

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

### **LESSON 48**

## 2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We are covering so much information in our study that it's difficult to break it up and still keep our minds on what we are studying
- We are in the Book of Revelation the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter
- Last week we finished with a brief overview of the two songs of Moses
- Both songs are prophetic
- One is found in Exodus the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter at the crossing of the Red Sea
- The other song is in Deuteronomy the 32<sup>nd</sup> chapter which is in connection with Moses final words to his people

## 3 **OPENING REMARKS cont.**

- Both of these songs apply to the time of judgement we are going into in Revelation chapter 15
- Remember the time we are studying in Revelation is at the end of the Great Tribulation which is the first 3-1/2 year period right after the Rapture
- This 1<sup>st</sup> song of Moses is prophetic about this time period

## 4 **THE FIRST SONG OF MOSES**

Exodus 15:1-3, 6

1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

3 The Lord is a man of war: the Lord is his name.

6 Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power: thy right hand,

O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

## 5 **THE FIRST SONG OF MOSES cont.**

Exodus 15:7

7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee: thou sentest forth thy wrath, which consumed them as stubble.

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- This is about the crossing of the Red Sea but also it is looking down through time to this judgement period
- The second song of Moses is found in Deuteronomy the 32<sup>nd</sup> chapter

## 6 **THE SECOND SONG OF MOSES**

Deuteronomy 32:1-4

1 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

3 because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

## 7 **THE SONGS OF MOSES**

- Both of these beautiful songs deal with the might of God and His judgement, perfection, purity and holiness that are bringing about these times
- They show that God is in control of all of what is happening and taking place
- All too often we do not realize how great our God is, how holy our God is, and how merciful He is
- For the time period we are going into in Revelation, all mercy has been lifted and it is a time of judgement for those who have taken the mark of the beast

- They had just finished another worship service in heaven which is a prelude to another great event

## 8 **THE TABERNACLE IN HEAVEN**

Revelation 15:5-8

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.

7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.

8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

## 9 **THE TABERNACLE IN HEAVEN cont.**

- Revelation chapter 8 showed these plagues being poured out as seen in heaven
- The time period we are now entering is the beginning of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week when God will again deal with Israel as a nation
- We have several Scriptures that show us more about this temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven
- The first Scripture is in Exodus when God was giving Moses the plans to build this tabernacle, what we call the tabernacle in the wilderness
- It was given for a purpose and had to be exact, precisely built as instructed

## 10 **THE TABERNACLE IN HEAVEN cont.**

Exodus 25:8-9

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.

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- This sanctuary is the same thing Moses was singing about

- This is the tabernacle in heaven that we are seeing in Revelation chapter 15

#### 11 **THE TABERNACLE IN HEAVEN cont.**

Hebrews 8:5

5 who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.

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- This is the shadow here on earth of the things in heaven; the substance is in heaven and the shadow is on earth
- Back to Revelation chapter 15 and verse 5; we are seeing this tabernacle in heaven being opened
- A large portion of the symbolism of the tabernacle and ark was fulfilled at the atonement – but not all

#### 12 **THE TEMPLE AND THE ARK**

- The ark itself, which is symbolic of victory and possession of the land, could not go into its place of rest in the temple until all the enemies had been put down and peace prevailed
- Now all the symbolism is to be fulfilled
- At the crucifixion, the temple on earth was opened by the rending of the veil
- A few years later the temple itself was destroyed, but the ark had been put in a place of safe keeping many years before
- The ark held no symbolism for this age except that which was fulfilled on Calvary

#### 13 **THE TEMPLE AND THE ARK cont.**

- Now at the beginning of Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week, when God will again deal with Israel as a nation, the tabernacle is opened in heaven
- The word for tabernacle here means holiest of holies
- This is where the ark was kept
- The rending of the veil at atonement meant that the tabernacle was

opened up to everyone

- This was showing us that God was opened to everyone with the receiving of the Holy Ghost, not just the Jews or the high priest,
- The world is to be restored to the people of God and the kingdom of David restored back to David

#### 14 **THE SEVEN VIALS OF WRATH**

Revelation 16:1-4

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

#### 15 **THE SEVEN VIALS OF WRATH cont.**

Revelation 16:5-9

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

#### 16 **THE SEVEN VIALS OF WRATH cont.**

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.

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- Up through the 5<sup>th</sup> messenger the features here and in chapters 8 and 9, heaven's view, are very similar and it is ground we have already covered
- The new features and details here in the earth's view are found in verses 12 through 17

## 17 **ARMAGEDDON**

Revelation 16:12-15

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

## 18 **ARMAGEDDON cont.**

Revelation 16:16-17

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

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.

