

# COMING SOON...

## Revelation Bible Study – Session 4 - Chapters 10-14

### Prophetic Ministry in the End Times – 2<sup>nd</sup> Angelic explanation - Chapters 10:1-11:13

**Overview:** Rev.10:1-11:13 is an angelic explanation, or parenthetical section, that follows immediately after the worldwide crisis of demons killing 1/3 of the earth, leaving multitudes in confusion and deception. There will be many deceiving false signs (Rev.13:13, 16:14, 18:23, 19:20; Mt.24:4-5, 11, 24; 2 Thes.2:8-9). In this passage, God assures His people He will release prophetic direction and great power to them. They will understand God's heart and help people avoid deception (*this passage is important for forerunners to study*). Then in Rev. 11, the two witnesses will unite the Church, preaching with great anointing and releasing God's judgments against the Antichrist's systems during the final 3 ½ years of this age. This will be the Church's *most glorious hour in history!!* Joel prophesied of this greatest outpouring of the Spirit in the end-times (Joel 2:28-32, Acts 2:17-21). All the saints will receive dreams, visions, angelic visitations, etc., living under an 'open heaven' as never before.

### Chapter 10 – The Glory of the Angel, the Forerunner Anointing

- A.** In Rev. 10:1-3, this angel's authority prophetically portrays aspects of the glory released on God's messengers:
1. *Mighty angel:* forerunners will operate in the **power of the Holy Spirit**.
  2. *Robed in a cloud of glory:* forerunners will experience **God's Shekinah glory**.
  3. *Rainbow around his head:* forerunners will emphasize **God's promises and mercy**.
  4. *Face shines like the sun:* forerunners will receive **God's might in their inner man** (Eph.3:16)
  5. *Feet like pillars of fire:* forerunners will release **God's holy judgment to establish love**.
  6. *Feet on the sea and land:* forerunners will take **possession of their inheritance** across the earth.
  7. *Cries out like a roaring lion:* forerunners will **pray and prophesy with the boldness of a lion**.  
[Note: John saw 3 mighty angels in Revelation who had great brilliance (Rev.5:2, 10:1, 18:1)]
- B.** The little open book in the angel's hand (vs.2) is not the same as the scroll taken by Jesus (5:7). This little book contains only part of the prophetic information contained in the scroll. Being '*open*' reveals that the contents are knowable. The angel probably read its contents to release the seven thunders, or seven prophetic messages. John understood the seven prophetic messages enough to be able to write them. However, he was told to seal them until the end times. This indicates they would not be made known until the end times.
- C.** This was similar to what happened to Daniel earlier when he sealed up his prophecies (Dan.12:4-10). In fact, Dan.10-12 is a parallel passage to Rev.10-13. Daniel sealed up prophetic information with an angel of similar glory with a similar oath related to the same 3 ½ years. It is possible that the prophetic book that Daniel sealed was now being opened to John. If that is true, then the remainder of the book of Revelation (chapters 11-22) is the likely contents of what is written in Daniel's book.
- D.** In Rev.10:5-7, the angel swore by God's Person (eternity, sovereignty): God will show His sovereign power.  
 \**There will be **NO MORE DELAY**:* the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming is in the very next chronological section (11:15)  
 \**The mystery of God is finished:* Jesus will rule the earth with His people, Jew and Gentile as one (Dan. 7:13-27).  
 \**During the days of the sounding of the 7<sup>th</sup> angel:* the 30 day period in which Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming procession and the release of the 7 bowl judgments come to completion. (To understand the 30 day time frame, compare the days signified in Rev.11:2-3, 12:6&14, 13:5; and Dan.7:25, 12:7&11.) The angel will be "about to sound" the trumpet near the end of the Great Tribulation.
- E.** In Rev.10:8-11, John is instructed to eat the scroll as Ezekiel did (Ez.2:10-3:4). This is a prototype for end-time messengers who much take time to digest God's revelation of the end-time. Both Daniel and John had unusual revelation in the context of their unusual devotion to the Word from their youth. John had to eat the prophecy

that remained of the book of Revelation (*likely what Daniel saw and was told to seal*). John eats it, then makes it known. The essence of what John saw was the Beast (Rev.11-13) that Daniel prophesied about (Dan.7-12).

- F. **Sweet:** message of victory, salvation, and justice with deliverance to the oppressed worldwide.
- Bitter:** message of judgment worldwide that brings persecution to the saints. (Lk.19:41)
- Must prophesy:** God only releases His full purposes as His people prophesy them. (Jer.1:11-13)

### The Two Witnesses – Chapter 11:1-14

- A. The two witnesses are prophets functioning and confronting the Antichrist on a global level. The worldwide prayer movement will support and be united by the prophetic intercession of these two men. Each region of the earth will receive either God's glory or the Antichrist's pressure, according to the measure of intercession that is in agreement with these two prophets leading the end-time prayer movement.
- B. Rev.11:1-2 – The paradox in the Tribulation temple. The Tribulation temple will be built by unbelieving Jews and then desecrated by the Antichrist (*the abomination of desolation*), see Mt.24:15, 2 Thes.2:3-4. We are to *measure* the temple, altar, and its worshipers – which means to carefully evaluate and weigh carefully what the God-fearing Jews will do in Jerusalem in the end times. We are not to dismiss all their activities in the temple as worthless, but neither are we to see them as being saved until they come to Jesus.
- C. Vs 2: the Gentiles *will tread the holy city underfoot for 42 months*. Also see Lk 21:20-24; Zech.12:3, 14:1-2. Jerusalem will be totally conquered and even crushed under the oppression of the Antichrist. 42 months is the same 3 ½ year time frame, same as 1260 days (Rev.11:3, 12:6), and times, time and half a time (Rev.12:14, Dan.7:25, 12:7), and 42 months (Rev.11:2,13:5). Different terminology is used so the meaning is clear. There is no reason to interpret these numbers as symbolic.
- D. Rev.11:3-6,10: The two witnesses release end-time judgments by prophetic decrees like Moses. The plagues of Egypt are the prototypes of end-time judgments (Ex.7-12), released by intercession (Rev.8-9, 16). The confrontation between Moses and the Pharaoh gives us insight into the confrontation between the two witnesses and the Antichrist and False Prophet. The same miracles they do (*fire from their mouths, power to shut heaven – no rain, turning water into blood, and striking the earth with plagues*) were done by Elijah and Moses. These two can do these as often as they desire (vs.6) and they do surely torment the unbelievers (vs.10).
- E. The two witnesses will be killed (vs.7-13) and then raised from the dead before all the nations. The nations will initially rejoice at their death of their tormentors. They will be raised after they have ministered 1,260 days. There will be a great earthquake (not the same one as in Zech.14:4, which will open a way for the imprisoned Jews in Jerusalem to escape). 7,000 people die in that earthquake and the rest give glory to God (get saved!) This is likely the last great evangelistic campaign just prior to the rapture and 2<sup>nd</sup> coming!

### The Sounding of the Seventh Trumpet – the Second Coming – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chronological section - Rev.11:15-19

#### **The Rapture and Replacement of all the World Governments**

- A. This is the third chronological section of Jesus' action plan. This passage describes the rapture of the Church and the announcement of Jesus replacing all the evil governments of the earth with His. At this time, Jesus will reward the saints and completely destroy those who destroy the earth (vs 18).
- B. Jesus will engage in a hostile takeover of nations that are very angry with Him (Rev.11:18) and resist Jesus' right to rule. Satan will also be raging (Rev.12:12,17). This showdown will be parallel to the Elijah-Jezebel showdown that occurred at Mt. Carmel (1 Kgs.18). This time, both groups will call down fire from heaven (Rev.11:5, 13:13).

