

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

LESSON 46

2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We are seeing the fulfillment of prophecy on a near-daily basis
- We have become used to these events unfolding and our mind does not grasp what is actually happening
- Some of the things we studied in the Scriptures as future events are now beginning to happen
- We have a privilege not experienced by our forebears: that of living in the last days
- We can now more fully understand when God says here is history as I wrote it
- We are in the 14th chapter of the Book of Revelation
- Last week we studied the work of the white horseman

3 **THE SECOND MESSENGER**

- We examined the message the first messenger had as the first seal was broken in that little book
- Now we are going to look at the second messenger

Revelation 14:8

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

- Similar to the word "virgin" we studied last week, this word "fornication", as used in the spiritual, denotes the sin that is in their midst

4 **THE SECOND MESSENGER cont.**

- This second messenger is announcing the fall of Babylon as a prophetic message

- This fall is not happening yet and is a continuation of the preaching going on in the heavens
- The actual fall of Babylon occurs just prior to the coming back of Jesus Christ and His bride upon this earth
- "Babylon is fallen" is the Bible method of announcing in advance the coming event
- This is the same as when Jesus says "It is finished" meaning there is no more

5 **A PROPHECY OF ISAIAH**

Isaiah 21:1-3

1 The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.

2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; The treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media: all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

3 Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.

6 **A PROPHECY OF ISAIAH cont.**

Isaiah 21:4-8

4 My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.

5 Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield.

6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

7 And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:

8 and he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights:

7 **A PROPHECY OF ISAIAH cont.**

Isaiah 21:9

9 and, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

- Isaiah sees the same prophecy but without quite the understanding that John had
- Isaiah saw the events leading up to the fall of Antichrist's empire
- He sees the plagues and world conditions that are so terrible to look upon
- This has put great fear in his heart for the people on earth at the fulfillment of this prophecy

8 **TRIBULATION PREACHING**

- The preaching, from the first horseman during the 3-1/2 years of tribulation, is like a picture; a scroll being unrolled
- It starts with the fear of this great and mighty man Antichrist (and Satan)
- Then they are reminded that they had better remember the things that God is bringing upon this world, according to Scriptures
- And that God's judgement is much more frightening up until the time that Satan and Babylon falls
- As the preaching begins to unfold, we see it is not just a single message of "giving God the glory"

9 **TRIBULATION PREACHING cont.**

- The message preached gives the whole story
- Looking at this same event from the heaven's point of view, which we have already studied, together with the earth's point of view gives us a pretty clear picture of what is going on

10 **THE THIRD MESSENGER**

Revelation 14:9-11

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

10 the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

11 **GOD'S JUDGEMENT**

- In these Scriptures there is no recourse of repentance, no time to change and that if you do this, take the mark, then that is it for you
- This is a very scary message
- Most of us do not grasp the full meaning of the consequences here: that is it, there is no more mercy
- We have only seen in our own lives the mercy of God as we live in the dispensation of grace
- We have known that as long as we are fighting for God and we are overcoming our old natures and we are changing every day, that there is always God's mercy
- If you do not change every day and continue to grow and you ever reach this point of taking the mark, then there is no mixture only simple judgement

12 **THE THIRD MESSENGER cont.**

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13 **CONSEQUENCES OF THE MARK**

- We will be among the witnesses of these, who took the mark, being cast into the fire and brimstone
- This will be very difficult to behold
- God has given these every chance of mercy many times over
- Not only does God give them blood to drink but He says that's good enough for them (Revelation 16:6)
- We live in and come from a time where there is mercy just as Jesus had, and we feel as He did: "Oh God, give them mercy"
- It will be difficult for us to understand what it will be like then when there is no mercy
- There is a time coming when God will laugh at their torment and calamities (Proverbs 1:26)

