

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #33 - October 13th, 2024

• #1 THE FIFTH SEAL OPENED (Rev. 6:7-11)

A. THE HALF WAY POINT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION:

- Initial verses: Revelation 6:7-11

Revelation 6:7 “And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.”

Revelation 6:8 “And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.”

Revelation 6:9 ““And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:”

Revelation 6:10 “And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”

Revelation 6:11 “And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

- Moderator: We are definitely at the halfway point of the seven years of tribulation. We remember the opening of the First Seal describing the anti-christ coming forth and making a 7 year treaty with Israel, and the whole earth. Three and a half years later when the Second Seal is opened and he sits on the throne in the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. He blasphemously declares that he is God! This is when wars begin. Jews and Christians will be murdered in great numbers from this time till the second coming of Christ. The Third Seal speaks of the great famine that will take place because of the wars. The Fourth seal speaks of the great loss of life because of the wars and famine and the spreading of diseases. The Fifth Seal deviates from the previous Four by not being brought by Horsemen nor “come and see”. It’s more like a preview/prophesy of what will happen in these last 3.5 years.

At the rapture of the church, all those who are saved are taken up to heaven. There will not be anyone who is saved left behind. At that point, there will be only sinners (those who are lost) left behind.

From the start of the Tribulation till this halfway point, there will be 144,000 Jewish preachers chosen by God who are out in the world preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. There are also the two “witnesses” who come on the scene but we are not certain when this occurs. There are “a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues” being saved because of their preaching in this 3.5 years. These saved people will be hunted because of their rejection of the beast and their testimony for Christ. A very difficult time indeed.

Revelation 7:9 “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;”

Revelation 7:10 “And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.”

Revelation 7:11 “And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the

four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,”

Revelation 7:12 “Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.”

Revelation 7:13 “And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?”*

* **Revelation 6:11** “And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.”

Revelation 7:14 “And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Revelation 7:15 “Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.”

• SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR, THE HUNTED CHRISTIANS (Rev. 6:9)

Revelation 6:9 “And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:”

Revelation 14:13 “And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.”

• Moderator asks Pastor about John “seeing” Souls...Pastor Rains: In Heaven, Souls can be seen without seeing. Our senses in Heaven are still alive and active. These Souls apparently have already received the white robes and essentially, they are resurrected with a new body.

Isaiah 66:22-24 “For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.”

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