

Revelation Study

Session 3

11/2/11

Verses 1-8

“Shortly take place”

Matt 24:4-34 & Matt 24:35-51

In that reading Jesus makes reference to AD 70 (the destruction of Jerusalem) then JUMPS to the 2nd coming & the final judgement

In Revelation we are warned of the shortness of time more than once:

Rev 1:3 - “the time is near”

Rev 22:6 - “must shortly take place”

Rev 22:10 - “the time is at hand”

How should we view our use of time?

Matt 24:43 - “But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come” (Luke 12:39)

1 Thess 5:2 - “For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.”

1 Thess 5:4 - “But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.”

What 3 things did John “bear witness to”

1:2 - _____

Who is blessed by John in Revelation 1?

He who _____

Those who _____

Those who _____

So the “Blessed Man” must:

READ - Not enough just to read it/Study it

HEAR - Not enough just to hear it

KEEP - You have to APPLY it in order to receive the blessing

This is one of the **living lessons** of the **living word of God**

(Note: This is one of 7 beatitudes in Revelation)

“7” - 7 churches, Spirits - Remember 7 means complete!

7 churches in Asia:

This is modern-day western Turkey

There were other churches in Asia besides these seven

Troas (Acts 20:5)

Hierapolis (Col. 4:13)

Colosse (Col. 1:2)

The use of 7 here indicates that it was addressed to the “NAMED” churches, but in COMPLETENESS it was addressed to “all churches”

John refers to the GODHEAD:

The Father - "from Him who is and who was and who is to come"

The Holy Spirit - "and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne"

7 is used to describe the perfection & completeness of the Holy Spirit

John 15:26

John 16:13

Name the 7 spirits before God's throne?

1. The Spirit of the Lord

2. The Spirit of _____

3. The Spirit of _____

4. The Spirit of _____

5. The Spirit of _____

6. The Spirit of _____

7. The Spirit of the _____ of the _____

How do we know?

_____ explains _____ - Isaiah 11:2

The Son - "and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth."

Is John just being long winded here?

PROPHET - faithful witness/faithfully declared that He had seen God and was God (**John 1:14-18**)

PRIEST - "firstborn from the dead" gives Him preeminence and was critical in His priest hood (**Hebrews 9:23-28**)

KING - "ruler over the kings" (**Psalms 89:27; Rev 19:16**)

Vs 5 - "To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood"

For the REMISSION of sin?

Remission means: The cancellation of a debt, charge, or penalty.

IN HIS OWN BLOOD is the key in the verse

No blood - No Washing

The blood of Christ is what washes the sins away - Acts 2:38

Romans 6:3-4

Acts 22:16 - "And now why are you waiting? Arise and **be baptized**, and **wash away your sins**, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 2:21+Acts 2:38+ Matt 28:19-20+1 Peter 3:21=**BIG PICTURE**)

Since Jesus cleanses us, He also makes us kings and priests

We sit in heavenly places "in Christ" (Ephesians 2:6)

Vs 7-8 - Christ will come again - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Judgement will be for ALL - Romans 14:10-12

All nations will be gathered (Matt. 25:32)

All of this is given, not to fill space and time, BUT TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY

God/Jesus - The beginning, the ending & ALL THAT IS BETWEEN

Verses 9-20

John was an Apostle - why did he choose to address them as "brother" & "companion"

Could be his CLOSE & PERSONAL relationship with those he was writing to

Think: "Why do you call me brother?"

Verse 9 removes doubt that the KINGDOM was ALREADY established

Where was Patmos?

A small rocky island in the Aegean Sea

About 10 miles in length and 5 or 6 miles across

Closest to the church at Ephesus

The Romans banished "criminals" to the island and forced them to work in the mines

Why was John here?

Banished not as a criminal, but as a _____

1 Peter 4:15-16

He was being persecuted for the same reason others had been killed (Rev 6:9)

What was John doing?

"In the Spirit"?

Was John in some Miraculous Apostolic state? a trance? Meditating?

More debates happen because we try to put something where nothing exists

Most likely, he was worshipping the Lord on Sunday morning

Do we need any more information than just that? NO

Sunday Morning?

Whenever John has spoken of the "Seventh Day" in Scripture

John 5:9-10, 16, 18; John 7:22, 23; John 9:14, 16;

John 19:31 - He has always used the term "Sabbath"

Here John introduces a NEW phrase: "Lord's Day"

"Why should the New Covenant have an Old Covenant day?"

Lord's Day refers to the day Jesus arose - **Mark 16:9**

New Testament changes:

Lord's Supper not Passover Meal

Lord's Table not Table of the Lord (**Malachi 1:7; Ezekiel 41:22**)

Lord's Day not Sabbath

2 Cor 5:17 - "old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Revelation 21:5 - "Behold, I make all things new."

Jeremiah 3:14-17

This Scripture refers to a good time

Good shepherds

Good growth

New Testament changes (continued)

The ark not coming into “mind” or being “made” is good

Why: A New Covenant will be on the “mind” & will have been “made”

Homework:

READ

Jeremiah 3

Jeremiah 31

Psalm 118

NOTES: