

CLASS NOTES – 5-27-2020

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. WHAT IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED TONIGHT

1. A BRIEF UPDATE ON THE VIRUS ISSUE
2. BE ON THE ALERT: THE SPIRITUAL ALERT
 - a) ONE EYE ON EARTHLY ACTIVITIES
 - b) ONE EYE LOOKING SKYWARD: FOR THE LORD'S RETURN
3. SCRIPTURE SAYS-THOSE REBUILDING THE WALLS OF THE TEMPLE.
 - a) THEY WORKED WITH THE SWORD IN ONE HAND-AND A TROWEL IN THE OTHER.
 - b) WE MUST NOT BECOME ENSLAVED TO ONE THOUGHT OR THE OTHER.
 - c) THESE ARE PERILOUS TIMES; DANGEROUS TIMES.
 - d) WE MUST KEEP OUR MINDS AND OUR EFFORTS ON THE THINGS OF GOD.
 - e) WE EACH HAVE A WORK TO DO IN GOD'S KINGDOM.
 - f) WE MUST – AS IT WERE –
 - 1) DO GOD'S WORK WITH ONE HAND – AND
 - 2) KEEP OUR EYES OPEN FOR DECEPTION AND THE WORK OF THE ENEMY.

B. 'CONTACT TRACING' IS BECOMING MORE WIDESPREAD IN THE MEDIA.

1. I HAVE MENTIONED THIS THE LAST TWO WEEKS.
 - a. LAST WEEK I SAID TO KEEP YOUR EYE ON CONTACT TRACING – AS IT IS GOING TO BECOME FOUNDATIONAL IN EFFORTS MADE TO WIPE OUT THE VIRUS.
 - b. CELL-PHONE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN.
 1. WILL TELL YOU IF YOU'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A PERSON WITH THE VIRUS.

C. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE AND RE-EMPHASIZE THE POSITION OF THE BELIEVER IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. WE ARE VICTORS: AND NOT VICTIMS
2. GOD HAS MADE PROMISES TO US THAT HE HAS NOT MADE TO THOSE IN THE SECULAR WORLD
 - a) HEBREWS 10:25 “ . . . AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING . . . GOD IS DROPPING A LITTLE BUZ IN OUR EAR
 - b) 1 THESS. 5:4 “. . . BUT YOU ARE NOT OF THE DARKNESS – YOU ARE CHILDREN OF LIGHT”
3. GOD WANTS YOU AND I TO HAVE “PROPHETIC KNOWLEDGE”

D. BILL GATES DROPPED OUT OF HARVARD DURING HIS SECOND YEAR

1. HE SAW THE POWER OF COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY – EVEN WHEN COMPUTERS WERE BARELY A THOUGHT IN ANYONE'S MINDS.
2. HE BELIEVED IN WHAT HE SAW, FELT AND BELIEVED.
3. HE ALSO THOUGHT IF HE COULD SEE IT, THEN OTHERS COULD SEE IT.
4. HE MADE HIS MOVE –JUST 24 MONTHS BEFORE ANYONE ELSE – AND LOOK AT HIM TODAY.
5. THE IBM COMPUTER WAS THE MAINSTAY AT THAT IN THIS FLEDGLING INDUSTRY – HE GATES OUTSMARTED THEM.
6. HE CREATED THE DOS – DISK OPERATING SYSTEM.
7. HE ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH IBM OFFICERS.
 - a) THEY ALLOWED HIM TO FINISH WORKING ON THEIR IBM-DOS
 1. IT WAS CALLED “IBM-DOS”
 - b) IBM WAS NOT SMART ENOUGH TO HAVE GATES SIGN A “NON-COMPETE-CLAUSE”.
 - c) HE COULD WORK ON IBM'S DOS – AND – WORK ON HIS DOS AT THE SAME

TIME.

