

## THE REVELATION & END TIMES (Part 11) – A SUMMARY OF THE WHOLE STUDY

Readings: Revelation 1:1-20, 22:7-21, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

1. **THE RESURRECTION OF LIFE (1 CORINTHIANS 15)** – This in itself is a summary of the entire doctrine of End Times and The Revelation – in short, it is the Gospel of Christ (Christ is God manifest in the flesh, He died and rose again, having borne our sins, He ascended into heaven to be the risen and reigning King of kings for all eternity, and He must reign until all enemies are under His feet, including death itself. When **He returns (once, at the end of the world - not 3 ½ years before it, not 7 years before it, not 1,000 years before it, but at the end of the world!)**, there is to be one physical resurrection of all humanity, one judgment – “then cometh the end”. **This one message, this one passage of Scripture explodes singlehandedly the prevailing false doctrines of Futurism, Dispensationalism, and Zionism! And the ‘bottom line’ is – THE RISEN CHRIST IS REIGNING NOW! (as Peter preached in Acts 2).**
2. **INTRODUCTION TO THE REVELATION (REVELATION 1)** – The Revelation was given to John, “**signified** by the angel” – i.e. delivered in **symbolic** visions – **THE REVELATION IS NEITHER LITERAL NOR HISTORICAL, BUT SYMBOLIC AND SPIRITUAL – IT IS THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IN SYMBOL. John was told at the introduction (1:3), “the time is at hand”, and this was repeated at the end – Revelation 22:10.**
3. **THE COMING OF THE LORD (REVELATION 22)** – In Revelation 1 & 22 the phrase appears, “the time is at hand”. The true Church has lived all its 2,000 years in the expectation that Christ would come at the end of the world, that the dead would be raised and all flesh stand before His judgment seat.
4. **THE FALL OF JERUSALEM AND THE END OF THE WORLD (MATTHEW 24)** – Jesus spoke here of the fall of Jerusalem, not the end of the whole world. This occurred in 70 AD, just 40 years later, according to Matthew 23:36 & 24:34, “this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled”. As Jerusalem was a type of the heavenly city (the church) (**Hebrews 12**), so the fall of Jerusalem was also a type of the judgment of the whole world – this is the only respect in which Jesus spoke of the end of the world here. It was the Jesuit Francisco Ribera who invented a literal 3 ½ year future tribulation, a future Antichrist, and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem, and he has fooled most Protestants with his Counter-Reformation lies!
5. **THE MILLENNIUM (REVELATION 20)** – We observed that this chapter is the only place in Scripture where the 1,000 years (i.e. 'millennium') is mentioned, and therefore, the only place in Scripture where we can establish our doctrine of the millennium from. MANY FOOLISH CLAIMS ARE MADE ABOUT THIS SUPPOSED 'MILLENNIUM' BASED ON OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES WHICH HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SUBJECT! And we see in **Revelation 20**, which does speak of the millennium, that, **contrary to popular following of the Jesuits and Dispensationalists, THE MILLENNIUM IS NEITHER ON EARTH, NOR IS IT LITERALLY 1,000 YEARS, BUT IT IS THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH THE DEPARTED SAINTS IN HEAVEN REIGN WITH CHRIST UNTIL HE COMES AGAIN TO RAISE THE DEAD AND JUDGE THE WORLD. Revelation 20: 4** And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again. *The “first resurrection” is a spiritual resurrection, not physical, but a heavenly reign of the departed saints with Christ, there is only one physical resurrection, at the end of the world, when Christ returns. The Futurists/Dispensationalist doctrines of many physical resurrections is heresy! The ancient creeds and Confessions of the Church historically uphold Christ’s one return, one resurrection, and one judgment.*
6. **THE LAST DAYS** – They began at the first advent of Christ (**Isaiah 2:1-5, Micah 4:1-2, Joel 2, Acts 2**); **They are the end of the Old Covenant and the beginning of the New – in short, they are the whole Christian era! Hebrews 1**, GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. *The last days are the days of Christ and also days of apostacy and of the Roman Antichrist, who shall deceive and trouble the Church until Christ returns and destroys him (2 Timothy 3, 2 Peter 3, 2 Thessalonians 2).*
7. **ISRAEL IN THE LAST DAYS – ROMANS 9-11.** PAUL GOES TO SUCH LENGTHS IN THESE FEW CHAPTERS TO SET FORTH PLAINLY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATURAL ISRAEL AND SPIRITUAL ISRAEL, THAT **IF ONLY SHE HAD READ WHAT PAUL HAS SAID, THE CHURCH COULD NEVER HAVE WIDELY ENTERTAINED THE IDEA OF A REVIVAL OF THE EARTHLY NATION OF ISRAEL – AND IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE RISE OF THE MILITANT ZIONIST MOVEMENT** around the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, with its mania to revive the nation of Israel, (which incidentally, has been the main cause of most of the wars to this day)..... AND ALL THE RHETORIC ABOUT OUR SO-CALLED '**JUDAEO-CHRISTIAN**' HERITAGE IS NOTHING BUT A LIE AND A HERESY! **JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY ARE COMPLETELY AT ODDS WITH ONE ANOTHER – THEY ARE COMPLETELY INCOMPATIBLE! MODERN JUDAISM REJECTS CHRIST – IT IS OF ANTICHRIST! THE JUDAISM OF 2,000 YEARS AGO CRUCIFIED CHRIST! ABRAHAM WAS NOT**

LIKE THIS – he believed in the promise of God to raise up a “Seed” Who would come in due time and be His Saviour! The “**all Israel**”, which Paul says shall be saved (*Romans 11:26*), is the same as the “Israel” throughout the Old and New Testaments, the “remnant,” the “elect,” not the natural Israelites but the spiritual, not the natural descendants of Abraham, but believers in Christ – neither Jew nor Greek but “all one in Christ Jesus” (*Galatians 3:28*), “28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God” (*Romans 2:28-29*) **THERE IS NO PLACE FOR THE NATION OF ISRAEL OR ANY OTHER NATION (AS GOD’S PEOPLE), BUT ONLY THAT “HOLY NATION” WHICH IS THE PECULIAR PEOPLE OF GOD, WHO ARE IN CHRIST! (*Deuteronomy 14:2, 1 Peter 2:9*).**

8. **Daniel 2, 7, Revelation 12, 13 – DANIEL’S VISIONS OF THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** While in captivity with the Jews in Babylon, the prophet Daniel was given special visions of the kingdoms and times leading up to the first advent of Christ and His establishment of His eternal kingdom which would supersede all the kingdoms of men. . . . **NB: DANIEL PROPHESED THAT UPON ALL THESE GREAT KINGDOMS OF MEN, DOWN TO THE ROMAN EMPIRE, CHRIST WOULD COME AND SET UP HIS ETERNAL KINGDOM: (Daniel 2:34-)** “a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.” ... **HE ALSO PROPHESED IN DANIEL 7, OF THE COMING OF ANTICHRIST AFTER THE ROMAN EMPIRE AND THE COMING OF CHRIST TO DESTROY HIM.... THIS IS LATER CONFIRMED BY PAUL IN 2 THESSALONIANS 2**
9. **Daniel 9 – DANIEL’S PROPHECY OF 70 WEEKS TO THE MESSIAH THE PRINCE.** This prophecy was all about the restoration of God’s people, from captivity in Babylon to Jerusalem, and the rebuilding of the temple and city, in preparation for the coming of “The Messiah The Prince.” **THE SEVENTY WEEKS PLAY OUT IN HISTORY AS SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN YEARS (490), FROM THE DECREE OF CYRUS KING OF PERSIAN TO LET THE JEWS RETURN AND REBUILD, TO CHRIST’S FIRST ADVENT, AND THE FINAL “WEEK” (7 YEARS) WAS THE CONFIRMING OF CHRIST’S COVENANT TO ISRAEL, FIRSTLY FOR 3 ½ YEARS BY CHRIST HIMSELF UNTIL HIS DEATH, THEN ANOTHER 3 ½ YEARS BY THE APOSTLES AFTER HIS DEATH. Daniel 9:24-27..... THE CLOSING VERSES OF THIS PROPHECY ALSO REACH AS FAR FORWARD AS THE DESTRUCTION (OR “DESOLATION”) OF JERUSALEM IN 70 AD BY THE ROMAN ARMIES, WHICH MARKED THE ABSOLUTE END OF THE OLD COVENANT PEOPLE AND INFLUENCE, AND THE JUDGMENT OF A PEOPLE WHO REJECTED THEIR MESSIAH (MATTHEW 22:7), BUT AS WITH ALL PROPHECY, THE ULTIMATE FOCUS IS CHRIST AND HIS KINGDOM – i.e. the Old Covenant superseded by the New, the shadows of Old Testament symbolic ritual overwhelmed by the noon day sun of Christ Himself! THE FUTURISTS AND DISPENSATIONALISTS, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE FALSE DOCTRINE OF THE JESUIT RIBERA, INSERT WHAT THEY CALL A ‘GAP’ OF 2,000 YEARS INTO THIS PROPHECY, and apply the words about the “prince” to the Antichrist instead of to Christ, which of course does violence to the plain language of the prophecy – THE WHOLE PROPHECY AND CONTEXT IN THIS CASE IS ABOUT CHRIST, NOT ANTICHRIST.**
10. **THE SYMBOLIC SEVENS OF THE REVELATION.** That *The Revelation* is symbolic, is clear from *ch 1* – the seven candlesticks, the seven stars, the seven spirits of God, the 144,000 (*ch 7*), the 1,000 years’ reign of the saints with Christ in heaven (*ch 20*) and much more. *All the obviously symbolic numbers throughout highlight the gospel nature of this book, showing God is with us in our tribulation and in our triumph over evil to the end.*
11. **Revelation 17 – MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** The Roman “beast”, the “dragon”, the Papal kingdom, the “little horn” of Daniel, and the woman who sits upon that beast. She is plainly revealed to be the Church of Rome, *Revelation 17:3-6*, “I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls. The “number of his name” (*ch 13*), is 666. Add up the values of the official Roman title of the Pope – *Vicarius filii Dei*.

**This brings us back to the final part of our study of *The Revelation*, which will be completed through the remaining chapters, God willing – *The Symbolic Sevens of The Revelation (which is an overview of the whole Revelation, highlighting the significance of symbolic numbers, especially “7”).* We saw at the beginning of the prophecy (*chapter 1*), that Christ “hath the seven Spirits of God” (*3:1*), that He “had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.” *And He explained to John the symbols: (1:20)*, “20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.” And He dictated seven letters to the seven Churches – **NB: *Hebrews 1:1***, in “these last days” God hath spoken unto us by His Son.” *And so, The Revelation is a final, glorious series of prophetic visions proclaiming the risen and reigning Christ, with His Church! “Blessed (indeed) is he that readeth” the Words of comfort in this prophecy! Amen.***

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