

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

### **LESSON 53**

## 2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We pretty well covered chapter 17 verses 1-5 of the Book of Revelation
- As we move on to chapter 17 verses 6-8 we find it is still John speaking here
- This portion, chapters 17 and 18, is an in-depth study of Antichrist's kingdom which is Satan's realm
- More than anywhere else in Revelation, these two chapters bring out what Satan will be doing and what will be happening in his kingdom
- We are still in the future seeing things that have not taken place yet
- The next prophetic event to take place is the Rapture of the bride

## 3 **THE BEAST THAT WAS, IS NOT, YET IS**

Revelation 17:6-8

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

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.

## 4 **THE BEAST THAT CARRIES HER**

- These Scriptures don't say the martyrs for Christianity or the martyrs for the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost: it says the martyrs of Jesus
- The beast symbol is explained by giving its history

- The beast is the the power of Satan
- He is the one that will come out of the bottomless pit and go into perdition
- The bottomless pit we know as hell, what the is perdition?
- Going into perdition is going into total destruction, it will be an end to him
- The chaining of Satan for the 1,000 years (the Millennium) is not perdition

## 5 **THE END OF SATAN**

- At the end of the 1,000 years Satan will go into perdition: he is cast into the lake of fire from which there is no return

Revelation 20:1-2, 7-8

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

## 6 **THE END OF SATAN cont.**

Revelation 20:10

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

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- This is Satan's utter destruction
- He will not cease to exist but he will never be loosed again
- Satan is also spoken of as the prince of this world and as such has an earthly history symbolized by the 7 heads
- The seven heads are the 7 great world empires: Egypt, Assyria,

Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, and the one yet to come

## 7 **THE BEAST THAT CARRIES HER**

Revelation 17:10-11

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

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- There is no guess work involved; it tells you exactly what is meant by the symbols
- There is a great space of years between the fall of Rome and this last empire
- It is in this sense the beast is not, yet he is, because Satan has certain power over the nations and will succeed in forming another empire

## 8 **THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS**

Revelation 17:9-10

9 And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10 And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

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- The mind is emphasized here to show the importance of how we use our minds as it controls and rules us
- Our minds are the most important gift we have besides our souls
- Since our minds do rule us whose voice are we listening to: that of God, that of our old nature, or that of Satan?

## 9 **THE MIND**

- You can hear all three but which are you going to allow to rule you?
- What we do, how we think, how we act; it all has to align with the

Word of God and He gives us the power through the Holy Ghost to do so...God must reign in our hearts and minds!

- The Bible give us many ways to learn its ways and wisdom
- Jesus said "The only new commandment I give you is that you love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34)
- The Spirit is actually the Father that loves us
- "...if you have seen me you have seen the Father..." (John 14:9)

#### 10 **OUR TREATMEWNT OF OTHERS**

- Your heavenly Father knows how to give good gifts to His children (Matthew 7:11)
- What natural father is there of you that, at times, doesn't chastise your children (Hebrews 12:5-11)
- God brings out all throughout the Scriptures that the relationship of God with mankind is the relationship that we must have with each other
- Whenever we have questions, need guidance, are lost, etc. we need to go to the Scriptures
- In all situations we need to ask ourselves: how would God handle this or what would Jesus do in this situation?
- We must treat people as God treats us and how we want to be treated

#### 11 **SPIRITUAL MATURITY**

- Teenagers are no different from adults in the way they need to be treated; they are people
- They will have to learn as they grow including by chastisement
- They will need to learn how to stand on their own someday
- They have to learn to be obedient, as the Scriptures say they have to be
- We cannot provoke them same as we cannot provoke anyone else
- We cannot be reactionary with each other
- Spiritual maturity and natural maturity do not always go hand-in-hand

## 12 **SPIRITUAL MATURITY cont.**

- We need to think before we act and use the mind that God says He quickens; He gives it life
- God will give us the wisdom we need
- Our own voices can drown out the small still voice of God
- Our minds are to be used to hear, to listen, to take in, and then to process using the Holy Ghost; it is only after that that we should speak
- God always deals the most gentle way the He can
- Because God is so merciful with us, it is how we are to be with others
- We are not perfect but we grow by the grace, mercy and kindness of God

## 13 **OUR OLD NATURE**

- We need to use the mind that God gives us; retrain it then use it!
- You will have to allow God to "quicken" your mind and then you have to listen to it
- We do have guardian angels who watch over us (Psalms 91:11-12)
- We need to pause and consider all the ways that God's mercy and grace has on our lives
- The Apostle Paul says he has to beat down his own nature daily (I Corinthians 9:27)
- Our first thoughts in stressful situations are that of our old nature's; we need to recognize it and slap it down immediately by the power and Word of God

## 14 **HERE IS WISDOM**

- The Holy Spirit was given us to use as a big stick on our old natures
- This is how we retrain our minds
- Godly wisdom is first pure, then peaceful, gentle and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy (James 3:17)
- A hearer of the Word does not make you wise unless you also be a doer of the Word

- God's wisdom is knowing this Word, doing this Word, and following this Word
- We can love each other as He loves us but it takes action

#### 15 **GOD'S LOVE**

- There is chastisement in God and there is chastisement in the natural
- If it must be, God can bring you to death's door; He loves us that much in order to save our souls
- God will never provoke and He will be the most gentle first
- Serving God has all to do with our minds
- God's wisdom is pure; love thinketh no evil (James 3:17 and I Corinthians 13:4-5)

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- These two verses are saying the same thing and are not to be confused, it is both literal and symbolic
- Some have thought these 7 mountains refer to the 7 hills of Rome but the angel specifically said 7 mountains, seven heads, are symbols of the 7 kings; that is the 7 world empires of history

#### 17 **THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS cont.**

- It is the power: it is not symbolically referring to just the 7 hills of Rome but that is where the seat of power is going to be
- Symbolically the beast that has the 7 heads and 7 mountains which are the 7 kings or world empires we named earlier
- The 7 heads, mountains, and kings will come up often in our study
- Verse 10 states 5 "kings" are fallen, they are: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, and Greece

- One is: the Roman which existed in John's time
- The other is not yet come: the new empire of Antichrist, which must continue a short time

## 18 **THE EIGHTH EMPIRE**

Revelation 17:11

11 And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

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- We are living history right now, the greatest events there has ever been outside of the birth of Jesus
- This is the greatest time period in the entire history of mankind as we have God's Spirit within us and we will be going up in the Rapture
- Antichrist's empire will be of the same territory as that of the Old Roman Empire which is symbolized by the 10 horns

## 19 **THE EIGHTH EMPIRE cont.**

- Antichrist's empire will already be in place as the 7<sup>th</sup> empire, when Satan is cast out of heaven to the earth and takes up his abode in the man Antichrist, then it will become the 8<sup>th</sup> world empire
- This is what verse 11 is saying ".....he is the 8<sup>th</sup> and is of the 7.."
- The 8<sup>th</sup> is the devil in the person of Antichrist
- Satan himself will not create an empire
- He will assume control of an empire already in existence when he makes his miraculous appearance
- In other words the empire will be formed by a conqueror, and although it will be in effect a revival of the Roman empire, it will be new and counted as the 7<sup>th</sup>

## 20 **THE EIGHTH EMPIRE cont.**

- At the time of the Rapture, Satan will take over this 7<sup>th</sup> empire
- Satan will arrange the kingdoms into 10 and extend its power to the ends of the earth
- He is the 8<sup>th</sup> but is of the 7

- The territory of the Roman empire is still there
- There is going to come one man come from this area who will have the charisma and speech to bring these countries together
- It will be Satan who creates the actual empire