1. HE CALLED HIS DOS “PC COMPATIBLE” [PC AS IN ‘PERSONAL COMPUTER’]
 - d) SINCE HE KNEW WHAT WAS IN THE IBM-DOS, HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE HIS BETTER THAN THAT.
 8. THIS WAS BACK IN THE 1980'S.
 9. BEGINNING IN THE 1990'S, GATES CONTROLLED THE DOS MARKET (HENCE MICROSOFT)
 10. IBM COULD NEVER CATCH UP.
 - a) IBM CREATED A DOS SYSTEM CALLED “WARP ONE”; THEN “WARP TWO”
 - b) THEY COULD NEVER CATCH UP WITH MICROSOFT.
 11. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN EVEN BUY AN IBM PC COMPUTER TODAY.
 - a) HOWEVER, THEY DO MAKE THE LARGER SERVER.
- E. POINT TO THIS STORY: BILL GATES SAW THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE FUTURE**
--AND ACTED ON THAT.
1. REMEMBER THIS: GOD IS THE CREATOR, THE AUTHOR OF ALL KNOWLEDGE
 2. AND REMEMBER THIS: WE ARE IN GOD
 3. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD HAVE MORE KNOWLEDGE THAN THOSE IN THE WORLD.
 4. HE IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW HIS PEOPLE TO BECOME SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS IN A WICKED WORLD.
 5. GATES WAS NOT ASLEEP; BUT SAW A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
 6. HE HAS VIRTUALLY CHANGED THE FACE OF AMERICA.
 7. IF A SECULAR PERSON CAN SEE THE FUTURE AS HE DID,
– HOW MUCH MORE SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN BE ABLE TO SEE THE PROPHETIC
 8. AFTER ALL, WE SEE AND KNOW WHAT IS AHEAD
 9. THE WORLDLY MEDIA AND PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THIS ADVANTAGE.
- F. CONSIDER THESE SCRIPTURES:**
1. HEBREWS 10:25 “AND SO MUCH THE MORE, AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING”
 - a) WE NEED TO TAKE OFF THE BLINDERS AND SEE WHAT GOD IS DOING IN OUR WORLD
 2. 1 THESS. 5:1 “BUT OF THE TIMES AND THE SEASONS, BRETHREN, YOU HAVE NO NEED THAT I WRITE UNTO YOU.
(V2) “FOR YOURSELVES KNOW PERFECTLY THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD SO COMETH AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT.
WHAT IS THE CONTEXT HERE? THE DAY OF THE LORD
(V3) “FOR WHEN THEY SHALL SAY, ‘PEACE AND SAFETY;’ THEN SUDDEN DESTRUCTION COMES ON THEM, AS TRAVAIL UPON A WOMAN WITH CHILD; AND THEY SHALL NOT ESCAPE.”
WHO SHALL NOT ESCAPE? [THOSE LIVING IN DARKNESS: THE UNBELIEVER]
(V4) “BUT YOU, BRETHREN, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS; THAT THAT DAY SHOULD OVERTAKE YOU AS A THIEF.
(V5) “YOU ARE ALL OF THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, AND THE CHILDREN OF THE DAY;
WE ARE NOT OF THE NIGHT, NOR OF DARKNESS.
(V6) “THEREFORE, LET US NOT SLEEP, AS DO OTHERS: BUT LET US WATCH AND BE SOBER.”
 3. GOD WANTS US TO KNOW MORE THAN THE NEWSCASTERS
 4. HE WANTS US TO KNOW MORE THAN THE GOVERNORS OF OUR STATE
 5. HE WANTS US TO KNOW MORE THAN DR. FAUCI AND DR. DIRX

6. HE WANTS US TO KNOW MORE THAN OUR BROTHER IN THE LORD WHO HAS GONE ASLEEP.

II. THE BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE 'RETURN OF CHRIST' IN A LARGER SENSE

A. TWO VIEWS HERE:

1. THE AMILLENNIAL VIEW
 - a) "a" IN GREEK IS A 'NEGATIVE PREFIX'; MEANING 'NO'
2. THE PRE-MILLENNIAL VIEW
 - a) THAT CHRIST WILL RETURN BEFORE THE MILLENNIAL

B. WE NEED TO EXPAND OUR UNDERSTANDING SOMEWHAT HERE

1. THIS IS THE BIG DIVISION IN THE BODY OF CHRIST
 - a) THE DIVISION IS NOT BETWEEN PRE-TRIB OR POST TRIB BUT BETWEEN AMILLENNIAL AND PRE-MILLENNIAL
2. THE AMILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST
 - a) THEY BELIEVE: THERE IS NO RAPTURE OR RETURN OF CHRIST
 - b) THEY BELIEVE: THE 1000 YEAR MILLENNIUM IS SYMBOLIC ONLY
 - c) THEY BELIEVE: THAT CHRIST IS RULING FROM HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN-AT RIGHT HAND OF GOD
 - d) THEY BELIEVE: THAT SATAN HAS ALREADY BEEN BOUND AND HAS BEEN PREVENTED FROM 'DECEIVING THE NATIONS.'
 - e) THEY BELIEVE: THAT GOOD AND EVIL WILL REMAIN MIXED, BUT EVENTUALLY GOOD WILL OVERCOME EVIL
 - 1) AT THAT POINT CHRIST WILL COME TO RULE ON INTO ETERNITY