14 **GOD'S JUDGEMENT**

- Not only will God watch them but He will not watch them with tears and we will be standing there the same way
- Right now we are without the full understanding of being in that time of judgement and of what has just taken place
- From the time God created man until now mankind has, as it were, bitten the hand that saves them over and over
- We can see this clearly from them killing the Son that God created
- God's only begotten Son; they tormented Him and destroyed His body

15 **GOD'S JUDGEMENT cont.**

- We know from the Scriptures what God does when He says: that is enough, there is no more sacrifice for you
- We are living in the time of grace
- We have never seen or experienced a time of just judgement; we have never seen this side of God
- We understand what God is saying: that these plagues are not going to hurt us, that we will not feel sorry for them no matter who it is
- However, right now it is hard for us to imagine feeling this way; not

feeling sorry for those who have taken the mark

- We are currently surrounded by God's mercy and our compassion and burdens for others

16 **TORMENT WITNESSED**

- We can't even imagine what it will be like at that time
- We will also fully recognize then the terrible things that Satan has always done in this world and how terrible it has become
- We'll recognize the sins of those who have given themselves over to Satan and rejected God
- We'll recognize the terrible things that have happened to mankind because of their accepting Satan and rejecting God
- Because of this there will be no sorrow for them
- Verse 10 states their torment will be witnessed by the holy angels and the Lamb

17 **MIXED MERCY TO JUDGEMENT**

- This judgement will occur right after the end of the tribulation, the first 3-1/2 year period
- Even the mercy of being able to give your life for your salvation will be lifted at this time
- Verse 11 is a partial description of hell and the consequences for those who worship the beast
- The written Word of God can never be changed
- The Holy Ghost is still available to "whosoever will" today if they meet the requirements
- Once the Rapture takes place the Holy Ghost is withdrawn for the earth
- Once that happens they will have to be martyred for their salvation

18 **ETERNAL DAMNATION**

- This is the messaged being preached for this short 3-1/2 years
- This damnation spoken of in verses 10 and 11 is eternal, their torment will go on always
- Close examination of the events and scenes in these Scriptures

- should make us so very careful of our judgement of anyone
- We all need all the mercy of God that we can receive
 - We must judge the actions of people and not the person
 - We must try to gain the souls of others in this period of grace and mercy in order to spare them the eternal consequences of disobedience

19 **A HUMBLING MESSAGE**

- Fully understanding these events and consequences should put such a humbleness in us that it would bring us to the reality of the priorities of life
- This humbleness would also allow us to see the overall picture of what God is trying to do as His mercy is still here
- We must do all we know to do to win other's souls
- We must deal with others with all meekness and humbleness of heart (Colossians 3:12-13)
- We must intervene and stand in the gap when we see those stumble or backslide
- This is just another reason to keep full of the Spirit of God

20 **THE THIRD MESSENGER'S WARNING**

- If we are not full and walking it ourselves, we cannot help others
- If we stay full and every day we live as close to God as we can then we can reach out in exhortation, in help, in comfort and in compassion and in teaching and training someone else
- We are all ministers of reconciliation (II Corinthians 5:18)
- This third messenger is warning the people about this beast or this man in power
- The whole world will hear this warning as the messengers fly through the sky

21 **REVIVAL DURING THE TRIBULATION**

- This mighty preaching by the saints who have gone to heaven will produce a world-wide revival
- There will not be an end-time revival before the Rapture

- The revival will take place in those 3-1/2 years after the Rapture
- It will not be a revival as we know it today, but it will be in the sense that they will be redeemed back to God but only now through their going through the Great Tribulation and being martyred
- There will be thousands of people, some who never were Christians, who will hear and heed God
- Most of the world believes in a god of some kind

22 **TRIBULATION PREACHING**

- Most people are ignorant and do not have the truth
- During the warning, the preaching doesn't stop day or night
- Many of those who never understood who God really is will see the supernatural and understand and recognize God for who He is
- This recognition is why there will be such a great number who will not take the mark of the beast
- The preaching will be in every language and throughout the whole world
- It is the mercy of God that is giving them this warning through the preaching