- C. *The mystery of God*, or His plan to prepare a Bride including Gentiles as partakers in salvation), to rule the earth with Jesus, is now complete (Rev.10:7) with the sounding of the seventh trumpet. Paul made it clear the rapture takes place at the *last trumpet*, which is the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet. (1 Cor.15:51-52) 1 Thes.4:16-17.
- D. Neither the rapture nor the marriage supper (*nor the Trinity, nor...*) is explained in great detail in Revelation. Why? Possibly because neither is an event that happens in one brief moment, but instead will involve a more complex process that occurs over time. The time it takes for a physical body to be transformed is instantaneous (1 Cor.15:52). However, it will take more than one moment for Jesus to cross the entire earth so that the eye of every unbeliever will see Him well enough to respond emotionally with deep mourning (Rev.1:7)
- E. Jesus raptures the church to initiate His *second coming procession*, which has *three stages*, including many events occurring over a **30-day period**. This time-frame can be seen by comparing the 1,260 day period of many events of the tribulation (Rev.11:2-3, 12:6, 14, 13:5; Dan.7:25, 9:27, 12:7) with the 1,290 days (Dan.12:11) which tells us exactly how long the *abomination of desolation*, i.e. the *Antichrist/satanic worship system* is set up.
- Stage 1:** Jesus' procession across the sky to rapture the Church (Mt.24:30-31, Rev.1:7).
- Stage 2:** Jesus' procession across the land, traveling from Jordan to Israel (Is.63, Hab.3).
- Stage 3:** Jesus' procession into Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives followed by His coronation (Zech.14)

### **War in the Spirit – 3<sup>rd</sup> Angelic Explanation – Chapters 12-14**

- A. This 3<sup>rd</sup> parenthetical section answers *why Jesus' wrath is so severe* as to require the hostile replacement of all governments on earth, and *what will happen to the saints*. Satan and the Antichrist will violently confront the saints and all that is good (Rev.12-13). Jesus will dynamically help the saints (Ch.14). These chapters give us important insight into the *great attack* against God's people and the *great anointing* that leads to victory.
- B. **Overview:** We see a fierce war in the spirit between the Antichrist and God's people in the years leading up to the rapture. Rev.12 describes Satan's war in the heavens with Michael, chapter 13 describes the Antichrist's war on earth against the saints seeking to rule the world, and chapter 14 tells us in 7 visions ways in which Jesus will anoint the Church to persevere to victory. The seven main symbols in Revelation are all in this section, and most were already used by Daniel. He prophesied of the Antichrist as the Beast with a vast empire (Dan.7:7, 11, 19-23) that was supported by ten kings, whom he spoke of as ten horns on the Antichrist (Dan.7:7, 20, 24, 2:41-42; Rev.12:3, 13:1, 17:3, 7, 12, 16).
- The dragon:** always symbolic of Satan (Rev.12:3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 16, 17, 13:2, 4; 16:13, 20:2)
- The first beast:** symbolic of the Antichrist (Rev.13, 14:9-11, 17:3-17, 19:19-21, 20:4, 10)
- Another beast:** used once for the False Prophet (Rev.13:11-17, 16:13, 19:20, 20:10)
- The 7 heads:** the 7 historical empires that persecuted Israel are Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece Rome, and revived Rome Empire (Dan.2:41-42, 7:7, 20, 24; Rev.12:3, 13:1, 17:3-16)
- The 10 horns:** a ten nation confederation of 10 kings that will partner with the Antichrist (Dan.2:41-42, 7:7, 20, 24; 11:36-45; Rev.12:3, 13:1, 17:3,7, 12, 16).
- The harlot Babylon:** will be established in rebuilt city of Babylon, Iraq, restored and used as headquarter For Antichrist, functions as a worldwide religious/economic center. (Rev.17-18, Is.13-14, Jer.50-51)
- The woman with the male Child (Jesus):** the woman is the faithful remnant of Israel through history (Rev.12:1-6). Satan wars with her offspring, who are Gentile believers (Rev. 12:17).

