

REVELATION SERIES - LESSON 13

REVELATION 8

7 year tribulation is described in Rev 6 - 18 and it's a period of time where God is going to unleash a series of judgements in order to give a final wake up call for people to be saved.

3 basic reasons for tribulation

1 - Wake up unbelievers

2 - Shake up nation of Israel

3 - Make up the kingdom of God

Wrath revealed through series of 3 events

1 - 7 seals are broken

2 - 7 trumpets are blown

3 - 7 bowls are poured out

God is going to dispatch 7 angels to blow 7 trumpets, one trumpet each, and they will announce more judgements coming upon the earth.

Then 7 bowls poured out using angels and these will be further judgements as well.

Now if you agree with the timeline I've presented, you don't have to worry about these things.

However, our heart should be motivated concerning those that will be left behind.

There will be folks saved during tribulation period but we will see later that in that time, people will be required to get “mark of the beast” and believers not receiving “mark” will be martyred for their faith.

It's a double edged sword.

1 - People will be saved

2 - But you will be martyred

These are difficult chapters especially for non believers.

Remember LOVE is expressed in JUSTICE and PUNISHMENT!

God wants us to come to Him and if we won't come in comfort they would cry out and come in their discomfort.

Ch 8

John is being shown these things way into the distant future especially from the 1st century and it's even past our time.

This chapter begins with the 7th seal being opened and its actually announcing the 7 trumpets.

Vs 1 - It tells us when 7th seal was opened, there was silence for half an hour.

It's a HOLY HUSH!

Jesus is about to dispatch angels to announce another series of judgements against the earth.

Vs 2 - "Saw the 7 Angels"

“THE” = It’s particular Angels, NOT just ANY Angels. To blow the 7 trumpets.

Vs 3 - “Another Angel” - So it’s an 8th Angel.

“Another” = “Allos” meaning “of the same kind”.

JESUS IT NOT AN ANGEL and despite what the J W’s might tell you, He is NOT Michael!

You might ask why would some think its Jesus? Because this Angel is going to serve in somewhat of a Priestly Role.

But that doesn’t make this Angel Jesus cause in O T Levitical Law, men served as priest and performed priestly functions.

Vs 3

Hebrews 8:5

Bible tells us the earthly temple will be built in Jerusalem.

Heb 8:5 - says it was a shadow and type of the actual temple in Heaven.

It actually is a picture for us of its Heavenly design.

Golden Censer, Alter, Incense, Throne.

GOD is seated on the THRONE and Angel is bringing incense.

Incense - picture of prayers of saints that rose to Heaven in an aromatic fragrance.

Who is praying?

1) Could be prayers of saints martyred in tribulation.

2) Could be prayers of saints through all history.

“PRAYERS of SAINTS are NEVER FORGOTTEN by GOD!”

Vs 5

This is the beginning of this series of judgements.

“Noises, Thunderings, Lightenings and an Earthquake”

Vs 6 - It's 7 Angels about to blow Trumpets and announce these judgements.

Vs 7

This judgement will have tremendous ecological effects.

$\frac{1}{3}$ of grass

$\frac{1}{3}$ of trees

Vs 8 - 9

Remember John is writing in 1st century and he uses simile words “like” and “as”, “like a great mountain” - could be an asteroid.

We don't know what this is but sounds like it could be an asteroid or a comet.

$\frac{1}{3}$ of sea life dying

$\frac{1}{3}$ of sea being blood

“ $\frac{1}{3}$ of ships destroyed”

Vs 10 - 11

Effects fresh water as a star, comet, asteroid falls to earth and $\frac{1}{3}$ of fresh water is poisoned.

Vs 12

The Day Night sequence is interrupted.

Some translations don't say "Angel" but "Eagle".

Word used here is not "Angelos" but "Aetos"

Aetos = Eagle

Rev 4:7

One of these Angles has an appearance like an "Eagle" so actually either word would work.

Here we have $\frac{1}{3}$ of light sources are darkened and a reduction of suns brilliance and moon is effected because it reflects the sun.

Stars dimmed by $\frac{1}{3}$.

If the sun is dimmed by $\frac{1}{3}$, it will effect the earths temperature.

Now when we get to trumpets 5 & 6, lots of words used to describe Satan and his forces.