

Precept study on Revelation Part 2, Lesson 1

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1 Intro

The goal of this lesson is a broad overview of the first half of the book of Revelation (chapters 1-11). Lesson 2 is a broad overview of chapters 12-22.

What are the 3 major sections of Revelation? Where are they described?

Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. (Revelation 1:19)

1.1 the things which you have seen : Revelation 1

- Revelation 1: John saw Jesus in the midst of the 7 churches. Jesus told him what to write.
- How does this section begin? The Revelation of Jesus Christ ... And with a blessing to those to read, hear, and heed this book.
- What was John's response? His response was **worship**.

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid ... (Revelation 1:17)

1.2 the things which are : Revelation 2-3

- The letters to the seven churches.
- How does each letter begin? A description of Jesus that ties into the message He gives to each church.
- What is common between each letter? Hear what the Spirit says. To those who overcome: eternal life, to be with God forever.

1.3 the things which will take place after these things : Revelation 4-22

The future, which is the focus of this study of Revelation, Part 2.

- How does this section begin? Revelation 4:8: **worship**
- How does it end? What was John's response? **worship**. Revelation 22. Jesus is coming quickly.

2 Revelation 4

- What did you learn from marking *looked* and *heard* in this chapter?
 - A door open in heaven.
 - The voice of the angel, calling John to see what takes place next. (Rev 4:1, refers back to Rev 1:10-12)
 - John saw God on His throne, being worshipped by the 4 living creatures and the 24 elders
- compare what John saw with the description of Jesus in Chapter 1.
Common aspects:
 - who was and is and is to come
 - brilliant white – brilliant color
 - 7 Spirits of God
 - the ultimate ruler

3 Revelation 5

- What is this chapter about? What did you learn by marking the words *look*, *see*, *hear*? What did John see and hear? What was his response?
 - God on the throne, holding a book sealed up with 7 seals
 - no one worthy to open it ... John's response was to weep greatly
 - but the Lion of Judah, Root of David, Lamb as if slain, was found worthy. He took the book.
 - response: **worship**: the 4 creatures, the 24 elders, and the myriads, and every created thing in heaven and earth and under the earth and in the sea.

4 Revelation 6

- Topic of this chapter? The Lamb breaks the first six of the seven seals.
 1. white horse: conquering
 2. red horse: to slay, with a great sword (rhomphia)
 3. black horse: famine, or economic distress
 4. ashen horse: death
 5. martyrs under the altar
 6. earthquake, sun black, moon blood, stars fall, sky split, mountains move. Kings / great men / rich / strong / slave / free hide themselves from the wrath of God and the wrath of the Lamb.

5 Revelation 7

- time phrase? After the first six seals.
- four angels pause while 144,000 Jews are sealed, on the earth
- great multitude from every nation, before the throne, in heaven: **worship**. They hunger and thirst no more, and God spreads His tabernacle over them. Every tear wiped away.

6 Revelation 8 : 7th seal and the first 4 trumpets

- the Lamb breaks the 7th seal: seven angels with seven trumpets
- relate 8:3-4 with 5:8: incense, and the prayers of the saints
- censer thrown to the earth: thunder, lightning, earthquake
- the trumpets:
 1. hail, blood: one third of the earth burned.
 2. great burning mountain thrown into the sea: one third of the sea dies
 3. great star, Wormwood: one third of the rivers poisoned
 4. one third of sun, moon, and stars darkened
- eagle: woe, woe, woe, for the remaining three trumpets

7 Revelation 9: 5th and 6th trumpets

- 5th trumpet, first woe: locusts from the pit, tormenting those who are not sealed by God. Led by Apollyon. Men seek death but do not find it.
- 6th trumpet, second woe: 200 million horsemen. one third of mankind killed (contrast with first woe: men sought death, now they find it). Men did not repent of their idolatry, murder, sorceries, immorality, theft. (God expected, or at least permitted them to repent).

8 Revelation 10

- how does this chapter differ from chapters 8 and 9? Does not introduce the angel with the seventh trumpet.
- strong angel, 7 peals of thunder whose voice is sealed
- when 7th trumpet will sound, the mystery of God is finished
- interlude: John takes a book from the angel's hand, eats it, and is told to prophesy

9 Revelation 11

- continuation from previous chapter. John given measuring rod to measure the temple.
- the two prophets
 - 1260 days : 3.5 years
 - destroy their enemies with fire from their mouth
 - able to halt the rain (like Elijah) and turn water to blood (like Moses), and plague (like Moses)
 - beast comes from the abyss and kills them
 - the nations celebrate for 3.5 days
 - the two prophets rise from the dead, and are taken up into heaven
 - those who watch are struck with fear
- 7th trumpet: the rule of Christ.
 - Response: **worship**.
 - the Lord's wrath
 - the dead are judged
 - the Lord's bond-servants are rewarded
 - those who destroy the earth are destroyed
 - the ark appears in the temple in heaven
 - lightning, thunder, earthquake, hail

10 Summary

- In Revelation 4-11, what is happening on the earth? Judgement. The nations responses:
 - seek death but do not find it.
 - they do not repent.
 - they celebrate the beast's killing of the 2 prophets
 - they hide from the wrath of God
- What is happening in heaven?
 - **worship**, because the Lord reigns, the Lamb is worthy to break the seals
 - the martyrs under the altar ask for justice