

## CLASS NOTES 5-7-2020

### INTRODUCTION:

1. SPARE ME JUST A MOMENT FOR A QUICK COMMENTARY ON THE CURRENT SITUATION THAT IS PLAGUING OUR WORLD.
  - A. WHAT WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING IS “LIFE-CHANGING/LIFE-ALTERING”
  - B. OUR WORLD IS RAPIDLY ACCELERATING INTO A NEW WORLD AND SOME WOULD SAY – “A NEW WORLD ORDER”.
  - C. SEVERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ‘THINK-TANKS’ ARE RECOMMENDING A “NEW-WORLD-ORDER.”
    1. EVERY NATION IS EXPERIENCING THE SAME EVENTS
    2. MASSIVE ECONOMIC SHUTDOWN, GROWING UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESSES, DEATHS.
    3. THEIR THINKING IS THIS: “WORLD-WIDE CHALLENGES REQUIRE A UNITED WORLD-WIDE RESPONSE.”
  - D. DAVID WILKERSON, DECEASED ABOUT 10-11 YEARS AGO, HAD THIS PROPHECY:
    1. “1986: A VIRUS WILL HIT THE WORLD
    2. “BARS, RESTAURANTS, GOVERNMENTS WILL BE SHUTDOWN.
    3. “FROM THIS UNBELIEVERS WILL BEGIN SEEKING GOD.
    4. “A GREAT REVIVAL WILL SPRING FROM THIS VIRUS.”
2. NOW, BACK TO OUR PRE-ESTABLISHED ACTIVITIES.
3. IN GENESIS WE FIND THE BEGINNINGS OF EVERYTHING
  - A. TIME, SPACE, THE UNIVERSE, EARTH, CREATION OF MAN, CHRIST’S INCARNATION
  - B. HIS DEATH ON THE CROSS, RESURRECTION, ASCENSION, AND THE GIVING OF LIFE TO THE BELIEVER.
4. IN REVELATION WE FIND THE ENDING OF LIFE ON THE EARTH.
  - A. WELL, THE ENDING OF MORTALITY ON PLANET EARTH.
  - B. LIFE WILL CONTINUE ON EARTH; BUT IT WILL BE A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF LIFE
    - 1) AN IMMORTAL LIFE, AN ETERNAL LIFE, A HIGHLY SPIRITUALIZED LIFE.
    - 2) LIFE BEING LIVED IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOREVER AND FOREVER.
    - 3) A LIFE FREE FROM ALL THE ISSUES WE’VE FACED AS MERE MORTAL HUMANS.
5. THE GREEK WORD FOR REVELATION IS “APOCALYPTO”
  - A. MEANING: 1) TO UNVEIL; 2) TO REVEAL; 3) TO UNCOVER; 4) TO DISCLOSE
6. THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS MOST ADMITTEDLY THE MOST DIFFICULT BOOK TO INTERPRET.
7. THE REASONS FOR THIS:

- A. IT IS HIGHLY SYMBOLIC
  - 1. ALMOST EVERY WRITTEN STATEMENT IS IN SYMBOLIC FORM
  - 2. THESE FORMS MUST BE INTERPRETED
- B. SEVERAL INTERPRETATIONS SEE THE SYMBOLS AS BEING MEANINGLESS

## II. THE FOUR MAJOR VIEWS OF INTERPRETING THE BOOK OF REVELATION

- A. THE BOOK OF REVELATION DEALS WITH "TIME"
  - 1. THE TIMING OF EVENTS IS CRUCIAL IN THE INTERPRETING OF REVELATION
  - 2. "WHEN" WILL THE RAPTURE HAPPEN?
  - 3. "WHEN" WILL THE 7-YEAR PEACE TREATY BE SIGNED WITH ISRAEL?
  - 3. "WHEN" WILL THE FIRST SEAL BE OPENED"
- B. THERE ARE ONLY 4 POSSIBILITIES CONCERNING TIME.
  - 1. PAST; 2. PRESENT; 3. FUTURE; 4. TIMELESS
- C. THESE 4 POSSIBILITIES ALSO GOVERN THE 4 INTERPRETIVE POSITIONS FOR THE BOOK OF REVELATION
- D. #1 PRETERIST VIEW (THE PAST)
  - 1. MATT. 24 (MT. OLIVET DISCOURSE) COMPLETELY FULFILLED IN AD70
  - 2. THEREFORE--THE BOOK OF REVELATION WAS COMPLETELY FULFILLED BACK IN A.D.70
- E. #2 THE HISTORICIST VIEW (THE PRESENT)
  - 1. THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS A SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE OF LIFE
  - 2. I.E.: THE TRIBULATION PERIOD RAN FROM THE CROSS OF CHRIST TO THE SECOND COMING.
  - 3. THEY DON'T SEE THE TRIBULATION AS BEING A 7-YEAR PERIOD AS MENTIONED BY DANIEL.
  - 4. THEY DON'T SEE PROPHECY AS BEING FULFILLED IN REVELATION.
- F. #3 THE FUTURIST HISTORY (THE FUTURE)
  - 1. THE EARLY CHURCH BELIEVED THAT THE EVENTS OF THE TRIBULATION, SECOND COMING, MILLENNIUM WERE ALL EVENTS WAITING TO TAKE PLACE IN THE FUTURE.
  - 2. THE WHOLE OF EVANGELICALISM ESCHATOLOGY IS FOUND HERE.
  - 3. WE BELIEVE THE RAPTURE, TRIBULATION PERIOD, AND MILLENNIUM IS YET TO COME.
- G. #4 THE IDEALIST (TIMELESS)
  - 1. THE LEAST POPULAR OF THE FOUR.
  - 2. THEY HAVE NOT DEALT WITH BIBLE PROPHECY OR THE TIMING OF BIBLE PROPHECY.

