

TODAY'S LESSON

**GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT
FOR HIS FAITHFUL SAINTS**

Revelation
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THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

The Revelation Made Simple

- You must understand 3 passages:
- 1:1-20 nature & purpose of the book
- 13:18 identification of the beast

Chapter 12 WHY the early Christians were enduring tribulation

Chapter 13 HOW the early Christians were enduring tribulation

Chapter 14 God wins!

- 17:7-14 historical context of the book

Rev. 1:1-20

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Nature & Purpose of the Book

- **1:3** First of seven beatitudes in the book:
Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.
- Epistle format
- From: John
- To: the seven churches in Asia
- Greeting: grace & peace from God...

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Rev. 1:4b-6

who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 1:7-8

Behold, He is coming with clouds,
(**judgment** — **Isaiah 19:1; Matt. 26:64; Psalm 68:4,33-34**) *and every eye will see Him,* (and **hear Him** — **John 5:28-29**) *even they who pierced Him* (the Romans — **John 18:31-32**).
And **all the tribes of the earth will mourn** because of **Him**. Even so, Amen. **8** *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."* **v.17;**
22:13,20-21

Rev. 1:9-20

- **1:9** John was persecuted for **preaching the word of Christ**
- **1:10** *Lord's Day* **1 Cor. 11:22** *Lord's Supper*
Acts 20:7 *Lord's Supper* on the **Lord's Day**
- **1:11** *I HEARD a loud voice*
- **1:12** *I turned to see the voice...I SAW seven golden lampstands* and a **son of man** in their midst holding **7 stars** **v.13-16**
- **HEARD** of the lion; **SAW** a lamb **5:5-6** (same)
- **HEARD** number **144,000**; **SAW** a great multitude no one could number **7:4-9**

Rev. 1:9-20

- **1:13-16** **Glory, purity, power, and authority of Christ**
- **1:17** **John worshipped Jesus; Jesus comforted John**
- **1:18** ***I AM the First and Last, the living one, and was dead; and look! I am alive forever and have the keys of death and Hades***
- **1:19** ***Write about: what you have seen, what is, and what will happen after this***
- **1:20-21** ***stars = messengers; lampstands = churches objects, numbers, colors, actions***

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- Not a good idea to use **Roman numerals** in an **anti-Roman** document!

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- **David's number** is **14** (4+6+4)(**D₄V₆D₄**)
Matthew 1 genealogy: "**David, David, David**"
- **Not to add up the numbers to get 666 in Rev.13:18** is like "**baptizing**" by sprinkling

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- **Greek NERON KAISER** transliterated into **Hebrew NRWN QSR** (**vowels not letters** or **numbers**) $50+200+6+50+100+60+200=666$
- **Modern scholars dismiss** this approach of mixing **Greek spelling** with **Hebrew letter values**

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- They aren't **the first** to be bothered by it
- Some early Christians "fixed that problem" by adding up the numbers with Hebrew spelling (leaving off the second "N" and writing 616 as the number of **the beast**. They **knew it** was Nero.
- **Mixing Greek spelling with Hebrew number values makes perfect sense** for the **spiritual minded**.
- **God intervened to get them together Acts 10; 11:27-30; 15; Romans 14-15; 2 Cor. 8-9**
- **Part of the mystery! Ephesians 3:1-11**
- **Kept secret from worldly Romans**

Rev. 17:6-18

- **v.9** *Here is the mind which has wisdom*
- **v.18** *harlot woman on the beast is the great city that is ruling over the kings of the earth (Rome in A.D.69)*
- **Beast** of **seven heads** is **seven mountains** the **woman sits on v.9**
- **Seven heads also seven kings v.10 (5 fallen)**
 - **Octavian** (Augustus) **27 B.C. – A.D. 14 Luke 2:1**
 - **Tiberius 14-37 Luke 3:1**
 - **Gaius** (Caligula) **37-41**
 - **Claudius 41-54 Acts 11:28**
 - **Nero 54-68 Acts 25:11,21; Rev. 13:18; 17:10**

Rev. 17:6-18

- **Beast** was **Nero** among the fallen five v.10; 13:8
- #6 is king (**Vespasian**) *the **beast** is not*
- #7 will be **son Titus** a *short time* (2 years)
- #8 the **beast** will return (**Domitian**) v.11 *will go to perdition*
- **Ten horns** are ten future kings that will each give authority to the **beast** to persecute Christians v.12-14 ended at 313
- Such kings have no regard for the **city of Rome**; they contribute to its demise v.15-16
- **God** uses **their selfish greed** to cause **her** downfall v.17

Content Outline of Revelation

- Introduction **1:1-8**
- **Seven** Messages to **Seven** Churches **1:9-3:22**
- **Seven** Seals **4:1-8:5**
- The **Seven** Trumpets **8:6-11:19**
- Satan's War Against God **12:1-14:20**
- **Seven** Vials of Wrath **15:1-16:21**
- Victory **17:1-20:15**
- The New Jerusalem **21:1-22:5**
- Conclusion **22:6-21**

Spiritual Outline of Revelation

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The Church in Imperfection 1:9-3:22

God's Authority Over Evil Revealed 4:1-8:5

God's Warning Judgments 8:6-11:19

Satan's War Against God 12:1-14:20

God's Full Judgments 15:1-16:21

God's Authority Over Evil Exercised 17:1-20:15

The Church in Perfection 21:1-22:5

Conclusion 22:6-21

Rev. 22:12-21

- Judgment is coming v.12
- Reward based on our actions based on faith
- Trust Jesus! v.13,16
- 2 choices; 2 destinations v.14-15
- The Spirit and bride (church) of Christ invite you to come v.17
- Do not change God's word v.18-19
- Jesus promises to return for us quickly v.20a
- Is this your hope at this very moment? v.20b
- You need the grace of the Lord Jesus v.21

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