophecies, in Revelation and Daniel, were not meant to be understood until "the time of the end"

4 **FLOOR PLAN GRAPHIC**

5 **REVIEW**

- Prophecy always gives its own explanation
- Prophecy also holds true to its rules; the use of symbols and types are consistent
- We have completed studying the first room on this chart which shows events from heaven's point of view or what takes place in heaven
- We are just beginning to study in Room 4 which are the same events as in Room 3

- Starting in chapter 12 we have changed from heaven's viewpoint to the viewpoint of the earth
- We are seeing on earth the result of what happens in heaven

6 CONTINUATION IN CHAPTER 12

- We have studied up through verse 11 in chapter 12 of the Book of Revelation
- This week we'll pick up with verse 12
- If you have not been with us for this study there are media resources available on the church website that will bring you up to date

7 SATAN'S WRATH

Revelation 12:12

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

- A question was asked: If Satan knows what's going to happen to him and what his end will be, why does he continue with what he's doing?
- He knows the Word of God and he knows God's word comes true but if he truly understood this, he would never have done the things he did to begin with
- By this time, when he's thrown out of heaven and he will know that each prophecy and the very worst things that could have happened to him is coming to pass

8 HABITATION IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM

- To dwell any place means that it is a permanent residence
- There is much Scripture that gives proof of the spiritual realm
- In verse 12 we see proof of what the Scripture says is "so great a cloud of witnesses", (Hebrews 12:1)
- These unseen witnesses are both godly and satanic
- Paul's words when he said he was caught up into the third heaven (2

Corinthians 12:2)

- David in Psalms says "Praise him, ye heaven of heavens...." (Psalm 148:4)
- We do have Scripture after Scripture that do show us the spiritual realm is inhabited

9 **SATAN'S CAST OUT**

- Both godly spiritual realms, heaven and heavens of heavens, and satanic spiritual realms, are inhabited
- When Satan is cast out of the spiritual realm down to the earth, it is one of the greatest times for the heavens to rejoice that there ever was
- This why verse 12 tells us "Rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them."
- Also in verse 12 we find the word "woe" again which this time is warning the "...inhabiters of the earth and of the sea!"
- Inhabiters here means not just the inhabitants but the animals, vegetation, the earth as a whole
- Everything will feel the effect of Satan's wrath "for the devil has come down unto you...."

10 **SATAN'S CAST OUT cont.**

- As the Rapture of the bride takes place, as the bride goes up and Michael and his angels fight against Satan and his angels we pass one another
- We go out of this natural realm and receive that glorified body at the moment of the Rapture
- We see why "woe" to the earth because Satan is actually coming down, he is cast out of his spiritual realm down to this earth
- Currently Satan can go to and fro, back and forth, and he has access to the throne of God
- Satan is not hindered by having an earthly body
- When he is cast out of his habitation he is angry; more so than he has ever been before

- He has great wrath because he knows he has but a short time

11 **SATAN'S CAST OUT cont.**

- Strange that he continues fighting even when he sees the Scriptures being fulfilled that he will be cast down to this earth and from then on he has but a short time left
- His final end will be being cast into the Lake of Fire after he's loosed for a little while at the end of the Millennium

12 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS**

Revelation 12:13-16

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman; and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

13 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

Revelation 12:17

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

- Remember in the heavenly portion there are no symbols however in the earthly portion symbols are often used, and they are explained somewhere in the Scriptures
- When Satan finds he has lost all of the saints, he vents his wrath on the part of the church that is left behind
- This Satan can do without interference from the Holy Spirit

14 **THE CHURCH LEFT BEHIND**

- The part of the church left behind does not have the power of the Holy Spirit
- In verse 1 of chapter 12 we see the glory this church has with the Holy Ghost in its midst
- In verse 6 of chapter 12 we see the difference in this woman, the church, after the man-child has been delivered
- No glory, no power left without the Holy Spirit
- This is why Satan is able to persecute this church left behind without hindrance

15 **HOLY SPIRIT TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY**

2 Thessalonians 2:7

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

2 that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

16 **THE COMING OF ANTICHRIST**

2 Thessalonians 2:4-8

4 who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his

time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

17 **THE TIMES WE ARE STUDYING**

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

9 even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

18 **HOLY SPIRIT TAKEN OUT**

- These Scriptures in 2 Thessalonians broaden our understanding of where we are right now in our study of Revelation
- Without interference of the Holy Spirit, Satan can now persecute the church that is left behind
- The Holy Spirit will allow only what the Holy Spirit will allow
- The Holy Spirit will be lifted out, taken out of the way, not out of the world but out of the way of Antichrist as seen in 2 Thessalonians 2:7
- This will allow Satan free reign; he will be unhindered
- This was seen more clearly in the heaven view portion
- The church left behind is likened unto the 5 foolish virgins; theirs was the sin of omission

19 **HELP FOR THE WOMAN**

- They did not have or stay full of the Holy Spirit
- This remaining church does get some protection as seen in verses

14-16 but it is not the spiritual protection and power from God that we have today

