

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

LESSON 69

2 **OPENING REMARKS**

- We are coming close to the end of our study of the Book of Revelation
- This is not a study that can be done quickly as the Book of Revelation has great depth and meaning
- This Book is full revelations that God want us to know, see, and understand
- This knowing and understanding not only helps us in our walk with Him in this life but it also gives us the ability to look up and ahead when things grow difficult
- It gives us great hope to know that God, who cares so much for His creation and for His people, went to such great lengths and in such minute detail concerning the redemption plan for His people

3 **OPENING REMARKS cont.**

- The beauties that we can see that He has for us gives us a faith, belief and a strength that we wouldn't have if we did not understand this Book of Revelation
- It is a good thing and wonderful to able to know that we have the truth and that we are walking in this truth according to the Bible
- That alone would be all that God had to have given us but He gave us so much more in this Word
- He gave us His Spirit so we could understand His Word and look forward beyond the abundant life He gives us right here

4 **OPENING REMARKS cont.**

- God gave us the ability to look ahead and see that He cared enough to show the prophets in the Old Testament and to show John on the isle of Patmos what He wanted our eyes to really see
- We see these things through the prophecies and through the eyes of the prophets

- That in itself is enough to take us through anything if we just wouldn't let Satan blind our eyes
- That is Satan's greatest weapon: just throw a curtain over your eyes for a little while that won't let you see what God really has for you
- We're turning now to the 21st chapter of the Book of Revelation

5 **REVIEW**

- We have studied the 1st verse of the 21st chapter of the Book of Revelation for several weeks
- There is so much in the 1st verse for us to see and to understand just in this one verse
- Just these few words, when combined with all the prophecies related to them, gives us a clear picture of what God is really doing with His redemption plan
- This 21st chapter is a time period that is still in the future
- It is after the next prophecy to be fulfilled which is the Rapture of the bride, then comes the 3-1/2 years of the Great Tribulation, then the 7 years of judgement time we find detailed in the Book of Daniel during which no one is saved

6 **REVIEW cont.**

- The 21st chapter is also after the Battle of Armageddon and after the 1,000 years reign
- Satan is loosed a short while at the end of the 1,000 years and then he is cast into the lake of fire for eternity
- Then we see John's eyes are turned to the time that we're really waiting for
- God is everything in this life to those who care enough to look for Him
- It will be even greater after we're translated at the Rapture and have our forever immortal glorified bodies

7 **REVIEW cont.**

- We wonder sometimes how we can hang on with our bodies in the world as it is today; the pestilences, the sicknesses, the illnesses that

are world wide

- When we are caught up in the Rapture we are immediately translated and have new glorified bodies
- A big part of our job after the Rapture will be working to cleanse this earth of sin and the affects of sin
- The saints will be reigning and working with Jesus during the 1,000 years
- This time period were are studying is the supreme time for those espoused to Jesus Christ
- We will have the wedding supper and actually enter into the New Jerusalem

8 **REVIEW cont.**

- The heavenly city of New Jerusalem is described in great detail here in the 21st chapter of Revelation
- This is going to be the beginning of the greatest thing that God could have ever considered or thought of for His redeemed people
- We are going into chapter 21 starting in the 2nd verse
- This is after the end of the 1,000 years reign and goes into eternity
- This chapter is in 2 parts: 1) the new heaven and 2) the new earth

9 **THE HOLY CITY**

Revelation 21:2-4

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

10 **THE HOLY CITY cont.**

Revelation 21:5-6

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

- Can you imagine this in your mind, what this is going to be like?
- The only feature of the new heaven that is in view is the Holy City which dominates the scene
- There are also a few verses given to the new earth

11 **THE NEW EARTH**

- Here again we do not have the whole picture of the new earth
- Most of what the Old Testament prophets saw applies to the Millennium, such as Isaiah 35
- There are some Scriptures that look beyond the Millennium and into eternity
- Isaiah in chapter 60, suggests that the Holy City will remain over the earthly Jerusalem and be its light

12 **THE HOLY CITY**

Isaiah 60:17-20

17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

13 **THE HOLY CITY cont.**

Isaiah 60:21-22

21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in his time.