### **War breaks out in Heaven – Chapter 12**

- A. Rev.12:1-6: The woman (Israel – 12 stars on her head), bears a child – Jesus, who is rule all the nations with a rod of iron, who escapes the dragon, and was caught up to God. During the Tribulation, there is a faithful remnant who flees to the wilderness and is cared for and fed for 1,260 days.

- B. Rev. 12:7-12: War breaks out in heaven (at the beginning of the Great Tribulation) between Satan and Michael the archangel, resulting in Satan being cast to the earth. We currently wrestle against Satan's hosts that operate in the heavenly places (Eph.6:12), but then Satan and all the demonic will all be on earth (12:9). He will give His throne to the Antichrist (Rev.13:2), and hoardes of demons will be released on the earth. Billions of people will engage in Satan worship and become demonized (13:8, 12, 15). The grapes of wickedness on the earth (Rev.14:18) will become fully ripened. However, the saints, i.e. the praying Church will overcome Satan *by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and by not loving their lives unto death (Rev.12:11)*
- C. Rev.12:13-17: Here again, it mentions the faithful remnant being nourished and protected for time, times and half a time (same length). The dragon then goes off to make war *with the rest of her offspring* – the Gentiles.

### Satan wars on the earth through the Antichrist and False Prophet – Chapter 13

- A. Overview: Satan will launch all-out war against God's people by using his two main weapons: the Antichrist and the False Prophet. The Antichrist will have a political, military, and economic alliance with ten powerful nations in Europe and the Middle East, giving him the largest empire, the most powerful army, and the most money of any leader in history. He will be fully human, yet fully demonized with Satan's authority (vs.2-7). He will eventually claim to be God, and demand the whole earth worship him as he seeks to be king of kings over all nations. He will have authority and worshipers in all nations, yet will not totally dominate them all, as seen by those who resist him (Dan.11:40-45; Rev.16:12). The saints will resist the Antichrist's government and influence in each geographic area where they are strategically placed by God as intercessors.
- B. We see here a **counterfeit trinity**: Satan counterfeits the Father as he empowers the Antichrist, who counterfeits the Son and is supported by the False Prophet, who counterfeits the Holy Spirit (Rev.13:1-2, 11-18)
- C. This passage tells us why Jesus *must* replace all the governments of earth...because billions of people will willingly choose to worship the antichrist as their God (Rev.13:8). Consequently they will operate in his same spirit and do the deeds of darkness. God will allow man's free will to be exercised to its full degree. Thus, all evil governments must be totally removed.
- D. In Rev.13:11-18, the **False Prophet** is the leader of the future worldwide religious network that is devoted to forcing all the nations to worship Satan and the Antichrist (Rev.13:4,8). John reveals the False Prophet's three most effective strategies:
1. He is a "prophet" with a message, using demonically empowered **public speeches**, his convincing power confirmed by great miracles to deceive the masses (Rev. 13:12-14).
  2. Second, he establishes a worldwide worship system promoted by the **abomination of desolation** (Mt.24:15; 2 Thes.2:3-4) which will be based on an *image of the Beast*, or statue of the Antichrist, being set up in the Jerusalem temple. It will be demonically empowered; it will breathe and speak, causing the nations to worship the Antichrist. (Rev.13:14-15). This image will be an idol of the Antichrist that may combine cutting-edge technology (high-tech hologram?) and supernatural demonic elements. It is possible there may be many regional worship sanctuaries with a duplicate image connected to the primary one in Jerusalem. The law will require all to worship the Antichrist as God, or succumb to the death penalty.
  3. Third, he will establish a worldwide economic system that forces the nations to worship the Antichrist by the **mark of the Beast** placed on their hand or forehead, forcing everyone to publicly declare their loyalty to the Antichrist. Any who refuse this mark will not be able to buy or sell. (Rev.13:16-18). To summarize: the *image* of the Beast and the *mark* of the Beast will be two components of the *abomination of desolation* that will mobilize and finance the Antichrist's global worship movement (Rev.13:13-18). The *image* will mobilize Antichrist's worshippers and penalize those who resist. The *mark* will provide economic support for the Antichrist's global worship movement and will also penalize those who resist.