3. THE PRE-MILLENNIAL COMING OF CHRIST

- a) THAT CHRIST WILL RETURN 'BEFORE' THE MILLENNIUM
 - 1) THIS BELIEVE IS DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL CAMPS
 - * PRE-TRIB. RAPTURE; MID-TRIB RAPTURE AND PRE-WRATH RAPTURE; AND POST-TRIB RAPTURE
 2. WE MAY ARGUE WITHIN OURSELVES BUT WE ALL STILL BELIEVE IN THE RETURN OF CHRIST BEFORE THE MILLENNIUM.
- b) BUT NOW WE WANT TO DIVIDE THAT DOWN TO A DIFFERENT LEVEL
 1. WE WANT TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE 'RAPTURE' AND THE 'SECOND COMING'.

III. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

A. ADMITTEDLY, THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS ONLY SAW THE SECOND COMING

1. WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE
2. THE CLOSER WE GET TO A PARTICULAR EVENT, THE MORE WE KNOW ABOUT IT.
3. IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN-GOD SAID:
"HE SHALL BRUISE YOU ON THE HEAD – AND YOU SHALL BRUISE HIM ON THE HEAL." (GEN. 3:15)
4. THE FIRST AND EARLIEST PROPHETIC PASSAGE CONCERNING CHRIST
 - a. RATHER GENERAL – THIS IS ABOUT 4,000 YEARS BEFORE CHRIST
 - b. 700 YEARS BEFORE CHRIST, PROPHECIES WERE MORE SPECIFIC
5. WE FIND THIS PRINCIPLE IS TRUE CONCERNING PROPHECY FOUND IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
 - a. CHRIST-SERMON FROM MT. OLIVET
 - b. BUT 30-50 YEARS LATER: PAUL'S WRITINGS—MUCH MORE SPECIFIC CONCERNING CHRIST
6. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WE MOSTLY READ ABOUT THE SECOND COMING OF

CHRIST

- a. BUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT—WE SEE THE SECOND COMING HAD TWO PARTS TO IT
 1. THE RAPTURE AND THE 2. SECOND COMING
- B. THEY ARE DIFFERENT BECAUSE OF THE DESCRIPTIONS THE WRITERS USED.
- C. THEIR WRITINGS ARE SUFFICIENT TO CREATE A NEW DOCTRINE HERE: THE RAPTURE.
- D. THE COMPLETE ‘RAPTURE PASSAGE’ SCRIPTURES ARE NOT LISTED BELOW
 1. REMEMBER OUR CLASS OF 2-13-2020 WHERE WE LISTED 52 ‘PRE-TRIB RAPT. SCRIPTURES’

RAPTURE PASSAGES

JOHN 14:1-3 2 THESS. 2:1
ROMANS 8:19 1 TIMOTHY 6:14
1 CORINTHIANS 1:7-8 2 TIMOTHY 4:1
1 CORINTH.15:51-53 TITUS 2:13
1 CORINTHIANS 16:22 HEBREWS 9:28
PHILIPPIANS 3:21 JAMES 5:7-9
COLOSSIANS 3:4 1 PETER 1:7, 13
1 THESSALONIANS 1:10 1 JOHN 2:28-3:2
1 THESSALONIANS 2:19 JUDE 21
1 THESSALON. 4:13-18 REVELATION 2:25
1 THESSALONIANS 5:9 REVELATION 3:10
1 THESSALONIANS 5:23

SECOND COMING PASSAGES

DANIEL: 44-45 ACTS 1:9-11
DANIEL 7:9-14 ACTS 3:19-21
DANIEL 12:1-3 1 THESS. 3:13
ZECHARIAH 14:1-15 2 THESS. 6:1-10
MATTHEW 13:21 2 THESS. 2:8
MATTHEW 24:15-31 2 PETER 3:1-14
MATTHEW 26:64 JUDE 14-15
MARK 13:14-27 REVELATION 1:7
MARK 14:62 REV. 19:11-2:6
LUKE 21:25-28 REV.22:7,12,20

IV. CONTRAST SCRIPTURES BETWEEN THE RAPTURE AND THE RETURN OF CHRIST

RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH

1. CHRIST COMES “FOR” HIS OWN (JOHN 14:3; 1 THESS. 14:17;)
2. HE COMES IN THE AIR (1 THESS. 4:17)
3. HE CLAIMS HIS BRIDE (1 THESS.. 4:16-17)
4. REMOVAL OF BELIEVERS (1 THESS. 4:17)
5. ONLY HIS OWN SEE HIM (1 THESS. 4:13-18)
6. TRIBULATION BEGINS (2 THESS. 1:6-9)
7. THE SAVED ARE DELIVERED FROM WRATH (1 THESS. 1:10; 5-9)
8. NO SIGNS PRECEDE THE RAPTURE