- Here we are seeing a picture from the Millennium on into eternity
- Being in the Old Testament Isaiah is seeing this from the perspective of the Jews

14 **THE HOLY CITY cont.**

• He is seeing the growth of the Jews, the multiplication of what starts with this one world of ours, this one planet earth and how it grows - *A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation*

- Keep in mind this picture and turn back to Revelation chapter 21
- This is a portion of the new earth we are seeing, not the new heaven
- Verse 23 is still describing the New Jerusalem but verse 24 goes into the new earth

15 **THE HOLY CITY cont.**

Revelation 21:23-25

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

- This is the same things that both John and Isaiah were seeing
- The light from this holy new city that is to hang over this earth will be the light for it

16 **NEW JERUSALEM**

- There will be no more darkness on the earth
- The New Jerusalem will be the capitol city of the universe and hang over the earth and be the light of it
- The bride will be able to go in and out of it and the gates are not shut
- The bride will be able to travel in the universe
- John is seeing the new city adorned as a bride for her husband
- This is the city that Jesus was talking about when He said "I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2-3)
- The New Jerusalem is what Jesus has prepared

17 **NEW JERUSALEM cont.**

- The New Jerusalem is not an abstract place in the heavens somewhere; it has dimensions, foundations, streets, names, untold beauty, and the Tree of Life
- Isaiah chapter 60 suggests that the holy city New Jerusalem will remain over the earthly Jerusalem and there be the light for this new earth

Revelation 21:3-4

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4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

18 **THE TABERNACLE OF GOD**

- Not everything is destroyed contrary to popular belief which is that the earth will be destroyed by a fireball
- It is only the sin and effects of sin that will be destroyed
- God does not create something and then throw it away, He redeems the earth

- The tabernacle of God is for the new city
- Right now we're called the tabernacle of God as it is wherever God dwells
- We have the Old Testament shadow as the earthly tabernacle was built and everything placed just so but this tabernacle was patterned after the heavenly tabernacle

19 **ALL THINGS NEW**

- The heavenly tabernacle that the earthly one was patterned after will be in the New Jerusalem
- Verse 5 is a verse that needs to be carefully studied and have it in our minds because of all the times that God says "I will destroy", "I will do away with" or "there shall be no more"

Revelation 21:5

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

- There is a big difference here where God says I make all things new, not all new things

20 **ALL THINGS NEW cont.**

- What is the difference here between "I make all things new" and "I make all new things"?
- There is a big difference between creating things from nothing as He did mankind and this earth out of dust, they were new from the beginning
- Anything that is redeemed is not made from something that wasn't before; it is not a new creation
- Redeemed means He made it over again
- Verse 5 tells us that mankind and the earth are made new not newly made
- All old things, that can be redeemed, are purified and made as new

21 **THE REDEEMED**

- To make all new things would be to start all over again and that would not be redemption

- The whole Bible is about the redemption plan
- The things that God made and called good are not to be destroyed; they are to be purged and cleansed by fire, hail, and earthquakes and made new
- This is true of all redeemed things
- Redemption starts with our salvation as we are redeemed back to Jesus Christ we become as new
- If we do not become as new we do not become redeemed
- That is why the new birth by water and by Spirit is necessary

22 **THE RECONCILIATIONS**

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

23 **THE REDEMPTION PROCESS**

- Here we see the reconciliation or redemption that is offered to whosoever will
- This is only part of God's redemption plan that starts with mankind
- The redemption process for us means hearing the Word and obeying the Word, then we learn and we grow step upon step and line upon line
- This way God redeems us back to Himself
- Redemption is purifying and cleansing to return it to its original state

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24 **ALL THINGS NEW**

Revelation 21:5

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- God is saying here the He makes all things new, not just mankind
- He is saying the same thing as in 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Ephesians chapter 2 has more on this

25 **ONE NEW MAN**

Ephesians 2:13-16

13 but now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometime were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

- How does He make of the two the one in our flesh in verse 15, one new man out of two?

26 **ONE NEW MAN cont.**

- Jesus Christ made both into one; He broke down the middle wall of partition between us
- He abolished in His flesh that enmity by taking our sins upon Him
- He did this: to make in Himself of two, one, a new man and so making peace
- Right now there is our old nature and the new nature when you

come to Him

- Redemption is a progressive process
- Looking at the tabernacle as an example, by breaking down the partition that was there we could now come face-to-face with God, we do not need someone there to forgive us of our sins; Jesus Himself does this

27 **ONE NEW MAN cont.**

- The reason Jesus did this was to create one new man as we can't have both natures
- God will not rule in you with you so we become one: a new creature
- In this new creature the flesh doesn't rule anymore
- By Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection He gives us the power, through the Holy Ghost, to come boldly to the throne of God
- The middle wall of partition was broken down as it was in the tabernacle as a symbol
- There has always been warfare in man between the natural and the spiritual since the Garden

