

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #57 - June 1st., 2025

Moderator: We are going to finish up Chapter 11 this week and we'll start into Chapter 12.

Initial verses:

Revelation 11:18 "And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."

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Moderator: We ended last week talking about how we'll receive rewards. I'll pick up where I left off...

• #1 CHRISTIANS AT THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST (Rev 11:18 C)

II Timothy 4:6-8 "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Moderator: I want us all to see that if we work for the Lord after we are saved, we'll be given rewards, crowns for certain things. One of them is the "Soul Winners Crown" for witnessing to others about God's great gift of salvation. If the people we witness to get saved we'll have this awesome crown! This is a great thing that we do because we love the Lord. We don't want to enter Heaven empty handed! Here are the scriptures:

I Thessalonians 2:19-20 "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy."

Colossians 3:23-24 "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

Revelation 22:12 "And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

Additional Scriptures regarding rewards:

Matthew 25:21 "His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

Galatians 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

• #2 GOD CASTS ALL SINNERS INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE (Rev 11:18 D)

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• GOD DESTROYED ALL BUT 8 PEOPLE IN THE WORLDWIDE FLOOD

Genesis 6:1-7 “And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.”

Genesis 6:8 “But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.”

Genesis 6:11-13 “The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.”

Genesis 7:20-24 “Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.”

• ANYONE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE IS CAST INTO LAKE OF FIRE

Revelation 20:11-15 “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Revelation 21:1-6 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.”

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Revelation 21:6-8 “And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

Revelation 21:27 “And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb’s book of life.”

Moderator: I want us all to know that even though it says all liars will be cast into the lake of fire, this doesn’t apply to Christians. We are covered by the blood of Christ from all sins but this does NOT mean we should sin freely because we know we are saved. This would be taking advantage of grace and mocking God! We must repent daily of the sins we still commit. It’s a daily battle between the “new man (or woman)” in you when you are born again and the old man of sin who made us slaves to sin. The flesh doesn’t go away and we must tame our flesh with faith.

• **#3 THE TEMPLE IN HEAVEN** (Rev 11:19)

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Pastor Rains: These sights in Heaven are literal things. Heaven is just an extreme enhancements of the some of the beautiful sights we see here and now. There will be plenty of time to enjoy all of our senses to marvel at the scope of God’s Heaven. There is no “Casper the Friendly Ghost”. We will see angels of all sorts, we’ll see all the great people of the Bible and we’ll be astonished that we are there! We’ll spend so much time worshipping our Loving Father God and His Amazing Son of God. We’ll jump for Joy!

Revelation 22:1-4 “And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.”

Moderator: I’m now going to give a preview of Chapter 12. This Chapter provides information about the past, present and future that is hard to understand. It also talks about Israel, Christ’s Birth and Satan. Concerning Israel, this Chapter makes clear what Israel has done to themselves by rejecting the promised Savior. God kept the covenant with Israel but also allowed openly for the Church to thrive and continue keeping the truth of God. The Bible says Israel committed spiritual adultery. God however, had a plan to get them back on the straight and narrow by finally believing in Jesus, the only begotten Son of God. After the beast and false prophet and all the armies of the world will fail in their attempt to wipe out Israel, Jesus will sit on the throne of David a glorious 1,000 years. God has locked up Satan in chains until the end of the 1,000 years for one last gasp of a rebellion against God. If you come to understand this Chapter you’ll come to understand much of the Bible!

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