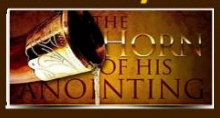
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Bible Study Group



He Changes the Hearts and Minds of All Who Receive Him

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Revelation 17: The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast

Good evening, welcome to our Friday Night Bible Study. Tonight, we begin our study of Revelation 17. In reading this chapter, we find that it expands far beyond the seventh bowl. We talked about the invoking of the judgment of the Lamb and the divine judgments carried out in the earth (John 5:22-29). In this chapter we will read, discuss and gain further understanding and clarity into the topics of this chapter:

1. The Scarlet Woman and the Scarlet Beast (verses 1-6)
2. The Meaning of the Woman and the Beast (verses 7-18)

According to the accusation, the kings of the earth practiced sexual immorality with her, and the inhabitants of the earth became drunk with the wine of her fornication. The harlot was drunk with the blood of the saints, covered with the filth of hell, and adorned with the wealth of the world. The mystery of Babylon is still at work today, and is even stronger and more sinful than ever (2 Timothy 3:1-5; 2 Peter 2:1-22).

Judgment of the Lamb Invoked

- The seven seal judgments are pour out:
  - 1st Seal was opened - The conqueror is released; he went out conquering and to conquer.
  - 2nd Seal was opened - Conflict is poured out; to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another.
  - 3rd Seal was opened - Scarcity is poured out; put simply, you will pay more for less and even then there will not be enough.
  - 4th Seal was opened - Widespread death is poured out; over ¼ of the earth would be killed with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.
  - 5th Seal was opened - The cry of the martyrs go out asking the Lord how long; the Lord said, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

- 6th Seal was opened - Cosmic disturbances are poured out; in this time, the wrath of God will be poured out from the heavens.
- 7th Seal was opened - Speaks to the prelude to the seven trumpets prepared to sound, and when the:
    - 1st trumpet sounds – the vegetation is struck.
    - 2nd trumpet sounds – the seas are struck.
    - 3rd trumpet sounds – the waters are struck.
    - 4th trumpet sounds – the heavens are struck.
    - 5th trumpet sounds – the locusts from the bottomless pit are released to kill 1/3 on mankind.
    - 6th - trumpet sounds – the four angels bound in Euphrates river are loosed.
    - 7th trumpet sounds – the kingdom is proclaimed; the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.

- The seven vials of judgment are poured out:
    - 1st vial of judgment poured out upon the earth – a foul and loathsome sore came upon those who had the mark of the beast and upon those who worshipped his image.
    - 2nd vial of judgment poured out seas – the seas became as blood.
    - 3rd vial of judgment poured out rivers and fountains of water – they became as blood.
    - 4th vial of judgment poured out upon the sun – men are scorch with great heat.
    - 5th vial of judgment poured out upon the seat of the beast – his kingdom became full of darkness and pain.
    - 6th vial of judgment poured out upon the great river Euphrates – its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared.
    - 7th vial of judgment poured out into the air – a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!"

Additional scripture has been added below to help us put things in perspective concerning the beginning and the end. When God began His blessed work in preparing for Himself a blessed people, the devil did likewise; and the first born son to Adam and Eve became Satan's first convert (Genesis 3:15; Genesis 4:1-15; Genesis 11:1-9; Genesis. 10:8-10; 1 John 3:10-16).

Old Testament	New Testament
The first Adam with his wife Eve in the Garden of Eden, reigning over the earth (Genesis 1:27-30).	The last Adam with his wife, the Church, in the City of God, reigning over all God created (Revelation 21:9; Revelation 21:3; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

Old Testament	New Testament
The gathering of the waters were called the seas (Genesis 1:9-10).	There will be no more sea (Revelation 21:1).
God created the sun and moon, the day and the night (Genesis 3:1-5,14-17)	There will be no night there and the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it because for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof (Revelation 22:5; Revelation 21:23).
The tree of life is denied to sinful man (Genesis 3:22-23).	The tree of life yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations (Revelation 22:1-2).
Cursed is the ground for thy sake (Genesis 3:17).	And there shall be no more curse (Revelation 22:3).
Satan appears to torment man for awhile (Genesis 3:1).	Satan disappears, himself to be tormented forever (Revelation 20:10).
The old earth was punished through a flood (Genesis 7:10-12; Isaiah 66:15–16;22).	The new earth shall be purified through a fire (2 Peter 3:5-12).
Man's early home was beside a river (Genesis 2:10-14).	Man's eternal home will be beside a river (Revelation 22:1).
Abraham goes to weep for Sarah (Genesis 23:1-2)	God himself wipe away all tears from their eyes (Revelation 21:4).
God destroyed an earthly city (Genesis 19:12-17).	God presents a heavenly city, new Jerusalem, from the skies (Revelation 21:2).
A believer in Egypt, lying in a coffin (Genesis 50:1-3;26).	All believers in eternity, reigning forever (Revelation 22:5; 2 Timothy 2:11-12); Romans 8:16-17).

The Faithful City Played the Harlot

- Isaiah 1:21-28 (How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers)
- Jeremiah 2:19-22 (Your own wickedness will correct you, and your backslidings will rebuke you)
- Nahum 3:4-7 (Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, the mistress of sorceries, who sells nations through her harlotries, and families through her sorceries)
- Isaiah 1:2-9 (Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the Lord has spoken. I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me)
- Isaiah 1:11-20 (To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me, says the Lord. I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle)
- Jeremiah 2:19-20 (Your own wickedness will correct you, and your backslidings will rebuke you)

- Nahum 3:1-7 (Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs)
- Revelation 19:2-5 (For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication)
- Jeremiah 51:5-8, 12-19 (Set up the standard on the walls of Babylon; make the guard strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes)
- Revelation 2:20-23 (Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants)

The End of Satan's Reign

- Revelation 12:1-6 (Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars)
- Revelation 12:13-17 (Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child)
- Revelation 13:1-4 (Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name)
- Revelation 13:11-17 (Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon)
- Revelation 18:1-8 (After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory)
- Revelation 18:21-24 (Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore)

The Just and the Righteous

- Daniel 11:32-35 (Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall 1corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits)
- Isaiah 26:7-17 (The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just)
- Isaiah 66:1-9 (Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?)
- Micah 4:6-10 (In that day, says the Lord; I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted)
- Revelation 3:2-5 (Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God)
- Revelation 6:9-11 (When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held)
- Revelation 11:3-7 (And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth)

- Revelation 11:11-14 (Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them)
- Revelation 11:15-19 (Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!)

The Return of Christ

- Galatians 4:22-31 (For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman)
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 (Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him)
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope)
- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-11 (And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time)
- Daniel 7:9-27 (I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of His head *was* like pure wool)
- Matthew 25:31-46 (When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory)
- Matthew 24:30-31 (Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory)
- 2 Timothy 4:1-4 (I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom)
- Revelation 1:18-20 (I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen)
- Revelation 1:1-3 (The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place)
- Revelation 14:6-13 (Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle)
- Revelation 14:14-20 (Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle)
- Revelation 16:17-19 (Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!")
- Revelation 19:1-2 (After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!)
- Revelation 21:1-9,22-27 (Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away)
- Revelation 22:1-5 (And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb)