

Precept study on Revelation Part 3, 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 5-11), and an observation of the following words:

- book
- seal
- trumpet
- woe
- wrath
- city
- temple

Lesson 2 is a broad overview of chapters 12-22.

2 What does the Lord God say? and do?

In all of Revelation, regarding He who sat on the throne, listed below. These verses exclude praise given to God, and fear of His wrath (Rev 6:16, for example).

- Rev 1:1 : gave the Revelation to Jesus
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
- Rev 1:8 : **SPEAKS:** the Alpha and Omega.
"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
- Rev 4:2 : sits on the throne
a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne
- Rev 5:1 : holds the book
I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.

- Rev 10:7-11 : preached His mystery to His prophets (including John)
 ... then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets. ... "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel ... "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings."
- Rev 11:17 : taken His great power and begun to reign; His wrath came.
 "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. 18 And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."
- Rev 12:6 : prepared a place for the woman
 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, ...
- Rev 14:7 : creates
 "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."
- Rev 15:1 : has wrath
 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.
- Rev 16:5 : judges
 ... , "Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things;
 ...
- Rev 17:17 : fulfills His word
 For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, and by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.
- Rev 18:5 : remembers the sins of Babylon
 Regarding Babylon: ... for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.
- Rev 19:2 : judges
 ... He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her.
- Rev 21:3-4 : dwells with us, wipes our tears
 "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, 4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; ...

- Rev 21:5-8 : SPEAKS

And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." 6 Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. 7 He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son. 8 But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

- Rev 22:5 : light

they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them

- Rev 22:6 : sent His angel

And he said to me, "These words are faithful and true"; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.

3 The book / scroll

3.1 Revelation 5 : the book

- in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne
- written on inside and back
- sealed with 7 seals
- says a *strong* angel: who is worthy to open it?
- no one
- John wept greatly
- Jesus has overcome, so as to open the book
- Jesus took the book out of the right of Him who sat on the throne
- the 4 living creatures, and elders, fell down – Jesus is worthy to open it *because*:
 - He was slain and purchased for God men from every tribe / tongue / people / nation.
 - worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, might, honor, glory, blessing, and dominion
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Observations: Him who sat on the throne gives the book (His word) to the Lamb. Jesus is worthy to deal out judgement because he has also dealt out mercy.

4 Seals

4.1 Revelation 6 : the seals (1 to 6)

Review seals 1 to 6:

1. white horse with bow; conquers
2. red horse with sword; war
3. black horse; famine
4. ashen horse; death
5. souls under altar cry for vengeance, told to wait
6. cataclysmic events in sky and on earth. Men hide from God, saying the day of His wrath has come.

4.2 Revelation 8 : the 7th seal

- silence for 1/2 hour
- 144,000 bond-servants sealed
- great multitude before the throne
- first 4 trumpets (see below)

5 Trumpets

5.1 Revelation 8-9 : first 6 trumpets

1. hail and fire, 1/3 of earth
2. mountain thrown into sea, 1/3 sea dies
3. star Wormwood, 1/3 rivers die
4. heavens struck, 1/3 of sun, moon and stars
5. locusts from the abyss
6. 4 angels released, 200 million horsemen, 1/3 of mankind killed

5.2 Revelation 10 : strong angel with little book

- 7 peals of thunder
- John given a little book and told to prophesy

5.3 Revelation 11 : the two witnesses and 7th trumpet

- 2 witnesses in Jerusalem
- prophesy 3 1/2 years
- killed by the beast from the abyss
- resurrected and go up to heaven

6 Woe

- eagle cries out 3 woes (Rev 8:13), just before last 3 trumpets
- Rev 9:12: first woe past (5th trumpet, locusts from the abyss)
- Rev 11:14: 2nd woe is past (6th trumpet, 200 million horsemen)

- 3rd woe (7th trumpet), but this is not stated explicitly except in Rev 8:13
- more woe in Rev 12:12, 18:10, 18:16, 18:19 (next lesson)

7 Wrath

- 6:16-17: 6th seal. Men recognize the wrath of the Lamb. The day of their wrath has come
- 11:18: the wrath of Him on the throne, has come. Time to judge the dead, and reward God's bond-servants.
- more wrath in Rev 12:12, 14:10, 14:19, 15:1, 15:7, 16:1, 16:18, 19:15 (next lesson)

8 City

- Rev 3:12: letter to Philadelphia: the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem written on he who overcomes
- Rev 11:2: the nations tread under foot the holy city for 3.5 years
- Rev 11:8: dead bodies of the 2 witnesses lie in the street of Jerusalem
- Rev 11:13: earthquake in Jerusalem after the 2 witnesses rise from the dead and are taken into heaven
- more in next lesson (Jerusalem, Babylon, and the new Jerusalem)

9 Temple

- Rev 3:12: letter to Philadelphia: he who overcomes will be a pillar in the temple of My God
- Rev 7:15: great multitude before the throne, will serve God day and night in His temple
- Rev 11:1-2: John measures the temple
- Rev 11:19: the temple of God in heaven opened, the ark of His covenant appears.
- more in next lesson