28 **ONE NEW MAN cont.**

- Now we are able to become one with the spiritual ruling our lives
- It is by Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection that the partition of division was dissolved and we could become a spiritual man
- We put away the natural and become one new creature
- Jesus cannot reconcile our natural to God for it is enmity against God and not subject to the law of God (Romans 8:7)
- The Spirit of God in us, being the new creature which is Christ-like, is reconciled back to God and this is what brings peace

29 **THE SPIRITUAL MAN REDEEMED**

Ephesians 2:16

16 and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

- This is our spiritual redemption that we have been reading about in 2

Corinthians 5 and Ephesians 2

- Other things "made new" would include the earth
- As we have been studying in Revelation John saw the new heaven and the new earth in chapter 21 verse 1
- We have studied how the earth is redeemed back to the perfection that it originally was before the Flood

30 **THE BODY REDEEMED**

- All things will be perfect and as new as they have been cleansed and purified by God
- We have seen the spiritual man redeemed, the earth redeemed, what else will be made new?
- What about our natural bodies?

I Corinthians 15:49-50

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

31 **THE BODY REDEEMED cont.**

I Corinthians 15:51-53

51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

- This body of ours will be changed at the Rapture
- Our old bodies will be made new; a glorified, immortal body

32 **FROM SINNER TO SAINT**

- When God says in chapter 21 verse that He makes all things new, this is true of all redeemed things
- God changes a sinner to be a saint; but you are still you, He just changes you to be like Him
- You must let Him guide you and rule your life: if you try to rule Him, He'll just move out
- We see the earth has been redeemed being cleansed and purified by the fires, the great earthquake, the great hail
- We see the new Christian: the new spirit receiving a new body
- Even our immortal bodies have to be changed, be redeemed

33 **OLD BODIES MADE NEW**

- Only those who have had mortal bodies can have an immortal body, just like Jesus Himself
- God takes a mortal body and turns it into an immortal body
- Redeemed bodies are old bodies made new but are of a different nature than mere spirit bodies
- Only the possessors of these immortal bodies can become the bride of Jesus Christ
- There will be those that inherit the new heaven and those that inherit the new earth but only those with immortal bodies can inherit the New Jerusalem
- Redeemed things have a higher place in heavenly values than directly created things, however good

34 **THOSE FORGIVEN**

- Going through the fires, the tests, and the trials and coming out proven is of a great high value to God
- It is those sinners that have been down in the very dregs of sin that make a saint of God quicker and easier than those who think they're pretty good
- As Jesus said the one who loves me most is the one that I've forgiven most (Luke 7:36-48)
- We all know personally what Jesus had to forgive us of

- The glory of this Holy City lies in the fact that it is the city of the redeemed - those who were once lost and dead in their sins, are now people made new

35 **JOINT HEIRS WITH JESUS**

- God is the Creator of the angels but He is the Father of the saints
- Only those who have been made new may be adopted into the family of God and become joint heirs with Jesus Christ
- Only those redeemed by His blood will be glorified with Him
- Redemption is not doing away with, destroying, and making something from nothing
- The word destruction, as used in the Bible, is almost always a selective destruction and not a total demolition or annihilation– the destruction has boundaries or limits

36 **IN THE BEGINNING....**

- God creates in us a new creature if we follow Him but it is not out of nothing

Genesis 1:1-2, 28

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.

37 **FROM BEGINNING TO END**

- God does not make mistakes and that includes mistakes with words
- Replenish, redeem, reconcile mankind to Himself: it is just what He means
- Redeemed has a meaning and it is not creating something from nothing

- We have seen where God destroys the world by flood, where He destroys it by fire, but He does not destroy the earth itself just the sin off the earth
- We have to know what the Scriptures are teaching by studying the content and context of what they are saying
- Redemption is the greatest and total plan from beginning to end

38 **EARTH REGENERATED**

- Redemption= re, to bring back or do it over
- God told Adam and Eve to replenish the earth with beings like themselves as the earth had been previously populated by the creatures scientists have found fossilized
- In verse 5 we see the earth a redeemed planet which makes it a different one from all the worlds that have ever been made or ever will be made
- The Bible strongly suggests that this world will be the seed plot from which God will people many, many other worlds – God's ever expanding kingdom

39 **CLOSING GRAPHIC**