RETURN OF CHRIST

1. CHRIST COMES “WITH” HIS OWN (1 THESS. 3:13; JUDE 14; REV. 19:14)
2. HE COMES TO THE EARTH (ZECH. 14:4; ACTS 1:11)
3. HE COMES WITH HIS BRIDE (REV. 19:6-14)
4. MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST (MATT. 4:2)
5. EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM (REV. 1:7)
6. MILLENNIAL KINGDOM BEGINS (REV. 20:1-7)
7. UNSAVED EXPERIENCE THE WRATH OF GOD (REV. 6"12-17)
8. SIGNS PRECEDE SECOND COMING

(1 THESS. 5:1-3)

(LUKE 21:11,15)

9. FOCUS: LORD AND CHURCH
(1 THESS. 4:13-18)

9. FOCUS: ISRAEL AND KINGDOM
(MATT. 24:14)

10. WORLD IS DECEIVED
(2 THESS. 2:3-12)

10. SATAN IS BOUND
(REV. 20:1-2)

V. OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A. THE KEY VERSE TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS CH. 1:4

“JOHN TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES WHICH ARE IN ASIA: GRACE BE UNTO YOU, AND PEACE, FROM WHICH IS, AND WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME;
AND FROM THE SEVEN SPIRITS WHICH ARE BEFORE HIS THRONE”

B. THE SAME THOUGHTS ARE EXPRESSED IN V.8, BUT WITH A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW

“I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE ENDING, SAITH THE LORD, WHICH IS, AND WHICH WAS, AND WHICH IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY.”

C. IN OTHER WORDS, WRITE:

1. WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN – (PAST);
2. WHAT IS NOW – (PRESENT);
- AND
3. WHAT WILL TAKE PLACE LATER – (FUTURE)

D. WE'RE TALKING OF: THE PAST; THE PRESENT; THE FUTURE

E. THE SUBJECT OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION

F. V.1 “THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST”

1. ‘REVELATION’ IS FROM THE GREEK WORD: “APOKALYPSIS”
 - a) UNVEILING
 - b) TO DISCLOSE
 - c) TO UNVEIL OR EXPOSE TO VIEW
2. THE WORD WAS USED 18 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

G. SO THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS: “THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST”

1. THE UNVEILING OF FUTURE EVENTS TO COME; MEANING – THE TRIBULATION PERIOD.

H. GENESIS IS A BOOK OF ‘BEGINNINGS’ – REVELATION IS A BOOK OF ‘ENDINGS’

I. IN GENESIS GOD CAME DOWN IN COOL OF EVENING AND FELLOWSHIPED WITH HIS CREATION

IN REVELATION GOD IS JUDGING AND PUNISHING HIS CREATION – ESPECIALLY THE JEW.

J. STUDY WITH ME THE NUMBER – 7 –

1. GOD CREATED EVERYTHING IN 7 DAYS
GOD WINDS DOWN THIS DISPENSATION IN 7 YEARS
2. THERE ARE 7 CANDLESTICKS; 7 CHURCHES; 7 YEAR PEACE TREATY; 7 SEALS; 7 TRUMPETS;
7 BOWLS
3. WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THE NUMBER –7–
 - a. BECAUSE 7 PRECEDES THE NUMBER 8
 - b. AND 8 IS THE NUMBER OF NEW BEGINNINGS
SO 7 MUST THE WRAP UP OF THE PRESENT, MOVING INTO THE FUTURE
4. THE NUMBER -7- SAYS A CERTAIN TIME-PERIOD HAS BEEN FULFILLED.
AND ITS TIME TO MOVE TO A NEW SEASON
5. NOAH'S ARK: FULLY LOADED: YET GOD WAITED 7 DAYS BEFORE THE FLOOD BEGAN
GOD DISPLAYED GRACE AND MERCY; PATIENCE AND LONGSUFFERING