### Jesus will supernaturally help the Church to come to victory – Chapter 14

- A. Overview:** This chapter shows us that Jesus will supernaturally anoint the Church to walk in victory. He will release great power with prophetic anointing on the Church, including angelic interventions, until His people fully triumph. Jesus promises to reward His people and to judge the followers of the Antichrist. This section will inspire confidence that righteousness is absolutely necessary, and will be rewarded.
- B.** In Rev.14:1-5, John saw Jesus standing on Mount Zion with 144,000 prophetic singers. (These will be called out from the remnant of Jewish believers who call on God's name in worship and intercession in Zech.13:8-9) Jesus will personally commission and anoint the largest group of prophetic singers gathered together in history. He will personally teach them as He did the apostles (Acts 1:3), the disciples in Emmaus (Lk.24:27-47), Paul in Arabia (Gal.1:12-17), and Moses on Mt. Sinai (Ex.19-24). How much more will Jesus train the end-time Church?
- C.** These 144,000 singers will prophesy in power, supporting the two witnesses in prophetic intercession, and they will be deeply dedicated to Jesus as seen in Vs.4-5. They will be sealed/protected by God's power from His judgments (Rev.7:4-8). They will be a model for victory in the midst of persecution, providing great strength to the Church by their prophetic singing, which releases revelation and power. (Their calling may perhaps relate to the seven thunder prophecies of Rev. 10.) Jesus will strategically use prophetic singers to release His power in the great war as seen when Jehoshaphat stationed the singers to lead the battle (2 Chr.20). Isaiah prophesies of prophetic singers across nations who will sing heaven's *new songs* in the end times in Isaiah 42:10-13.
- D.** Rev.14:6-13 reveals **four prophetic promises and proclamations** with which the Spirit will release conviction and which He will confirm with signs and wonders to strengthen His people. It is likely the 144,000 singers and the Isaiah 42:10-12 singers will sing these four prophetic oracles:
1. Vs.6-7 – we receive angelic assistance and great power, that we may succeed in preaching the *everlasting gospel* to all nations in the presence of hostility, admonishing them to *fear God and give glory to Him...*
  2. Vs.8 – the anointed proclamation of the certainty of the *total earthly defeat* of the harlot Babylon will strengthen us (Rev.17-18)
  3. Vs.9-11 – the anointed proclamation of the certainty of *eternal judgment* on all who worship the Antichrist will embolden the saints. We must NOT yield to the deceptive allurements for the mark of the Beast, nor be intimidated by the rage of the Antichrist and his followers, who will all soon be overthrown.
  4. Vs.12-13 –proclamation of the certainty of *eternal reward* for being faithful will greatly strengthen the Church.
- E.** Rev. 14:14-20 reveals two different end-time harvests to be released by prayer: the harvest of souls in vs. 14-16, and the harvest of sin in vs.17-20. These show the results of prayers that release power for the great harvest and end-time judgments.
- F.** The river of blood runs nearly 200 miles (vs. 20), or the distance from Megiddo in the north to Bozrah in the south (Israel is 160 miles from north to south; a furlong = a stadia *NIV* or 200 yards). This 200 mile area is Jesus' winepress around Jerusalem. For the first time in history, all the kings of the earth will be gathered into one geographic area (Zech.12:2-3, 14:2; Joel 3:2, 12; Zeph.3:8; Rev.16:14). After they gather, Jesus kills them all in this winepress (Rev.19:21). (also see the great plague – Zech.14:12-15) A winepress is associated with the celebration of the harvest, but in this case all of heaven celebrates this glorious harvest of the earth (Rev.14:14-20; 19:1-5). Jesus will utterly destroy the Antichrist and his armies with *the brightness of His coming* (2 Thes.2:8).

**HOMEWORK: Memorize the names of the 5 chronological and 5 angelic explanation sections**

**Read MATTHEW 24, MARK 13 and LUKE 21 carefully prior to our next class.**