

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #27 - September 1st, 2024

• #1 THE FIRST SEAL OPENED (Rev. 6:2)

A. THE RISE OF THE ANTICHRIST (continued from lesson 26):

• Initial Scriptures:

II Thessalonians 2:6 “And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

II Thessalonians 2:7 “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only *he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.”

He who now letteth- is obviously the Holy Spirit who lives in all true believers. All believers will be raptured and only after this happens will the anti-christ have power to rule the world.

II Thessalonians 2:8 “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:”

II Thessalonians 2:9 “Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,”

II Thessalonians 2:10 “And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”

II Thessalonians 2:11 “And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

II Thessalonians 2:12 “That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

• We must believe the truth (the gospel that saves us) Those who refuse to believe will be damned.

Moderator recommends we read from the book of ***Job 1:6-12***. (God allows evil to further his will.)

II Thessalonians 2:13 “But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:”

We don't have to go through the 7 year tribulation and we should thank God always for this!

We now move back to Revelation 6:2, but first:

Moderator ponders a question...What happens to babies in the Tribulation? We have some clues in:

Matthew 24:14-22 “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”

• #1 THE OPENING OF THE FIRST OF SEVEN SEALS

Revelation 6:2 “And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.”

- Don't be fooled, this is NOT the Lord Jesus, this is anti-christ who conquers by means of a false peace! This is obviously done by diplomatic pressure by a brilliant but evil genius who will guaranteed peace for Israel by having Islam remove the Al Aqsa mosque built on top of the temple mount and the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple! Remember, this man will do miracles and possibly Islam believes he is the promised last days “Imam Mahdi” The ultimate fraud!

Moderator ponders a question...Who is this anti-christ? What character traits does he exhibit? God gives us some clues in:

Daniel 11:36-37 “And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.”

Moderator recommends we read **Revelation 13:11-18**, but verse **14** is quoted directly:

Revelation 13:14 “...And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”

Moderator discusses the symbolism used in the Bible. John saw things he couldn't understand. There were no guns (or helicopters/planes/weapons of mass destruction) in biblical times so “swords” might be symbolised because John did witness an apparent murder take place. This is all conjecture. But we know we can depend on the truth of the Bible!

“The Woman Who Sits Upon The Scarlet Colored Beast”:

Revelation 17:1-6 “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 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.”

I Timothy 4:1-4 “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:”

Acts 10:11-13 “And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.”

