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Revelation

I. Chapter 1

A. Introduction

1. Joel 2. We're in last days.
2. Deeper meanings are unfolding for fulfillment
3. Study for picture of whole book.
4. Book is not taught in denominations. Mystery.

B. What it is.

1. vs. 1. A revelation. Something to be revealed. A mystery.
 - a. The unveiling - Greek.
2. From God to show his servants.
3. vs. 3. Blessed are they that read and hear words of this prophesy.
4. Rev. 22:6-7. These sayings are faithful and true and sent to show servants.
 - a. Also, Rev. 22:16. These things are to be testified to in churches.

C. Scope of Book

1. vs. 19. Write things which have been (ch.1), things which are (ch. 2-3) and things which shall be hereafter (ch. 4-22).

D. Outline of Book

1. Ch. 1: Vision of the glorified Jesus
2. Ch. 2-3: Christ's message to 7 churches.
3. ch. 4-19: Great Tribulation
4. Ch.20: The Millenium
5. Ch. 21-22: Eternal State (new heavens & new earth)

This is chronological order what's going to happen.

Diagram: (Diagram will not reproduce. I have to # it. GWB)

#1) Cross

#2) 2,000 yrs Church Age Rev. 1-2.

*2nd Rev:15-19 Antichrist breaks covenant, and Great Tribulation starts. Dan. 12:1 Rev. 11:2

#3) 7 yrs. Great Tribulation Rev. 4-19 7 yrs. Rev. 4-19 Divided into 2 periods of 3 1/2 yrs. Dan. 9:27-first half-Israel enters covenant relationship w/Antichrist.

#4) 1,000 yrs. Christ comes with Saints

*1st Rev.4-11:15

#5) Millineum Rev. 20:11-15 Judgment of dead. Eternity ch. 21-22

Great tribulation is supernatural, not natural (atomic bomb, communism), events, Ch. 4-19.

1. John got vision of judgments in 3 series.

a. Sets them forth under: seals, trumpets and vials of wrath.

7 of these

b. Shows first of all a scroll. John sees 7 seals on the scroll

Can't see them all at once. There were seven in all. Under one another. Then under seals, were 7 trumpets. Then out of the trumpet, comes 7 vials of wrath.

- 1) A scroll that no one can open. Until Lamb of God.
- 2) Each judgment gets progressively worse.

2. The judgments continue through the end each. All going together.

3. Ch. 4:1. Great tribulation starts.

a. It's future event.

4. Ch. 5. He saw a book. 7 seals. (scroll). Lamb of Judah.

5. Ch. 6. Seals being opened.

a. Runs thru ch. 8. Saw 7 trumpet then.

6. Ch. 8-14. Seven trumpets.

7. Ch. 15. 7 last plagues. (ch. 16-7 vials of wrath)

E. Three views or interpretations

1. Historical - meaning for 7 churches of Asia, except ch. 21-22.

a. Already fulfilled

b. But for servants of God.

1) Says its for future

c. Some say progressively fulfilled through ages and now in tribulation.

2. Spiritual (general view)

a. Not literal, but means for church today.

3. Literal interpretation - right view.

- a. 1:19-Write down.
- b. Both historical and literal.
- c. Don't say something is spiritualized.

- 1) Like in Garden of Eden, serpent spoke
- 2) Says frogs came out, they did.
- a) Only may be evil spirits

F. Chapter One

1. Vision of glorified Jesus - vs. 1.

2. Unveiling about Jesus, which God gave to Jesus, given to angels, sent to John.

- a. John is author. Said he is.
- b. Wrote 95 A.D.
- c. Banished for gospel's sake. vs. 9. There because he preached too much.
- 1) Only original apostle not martyred.

3. Calls a revelation (of something to come)

4. Dan. 12:4-9

- a. Told Daniel to seal up and veil because not yet to know.
- b. Was for our day.

5. Rev. 22:10

- a. Told not to seal the book of prophesy, for times are at hand.
- b. Study Daniel and Zechariah.

6. Vs. 2-3

a. Question keeping ch. 4-19 because tribulation

- 1) But much to keep. ch. 2-3
- 2) But getting word in our heart to keep

7. Vs. 4-5

a. Him which is, and which was, and which is to come

- b. Seven Spirits - Holy Spirit
- c. And from Jesus Christ
- d. Trinity. Godhead.
- e. Kings of earth - we'll reign with Him. (Faithful One)

8. Vs. 7

a. He'll come with clouds, and every eye shall see him and those that pierced Him (Jews).

9. Vs. 9

10. Vs. 10-11

a. He was in the Spirit of the Lord's day.

- 1) He was caught up in the Spirit.
- 2) II Cor. 12. Paul was caught up.
- 3) Prophets visions.
- 4) Lord's day. First day of week. Sunday

a) Can't be under law of Sabbath.

b) Say no command to change Sabbath to Sunday.

(1) But no command to teach Trinity -- not mentioned in scripture--but he reveals himself.

c) Acts 20:6-7. First church observed Sunday. First day of week.

b. Heard a voice like a trumpet.

11. Vs. 12-16. 7 golden Lampstands seen. (A Menorah was drawn on the original outline GWB)

a. 7 branches in the temple.

b. In midst of lampstand, one like the son of man--his humanity.

1) golden - speaks of his deity

2) eternalness - white hair

a) Dan. 7 vision. Father Ancient of days.

3) eyes a flame of fire - omnipresence. He's everywhere.

4) feet as brass -- judgment and strength

5) voice like many waters- omnipotence

6) right hand 7 stars - power

7) out of mough a sharp two-edged sword--His Spirit

a) Rev. 19:15 -- sword to smite the nations

b) Heb. 4

c) Eph. 6

8) countenance as sun -- His glory.

12. Vs. 17

13. Vs. 18

1. Keys speak of right or ownership -- Hades (not hell--place of departed spirits).

1) He doesn't need keys to hell--Rev. 20 lake of fire--eternal death.

2. In O.T. it's Sheol. A place of departed spirits. Hades.

Just King James uses Hell.

a. American Standard Version is best. Not Revised Standard Version.

3. Righteous go to Abraham's bosom, a separate part of hades (Luke) - paradise. But Eph. 4, no believer ever goes to hades now he led captivity captive and ascendeth up on high to be with

Christ.

a. Phil 1. Be with Christ.

b. Were captive in death not torment.

14. Vs. 19.

15. Vs. 20. Jesus interprets what John saw. The symbols are explained.

*William Brannon.

Life Magazine. Great cloud. Angels. Meaning of seven seals. 1965

*Heb. 2. Angels are ministering spirits that give gift of healings. An angel over the church. Anointing in hands.

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