III. WHY DO WE HAVE THE BOOK OF REVELATION? (THERE ARE A FEW OF THE MANY REASONS)

A. GOD IS DRAWING A 'LINE-IN-THE-SAND.'

1. HE IS CHANGING HIS METHODOLOGY ON HOW HE DEALS WITH MANKIND.
2. HE IS WINDING UP THIS DISPENSATION OF GRACE.
3. HE IS WINDING UP THIS LIFE ON PLANET EARTH.

B. TO LET THE PEOPLE KNOW ON PLANET EARTH THAT HE IS A 'HOLY GOD.'

1. SIN IS RUNNING RAMPANT ON THE EARTH.
2. JUSTICE, TRUTH, RIGHTEOUSNESS IS TRAMPLED ON.

C. IN THE TRIBULATION PERIOD HE IS DEVOTING FULL-TIME TO THE SALVATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

1. THIS DISPENSATION OF GRACE IS A TIME WHEN GOD DEALS WITH THE GENTILES.
2. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT GOD CALLS THE TRIBULATION PERIOD 'THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE.'
3. GOD NEEDS TO FULFILL OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE PROPHECY.

D. 'REVELATION' IS FROM THE GR. WORD: APOCALYPSUS

1. MEANING: TO REVEAL; TO UNCOVER.
1. GOD IS REVEALING HIS HOLINESS TO MANKIND.  
AND SHOWS HIS LOVE TO EARTH'S PARTICIPANTS.
2. HE IS BRINGING RIGHTEOUS AND TRUTH TO THE WORLD.
3. HE IS PUTTING SATAN ON TRIAL.

IV. THE TRIBULATION PERIOD IS A 'SHOW-DOWN' WITH SATAN.

A. LUCIFER'S DOWNFALL

ISAIAH 14:12 "HOW ARE YOU FALLEN FROM HEAVEN, O LUCIFER, SON OF THE MORNING!  
HOW ARE YOU CUT DOWN TO THE GROUND, WHICH WEAKENED THE NATIONS?

(V13) "FOR YOU HAVE SAID IN YOUR HEART:

'I WILL ASCEND INTO THE HEAVENS,

'I WILL EXALT MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD,

'I WILL SIT ALSO UPON THE MOUNT OF THE CONGREGATION, IN THE SIDES OF THE

NORTH.

(V14) " 'I WILL ASCEND UPON THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS,

'I WILL BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH' "

(V15 (GOD SPEAKING) YET YOU SHALL BE BROUGHT DOWN TO HELL, IN THE MIDST OF THE PIT."

**B. 'WHEN' SATAN FELL**

1. THE 'BREASTPLATE' THE PRIESTS WORE HAD 12 STONES ON IT (EXODUS 28:17-19)  
4 ROWS WITH 3 STONES IN EACH ROW

- a) FIRST ROW:     SARDIUS     TOPAZ             CARBUNCLE
- b) SECOND ROW: EMERALD     SAPPHIRE         DIAMOND
- c) THIRD ROW:    LIGUIRE     AGATE            AMETHYST
- d) FOURTH ROW:   BERYHL         ONYX             JASPER

2. EZEKIEL 28:

(V2) "THUS GOD SAYS, 'BECAUSE YOUR HEART IS LIFTED UP, AND YOU HAVE SAID, [I AM A GOD, I SIT IN THE SEAT OF GOD, IN THE MIDST OF THE SEAS]. . . .

(V6) "THEREFORE THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD. 'BECAUSE YOU HAVE SET YOUR HEART AS THE HEART OF GOD, . . ."

(V13 GETS INTERESTING)

"YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN, EVERY PRECIOUS STONE WAS YOUR COVERING,  
THE SARDIUS             THE TOPAZ             AND THE DIAMOND,  
THE BERYL               THE ONYX               AND THE JASPER,  
THE SAPPHIRE           THE EMERALD           AND THE CARBUNCLE, AND GOLD:  
"THE WORKMANSHIP OF YOUR TABRETS AND OF YOUR PIPES WAS

PREPARED IN

YOU IN THE DAY IN THE DAY THAT YOU WERE CREATED PERFECT."

(V14) "YOU WERE THE ANOINTED CHERUBS WITH COVERINGS (OF THE 12 STONES), AND I GAVE THEM TO YOU:

"YOU WERE UPON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN OF GOD,

"YOU WALKED UP AND DOWN IN THE MIDST OF THE STONES OF FIRE."

(A BUILDING PROJECT)

(V15) "YOU WERE PERFECT IN YOUR WAYS FROM THE DAY YOU WERE CREATED, TILL INIQUITY WAS FOUND IN YOU."

SATAN WAS HELPING GOD WITH A BUILDING PROGRAM OF SOME SORT

NOTICE THAT IN EXODUS THE BREASTPLATE HAD 12 STONES IN IT

BUT HERE ONLY 9 STONES ARE LISTED

SOMEHOW—LUCIFER'S SIN SURFACED DURING THIS BUILDING PROGRAM

IF SATAN WAS CREATED PERFECT, “HOW” COULD HE HAVE SINNED.

PERHAPS THERE WAS A BRIEF ‘MORAL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A CHOICE OF ‘YES’  
OR ‘NO’.