

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #31 - September 29th, 2024

• #1 THE SECOND SEAL OPENED (Rev. 6:4)

B. THE BEGINNING OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION:

- Initial verses: Revelation 6:1-6

Revelation 6:1 “And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.”

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.”

Revelation 6:3 “And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.”

Revelation 6:4 “And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.”

Revelation 6:5 “And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.”

Revelation 6:6 “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:”

Revelation 13:17 “And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Revelation 13:14 “Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.”

• The Abomination of Desolation (Continued from 9/22/24)

- Moderator: We are now at the 3.5 year period in the Tribulation. War is raging around the globe, Jews and Christians are being persecuted. Famines are happening as a result of wars and food prices have gone through the roof. Farmers who would have been growing crops have now stopped their labor and have joined in the battles by the armies of the world. These judgments are from God because of mankind's blatant sin. The antichrist has set up the 666 mark and only people who have this mark can buy and sell. Anyone with this mark is doomed to an eternity in hellfire.

Those who have been saved in the previous 3.5 years will now suffer greatly, they will be hungry, hated, hunted and murdered by the homicidal beast.

Matthew 24:7-8 “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”

- Moderator: All those who are saved or refused the mark will now be starving, millions will die the horrible and painful death of starvation. Once again, we must understand that this is judgment from God. God allows it because he warned for centuries the cost of sin and now is payday for the world that rejected Christ. Unfortunately, tribulation Christians will also suffer...

Revelation 6:9-11 “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: 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? 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 13:6-8 “And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”

- Moderator: A request is made to clarify the lack of chronological order in the book of Revelation. We don't know why it's so, but we do know that this is the way God wanted it. We have to be patient in learning to connect doctrine from diverse locations in this book and other books of the Bible that speak of this specific 7 years of Tribulation in God's timetable.

Revelation 13:9-10 “If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”

- Moderator: The current pope has said that “all religions point to Jesus”. This statement contradicts the Bible. Who said? Jesus said:

John 14:6 “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”

- Moderator: A church member pointed out to me statements made on TV by an organization that has a tagline they always use...”Jesus Gets Us”. They are talking about the supposed “secular” Jesus who loves everyone and rejects any kind of judgment from God. It's clever, but it's not true. Many seem to talk about a “Jesus” but most are not talking about the Jesus in scripture. God's Holy Word is our guideline to spiritual life.

- Pastor: God created three unique organizations for our benefit:

1. The Family, 2. Human Government 3. The Church.

In the church a local Pastor is called by God to administer to the local church. God never says anything about allowing anyone else, especially those who don't believe to help pastors to teach doctrine to the local church body. Pastor goes on to cite Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians:

1 Thessalonians 5:12 “And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;”

- Pastor continues: We don't need any help from the lost to understand and follow Jesus Christ.

- Moderator: Chris agrees with pastor and cites Paul's letter to Rome:

Romans 16:17 “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.”

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