

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

LESSON 43

2 **REVIEW**

- The Book of Revelation reveals more of Jesus as our King and as the Bridegroom than any other part of the Bible
- Revelation is not written in a story form and so it cannot just be read to be understood; it must be studied
- We are in the section of this study that examines the time between the Rapture and the return of Jesus Christ to the earth
- The Floor Plan or Room Chart helps us to understand Revelation better by a graphic representation of the structure of the Book
- There are seven main divisions of the Book represented by seven squares on the chart, three of the squares are parallel

3 **REVIEW cont.**

- The parallel squares indicate that the events of those sections occur during the same period of time
- The parallel squares are labeled on the chart as to the perspective or view from which the events are observed, e.g. in the heaven view would one would observe events as one being in heaven
- We left off last week in the 13th chapter of the Book of Revelation through verse 6

4 **FLOOR PLAN GRAPHIC**

5 **BLASPHEMY OF THE DRAGON**

Revelation 13:6

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

- Since Satan could not reach the tabernacle in heaven and he could not reach the bride, those who were in the Rapture, he uses words to vent his anger

- He does kill those left behind by persecution as he can get to them
- There is another group just out of his reach, just enough to make him furious – the 144,000 on Mt. Zion
- The Jews are protected from the plagues to come by the seal the God and they are protected from Antichrist by their place of abode

6 **GOD'S PROTECTION**

- Mt. Zion is the one place Antichrist never reaches
- Mt. Zion will be saved by the second coming of Jesus Christ at the battle of Armageddon
- One of the greatest signs of God's protection and presence is the ark of the covenant that is in the tabernacle or temple
- As long as they had the ark of covenant when they went into battle they always had victory
- As the Israelites went into sin, the ark was taken and is still gone to this day
- The ark will come back to the Jews in the final days
- The tabernacle of David will be rebuilt sometime in the last days (Amos 9:11)

7 **THE ARK OF THE COVENANT**

- The ark will appear and be placed again in Mt. Zion
- It will be visited until its symbolism is fulfilled by the complete restoration; then it will no longer be visited (Jeremiah 3:16)
- The tabernacle, then, would connect with the 144,00 Israelites
- There is an additional application here for there is a tabernacle in heaven containing the ark of the covenant, the originals after which the earthly ones were patterned
- Antichrist as a man would not know about this, but Satan would

8 **THE TABERNACLE IN HEAVEN**

- The ark stands for victory over God's enemies
- It is the opening of the temple in heaven and the appearance of the ark that signals Satan's defeat at Armageddon

- The ark connects directly with the second coming of Jesus Christ

9 **THE TRUMPETS & VIALS**

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.

- The seven trumpets/vials are directed at Satan's kingdom

Revelation 16:10-11

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

10 **THE TRUMPETS & VIALS cont.**

Revelation 15:5-6

5 And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

6 and the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

- The seven angels are part of the Raptured saints
- They are the ones who administer the 7 trumpets/vials
- These are very important Scriptures in our study as they show us the tabernacle and ark in heaven

11 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS**

Revelation 13:7-10

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and

tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

12 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

- We must remember that Satan cannot do anything on his own if he is not allowed by God
- These are those who will not take the mark of the beast and so will be martyred
- Their martyrdom, the shedding of their own blood, will save them
- These are who we see in verse 7

13 **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.

14 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

Revelation 7:13-14

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.

- Remember we are in the earth portion that is parallel to the heaven portion Scripture we just read in chapters 6 and 7
- In chapter 6 we saw them arrive in heaven from the earth

15 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

- Now in chapter 13 we are seeing in the earth view how they were killed and by whom
- Chapter 13 verse 5 tells us he, Satan, was given 42 months (3-1/2 years) to kill them (The Great Tribulation)
- As a man, Antichrist will have an empire of limited proportions but even that empire will cause him trouble
- His only absolute power will be over the countries symbolized by the ten horns
- But as Satan he has power, at least coercive power, over all the world

16 **THE TRIBULATION SAINTS cont.**

- Some of the powers Satan has today are: the power to deceive, the power to coerce, the power to tempt
- We cannot let even the slightest thoughts from him enter our minds
- He knows our weaknesses having watched us all our lives and will use that knowledge to work on us
- The power that Satan has over the entire world at this time we are studying is the same: power of all deceivableness and power to coerce; to be able to talk them into all things
- As always, the faith of the saints looks not to immediate relief, but to ultimate victory

17 **THE BOOK OF LIFE**

- Verse 8 states that "all.....shall worship him", Satan, except those whose names are written in the book of life
- It is natural to connect the words "from the foundation of the world" with the words "Lamb slain" rather than the words "written"

- A comparison with the parallel passage in the next section, Room 5 – Satan's Kingdom, makes the meaning clear

18 **THE BOOK OF LIFE cont.**

Revelation 17:8

8 The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

- What this is saying is that those will be confounded whose names are not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world
- We can see clearly now it is not saying the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world

19 **CREATION**

- It is telling us that the names of the saints were written in the book of the slain Lamb from the foundation of the world; this is a startling statement!

Genesis 1:1-2

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

20 **CREATION cont.**

- Between verses 1 and 2 could be billions of years
- In verse 28 God is telling Adam and Eve to re-plenish the earth; to do it again

- We are certainly not the first creatures to inhabit the earth
- All the historical and scientific evidence of past life on earth is true
- The earth has evidence of past catastrophes that left it void and without form which was done by God
- This reforming of the earth has left us with the natural resources that are so necessary for our modern day life

21 **THE BOOK OF LIFE**

- We do not know that much about the earth's history as we were not part of it; but we will know some day
- Connect this thought in Genesis verse 1 with what we have just read in Revelation chapter 13 verse 8
- We are told here that when God contemplated the universe, of which our world is part, the first thing He did was to write the names of the redeemed in the book of life, before the foundation of the world
- God started with the book of life as His blueprint for creation
- The redeemed are not an accident of history or a phase in the process of evolution

22 **THE BOOK OF LIFE cont.**

- The redeemed were thought of first; the book of life came first
- God's purpose in making the worlds was to bring into reality the things recorded in the book of life
- The worlds were made for the saints
- The glory promised the saints is in harmony with this conception as can be seen in the following Scriptures

23 **THE BOOK OF LIFE cont.**

Daniel 12:3

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

Matthew 13:43-44

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

24 **THE BOOK OF LIFE cont.**

Matthew 13:45-46

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman, seeking goodly pearls:

46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

- The company of redeemed saints will be the brightest thing in heaven, of whom the angels are ministering spirits
- To be known as the bride of Jesus Christ, to sit with Him on His throne, and to be the only residents in the capital city of the universe where God's throne is tells us how special this group is that originated in Genesis 1:2

25 **THE BOOK OF LIFE cont.**

- God, knowing all things, knows if you will be an overcomer and endure until the end and God knew this before the foundation of the world
- God predestinated us when we began walking with him
- God, who knows the end from the beginning, looked on down and He picked out and He saw those, and He knew their names and He wrote them down in that book of life
- Those whose names that are in the book of life are God's special creation
- When Jesus spoke of the pearl of great price, you begin to realize the value of the church of the living God

26 **END GRAPHIC**