23 **THEY THAT KEPT THE FAITH OF JESUS**

Revelation 14:12-13

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

- Here we see the work of the rider on the white horse as it appears to the people on the earth
- The world does not see the living ones or the horsemen as they are heavenly institutions
- They appear to people on the earth as angels flying through the air

24 **THE MESSENGERS**

- Who, in the world today, would not change right now if they truly believed that heavenly angels were telling them to?
- Currently the angels are the messengers and ministering spirits to God's people in this world
- We always think of them as THE messengers from God
- After the Rapture it is the bride that becomes the messengers
- At that time, the world doesn't understand this as they haven't seen what has happened in heaven
- To them it is simply the supernatural beings of God
- The time period we are studying is the 3-1/2 years of the Great Tribulation that happens immediately after the Rapture

25 **OUR WORKS CONTINUE**

- The preaching lasts the full 3-1/2 years
- God will not use us there if we are not used here so we better get busy
- It is according as our works are here that we will be used there
- Praise God He loves us so much that He gave us this understanding of our life to come while still in this life here
- As down here, there are many parts to the body so everyone has something they must do
- This 3-1/2 years preaching results in the saving of a host of people: from every kindred, tongue, people, and nation

26 **HUMBLED BY THE PREACHING**

- From every part of the world there will be an untold number of people saved
- There is a lot of evil that we see in the world today
- Imagine if we were not taken out and rescued by the Rapture, and we see Antichrist begin to rise and we see his power taking over, how we would feel to actually see with our eyes and hear with our ears the supernatural voice preaching this gospel message
- When they hear this preaching they will fall to their knees fast

- We have this reverence and humbleness today when God speaks to our minds clearly as any audible voice

27 **THE HOLY SPIRIT TODAY**

- This small still voice that speaks to us with the power and signs that follow will never be stronger than it is today
- It will never be more supernatural than it is today
- They will not feel this power and Spirit come inside them
- They are not going to weep until there's no tears left just in thanksgiving and praise and rejoicing
- They will not feel the power so strong that they are going to be dancing with all their might before God
- This will be hearing and seeing with the senses that God gave them

28 **THE SALVATION MESSAGE**

- For them it will be nothing nearly like we have today
- It should humble us to our knees as we understand this and realize the privilege of living in this dispensation of God's grace
- This salvation that is being preached is actually the same message as today with just a little bit of change because of the time
- It still is a salvation that must be believed; believe God and trust Him before anyone else
- "You must believe in the Word of Jesus" is what they are saying
- Some will say "All you have to do is believe"

29 **BELIEVE AND OBEY**

- They will have to do the same we do today: obey
- They can believe all day long but they had better not take the mark of the beast and worship the beast or they're going to be lost eternally
- Just like today believing is a beginning; obedience must follow believing
- We all must believe and obey: for us now and them then
- In this section, the earth's view, we see the Tribulation Saints die, in

the heaven's view section we see them raised

- This mighty preaching from the air by the white horseman will produce a world-wide revival

30 ☐ **OVERCOMING FOR GOD**

- Participating in this revival will mean certain death
- Today being a Christian means abundant life
- With the grace we have today we have no excuse at all
- We find so many times today that people do not resist any temptation
- People do not want to resist anything for God: their old nature, Satan, laziness, anger, resentment, bitterness, the life they have
- Resisting is a form of overcoming
- All the true and faithful teachers and preachers have been raptured; there are none left
- There will be no preaching on the earth, it will all be from the sky

31 ☐ **ADDITIONAL PROPHECY TO STUDY**

- There will be no church services of even nominal Christians during Antichrist's reign
- This is just another sign in the Scriptures of the mercy of God and yet He demands obedience
- Here are some Scriptures to be studied for further understanding:
 1. The entire 39th chapter of Ezekiel
 2. The entire 1st chapter of Zephaniah
- These are prophecy of the same time period