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- Revelation is not finished, the judgement period is finished and we go into the Millennium next on our timeline
- Before we go into the Millennium, Revelation retraces our steps back to Room 2 and then we go into chapter 17 which is the 5<sup>th</sup> Room on our chart, Satan's Church

#### 19 **THE KINGS OF THE EAST**

- The exact names of all the countries designated by "kings of the east" are nowhere given in the Bible because these nations did not exist in Bible times
- Some names are given, however, to show the general location of these countries

#### 20 **OLD ROMAN EMPIRE MAP**

#### 21 **NATO MAP & EUROPEAN UNION MAP**

#### 22 **WORLD CONDITIONS**

- Financially the world is tied together
- World conditions are ripe and ready for one world rule: one rule religion, one rule financial system, and one rule politics
- All this would be impossible without the recent advancements in technology
- The apparent death and resurrection of Antichrist could not have the affect it had without the advent of television and satellite broadcast abilities
- The mark of the beast would not have the power it has without the astonishingly rapid advancements in technology, especially information technology and artificial intelligence

#### 23 **THE KINGS OF THE EAST cont.**

- The "kings of the east" are one group, which must be considered with the three other groups indicated by the three "frog-like" evil spirits
- This makes a total of four groups of countries involved in this

prophecy

- The group of the three spirits are to assemble those nations that are directly under the control of Antichrist
- The number four is always the number for the earth or world as a whole
- Whenever four is used in this special sense, the whole world is in view

24  **THE KINGS OF THE EAST cont.**

- The three spirits, like frogs, go out in three directions to work on three groups of nations
- There is another group making up the four, somewhat independent, yet they send forces into Palestine for some other reason that the summons of Antichrist
- This fourth group in Revelation is known as kings of the east
- The world is round so every nation could be considered east of Palestine

25  **THE KINGS OF THE EAST cont.**

Ezekiel 26:7

7 For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people.

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- Babylon is not north of Palestine but Nebuchadrezzar invaded Palestine from the north so here he is called king from the north
- Kings of the east are nations anywhere in the world that enter Palestine from the east

26  **THE KINGS OF THE EAST cont.**

- Antichrist will have Palestine surrounded by this time with these other three groups of countries until this break comes when these vials are poured out on the river Euphrates
- Verse 12: And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river

Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

- The kings of the east do not come to Armageddon because Antichrist sent for them
- The way will be opened so that other nations can come from the east
- The prophet Ezekiel gives us a much more detailed account of the invasion of Palestine

## 27 **ARMAGEDDON: INVASION OF PALESTINE**

Ezekiel 38:1-5

1 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him,

3 and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

4 and I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet:

## 28 **ARMAGEDDON: INVASION OF PALESTINE**

Ezekiel 38:6-8

6 Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.

7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.

8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

29  **ARMAGEDDON: INVASION OF PALESTINE**

Ezekiel 38:9-11

9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord God; It shall also come to pass, that at the same time shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought:

11 and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,

30  **ARMAGEDDON: INVASION OF PALESTINE**

Ezekiel 38:12-14

12 to take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil ? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey ? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil ?

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it ?

31  **ARMAGEDDON: INVASION OF PALESTINE**

Ezekiel 38:15-17

15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

16 and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17 Thus saith the Lord God; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years, that I would bring thee against them?

32  **ARMAGEDDON: INVASION OF PALESTINE**

Ezekiel 38:18-20

18 And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face.

19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

20 so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

33  **ARMAGEDDON: INVASION OF PALESTINE**

Ezekiel 38:21-23

21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

34  **THE FORCES OF ARMAGEDDON**

- This continues on into the 39<sup>th</sup> chapter of Ezekiel that we read last week
- Here also we found four groups of nations, three under Antichrist and one group independent
- The first group is represented by Meshech and Tubal

- The second group by Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya
- The third group by Gomer and Togarmah
- These are the three groups of nations represented by the three frog-like spirits
- The second group – Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya – are named because they are the same today as they were in Ezekiel's day

35  **THE FORCES OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- The first and third groups represent nations that were not in existence in Ezekiel's day
- The names given for these countries are the grandsons of Noah, who, in a general way, peopled the countries that Ezekiel desired to indicate
- Gomer and Togarmah are the nations of Europe
- Meshech and Tubal are north of Palestine and probably represent countries around the Black and Caspian Seas

36  **CENTRAL & SOUTHWEST ASIA MAP**

37  **THE FORCES OF ARMAGEDDON cont.**

- This is exactly the territory covered by the four visions of Daniel and symbolized by the lion, the bear, the leopard, and the beast and repeated in Revelation chapter 13
- This pretty well settles the identity of the nations under Antichrist
- Ezekiel adds: "And many people with thee." This would include scattered satellites in other parts of the world
- Ezekiel has a fourth group of nations, quite independent, that even sends a note of protest when the invasion of Israel is threatened

38  **CLOSING GRAPHIC**