K. LET'S LOOK AT SOME ‘KEYS’ TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION

1. THE MASTER KEY: KEY TOPICS
 - a) GOD'S SON IS REVEALED

- b) REVELATION SHOWS THAT JESUS HAS FINISHED THE WORK OF REDEMPTION
 - c) IT ALSO SHOWS THAT JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE TO EXECUTE THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF GOD
 - d) THE LAMB, AS THE SON OF GOD, IS ALWAYS IN THE MIDST OF HIS PEOPLE
 - d) GOD'S PURPOSE IS COMING TO PAST
 - e) HE IS DEALING WITH THE JEWISH NATION
 - f) THIS IS THE JESUS, THE MESSIAH, THAT YOU REJECTED WHEN HE WAS HERE ON EARTH
 - g) THIS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF JACOB'S TROUBLE:
 - CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ACCEPTING THE MESSIAH ON HIS FIRST TRIP TO EARTH.
2. WHAT ARE THE KEY SCRIPTURES
- a) THE REVELATION OF THE COMING OF CHRIST
 - b) SALVATION FOR THE JEWS
 - c) THE TRIBULATION IS THE FINAL HARVEST ON EARTH
 - d) NEXT, GOD MOVES HIS PURPOSE INTO THE MILLENNIUM, THEN ETERNITY.
3. THERE ARE INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING THE 'METHOD OF COMMUNICATION
- a) JOHN RECEIVED THESE PROPHECIES THROUGH A SERIES OF VISIONS FILLED WITH SYMBOLISM AND NUMBERS
 - b) HE RECORDS THESE VISIONS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, AS HE RECEIVED THEM
 - MANY OF THEM PICTURE EVENTS WITH DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES
 - c) BUT HE DOES NOT PROVIDE A CHRONOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THESE EVENTS OCCUR
- FOR EXAMPLE:
- a) JESUS IS BORN IN CH. 12; IS EXALTED IN CH. 5; AND WALKS IN THE MIDST OF THE CHURCHES IN CH. 1
 - b) THE BEAST ATTACKS THE 2 WITNESSES IN CH. 11,
 - BUT IS NOT BROUGHT INTO EXISTENCE UNTIL CH. 13
 - c) JOHN RECORDS A SERIES OF SUCCESSIVE VICTORIES –
 - NOT A SERIES OF CONSECUTIVE VICTORIES.
4. ONE OF THE UNKNOWN SECRETS OF UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF REV.
- a) THIS IS BETWEEN THE 6TH AND 7TH TRUMPETS
 - 1) ANGEL SAYS – “TAKE THIS LITTLE BOOK AND EAT IT”
 - 2) JOHN TOOK THE BOOK AND ATE IT
 - 3) IT WAS SWEET TO THE TASTE, BUT MADE HIS BELLY BITTER
 - b) THEN THE ANGEL SAID UNTO HIM
REV. 10:11 “AND HE SAID UNTO ME, ‘YOU MUST PROPHECY AGAIN BEFORE MANY PEOPLE, AND NATIONS, AND TONGUES, AND KINGS.’”
 - c) IN OTHER WORDS
 - 1. YOU'VE FINISHED THIS SET OF VISIONS
 - 2. TAKE UP THE PEN AGAIN, AND LET'S GO BACK AND START OVER WITH A NEW SET OF VISIONS
5. HERE'S ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT THE BOOK OF REVELATION
- a) THE FIRST SERIES OF VISIONS SHOWS “WHAT WILL HAPPEN.”
 - 1) SEALS; TRUMPETS; VIALS/BOWL:
 - TALK ABOUT – WARS; FAMINES; EARTHQUAKES; PESTILENCES; METEORS
 - b) THE SECOND SERIES OF VISIONS SHOWS “WHO THE MAJOR PLAYERS ARE”
 - 1) THE 144,000 JEWISH EVANGELISTS; THE 2 WITNESSES; THE ANTICHRIST, THE WORLD'S RELIGIOUS LEADER
6. WE MENTIONED A FEW MINUTES AGO THAT THE CHRONOLOGY SEEMS TO BE

OUT OF ORDER

a) WORKING WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND MAKES THE BOOK OF REVELATION MAKE SENSE.

7. WE MUST FIND A NEW WAY TO INTERPRET THE BOOK OF REVELATION

a) PREVIOUSLY: WE'VE WANTED TO INTERPRET SYMBOLS AND EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

b) RATHER: THE SECRET MAY BE TO UNDERSTAND THE MECHANICS AS TO HOW THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS CONSTRUCTED.

c) IF WE HAD A GRASP OF HOW REVELATION IS CONSTRUCTED – MANY ISSUES WOULD DISAPPEAR.

d) EXAMPLE AT HAND: REV. 10:11 “PROPHECY AGAIN”

1) A RUN-THROUGH DESCRIBING EVENTS

2) A SECOND RUN-THROUGH DESCRIBING THE PLAYERS

PRAYER: