

Precept study on Revelation Part 1, Lesson 1

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1 Intro

- Did anything in the lesson speak to you or strike you? Applications?
- General overview: who wrote it, why, what, (what is it, what is John's pledge, what is the promise of the book), where and when, how.
- Blessing for those who read it.

2 The author: John

Jesus crucified AD 29 or 30. John a disciple, exiled to the Island of Patmos. Received the Revelation about 95 AD, during the reign of Domitian, who persecuted the church. Historical references to the book in the 2nd century. Some claim it was written 65 AD, before the Temple was destroyed.

Emphasis added in the list of Scripture below, relevant to Revelation.

- A fisherman, brother of James, son of Zebedee. Matthew 4:21.

Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.

- Partner with Simon, called to be a fisher of men, Luke 5:10

and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."

- "son of thunder" Mark 3:17

and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, "Sons of Thunder");

- One of 3 who saw Jairus' daughter raised from the dead, Mark 5:36-38

But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe." And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the synagogue official; and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing.

See also Luke 8:51.

- Saw the transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-3

Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. **And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.** And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

See also Mark 9:2, Luke 9:28.

- Tried to prevent others from casting out demons. Mark 9:38

John said to Him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to prevent him because he was not following us."

See also Luke 9:49.

- Wanted to call fire from heaven on the Samaritans, Luke 9:53-56

When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the **Samaritans** to make arrangements for Him. But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "**Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?**" But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy mens lives, but to save them."] And they went on to another village.

- Asked to sit at his right/left hand, Mark 10:35-41

James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" They said to Him, "Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. **But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.**" Hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John.

- Asked what the sign will be for prophecy to be fulfilled. Mark 13:3-6

As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately, **"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"** And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many. ...

- Prepared the Passover, Luke 22:7-9

Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it." They said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?"

- Sat next to Jesus in the last supper, John 13:21-24

When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me." The disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking. There was reclining on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. So Simon Peter gestured to him, and said to him, "Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking."

- Waited with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, Mark 14:32-34

They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, "Sit here until I have prayed." And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. And He said to them, **"My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch."**

- Jesus asked him to take care of his mother, John 19:26

When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.

- Went with Peter to the tomb, John 20:1-9.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the face-cloth which had been on His

head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

- Recognized Jesus at the side of the lake, John 21:6-8

And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch." So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord."

- With the rest of the disciples in the Upper Room, Acts 1:13

When they had entered the city, they went up to the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James.

- Peter asked Jesus about him, John 21:19-21

Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, "Lord, and what about this man?"

- With Peter when he healed a beggar. Acts 3:1

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms. But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, "Look at us!" And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene – walk!"

- Arrested with Peter and brought before the Sanhedrin, Acts 4.

Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply. ... they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; **for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.**"

- Sent to **Samaria**, Acts 8:14

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

- Brother James put to death with the sword, Acts 12:2

And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.

- Helped in Barnabas and Paul in Salamis, Acts 13:5

When they reached Salamis, they began to proclaim the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they also had John as their helper.

- Then left Salamis for Jerusalem, Acts 13:13

Now Paul and his companions put out to sea from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia; but John left them and returned to Jerusalem.

- Colleague of Paul, pillar of the church, sent to the circumcised. Galatians 2:9

and recognizing the grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we might go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

- Wrote the Gospel of John, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd John, and Revelation. Referred to as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” Not mentioned by name in the Gospel of John.

3 Overview

3.1 Who: From God to Jesus to His angel to John

- 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John,

3.2 Why

- 1:1 to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place;

3.3 What

- 1:2 John's pledge:
who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.
- 1:3 Promise:
Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

3.4 Where and When

- 1:9-10 I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lords day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet,

3.5 How

- 1:11 saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."
- 1:19 Therefore write
 - the things which you have seen,
 - and the things which are,
 - and the things which will take place after these things.