- This protection is of a physical nature
- The earthquakes, the falling stars, the pestilences, and the plagues all hinder the dragon and help the woman
- How will these things, in the physical sense, help the woman, the church that is left?
- Satan sends out a flood of persecution intending to destroy the church completely

20 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS**

- The conditions on the earth and the troubles which Satan faces works out to the advantage of the church and allows it to exist for 3-1/2 years after the Rapture
- This will also allow more souls to be added to the kingdom of God
- It is during this 3-1/2 year time period that the Tribulation Saints are saved
- The "remnant of her seed" in verse 17 are those people who are saved after the Rapture, both Jew and Gentile
- These will not be in the New Jerusalem, the capitol city of the universe but they will be in the heavens
- While we were studying these events from the standpoint of heaven, we saw these tribulation saints under the altar awaiting their resurrection

21 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

Revelation 6:9-11

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 and they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was

said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

22 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

Revelation 7:9-11

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;

10 and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

23 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

Revelation 7:13-15

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.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

- Later we saw them when they all arrived in heaven to join the whole group of saints

24 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

- We were told that they were killed because of their faith and that

they had gone hungry and thirsty and had passed through great tribulation

- We were not told in the heaven standpoint portion how they were killed, or by whom, because that is purely an earthly matter
- Now, as we get into chapter 13, we are to get the details of this persecution; we are going to see these Tribulation Saints from the earthly point of view
- The 13th chapter is a continuation of chapter 12 as there is no break in the story
- We will see Satan persecute those who were not ready at the Rapture and those who heeded the words of the white horseman

25 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

- In the 12th chapter we see Satan preparing to persecute the church and now in the 13th chapter we'll see how he does it
- We do not have here the complete history of Antichrist but only his relationship to these saints
- Revelation does not give us a connected story of Antichrist as Revelation is about the church, the bride, and Jesus Christ
- Revelation mentions him only as he is related to other movements

26 **SATAN BECOMES A MAN**

Revelation 13:1-2

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

- There is a plain reference here to Daniel's visions of 4 world empires, yet there is a difference

27 **SATAN BECOMES A MAN cont.**

Daniel 7:5-7

5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

28 **SATAN BECOMES A MAN cont.**

- In Revelation and Daniel we see the same references; the lion, the bear, the leopard, and the beast
- All symbols are explained some place in the Bible and symbols stay the same, they do not change
- There seems to be a world of confusion in our thinking of this satanic man and nearly all the difficulties are bound up in one fact
- It is this: Antichrist is a man, but also Satan
- It might be more accurate to say he is a man who becomes Satan
- This comes close to being an incarnation, although there is one difference

29 **SATAN BECOMES A MAN cont.**

- Daniel saw this history in the making, these world empires
- There are a total of 7 world empires as we have studied
- The 4 world empires that Daniel saw in chapter 7, he saw them as future; 2 had taken place and 4 were to come
- John is seeing them as past; 6 had happened and the 7th was now coming with Antichrist
- In Revelation we see the bear first and the leopard second, why? (in Daniel 7 they are reversed)
- Studying Daniel gives invaluable background for studying Revelation

30 **SATAN BECOMES A MAN cont.**

- When Satan takes up his abode in this man Antichrist, it is close to being an incarnation yet there is a difference
- The difference is this: when Jesus, the Son of God, became flesh, He said "A body hast thou prepared me" (Hebrews 10:5)
- There is no one to prepare a body for Satan
- When Satan is cast down to this earth he will be at a great disadvantage: he is only a spirit in a material world
- This is why he has to take up his abode in this man commonly called Antichrist although in the Bible he is called by other names

31 **SATAN BECOMES A MAN cont.**

- Daniel sees him as the beast, the man
- In Revelation he is seen as part of a satanic trio
- Much like with God these are manifestations of the same spirit: with God we have the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost
- With Satan there is the beast, Satan as Antichrist, and the False Prophet
- This advent of Satan into the world is a direct result of his being driven out of heaven at the Rapture
- This event is fulfillment of the prophecy made to Satan in the day of his fall

32 **PROPHECY OF SATAN CAST OUT**

Ezekiel 28:12-15

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so:

thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

33 **PROPHECY OF SATAN CAST OUT cont.**

Ezekiel 28:16-18

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

34 **PROPHECY OF SATAN CAST OUT cont.**

Ezekiel 28:19

19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

- This is exact prophecy of the casting down of Satan
- The king of Tyrus is not a type of Satan; he is Satan
- This Tyre is not the ancient city but a future one where Antichrist will be reigning over what was the Old Roman Empire
- God says of Satan "I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth."
- This approaches fulfillment when Satan is cast out of heaven

35 **CLOSING REMARKS**

- World peace won't come until Antichrist becomes Satan
- The catching away of the bride is the main secret of all this warfare
- The Scriptures do not say whether we'll actually see Satan take up his

- power in this man or whether we'll just see the man rise up in power
- We will see the man rise up but we do not know the exact time
 - We should recognize him before the Rapture of the church
 - Daniel gives all the things to look for: a great speaker, charisma, his eyes will have a supernatural power, and he will have powers and wonders