

# Look-Back Review Revelation 1 to 5



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# Where we began: Revelation



- ❧ After several months in Daniel, we finally started studying Revelation
- ❧ We spent several months in chapter 1 and right off the bat we came across several treasures of truth, here again are some of those treasures:
  - ❧ Vision came from Father → Son → Angel → John
  - ❧ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” – speaking of both Son/Father
  - ❧ He is Coming with the Clouds
  - ❧ Every Eye Will See Him
  - ❧ In the Tribulation
  - ❧ The Keys of Death and Hades
- ❧ It took us 8 months to get through chapters 2-3 and walked through each of the 7 letters to the 7 churches



# Key Learnings from 7 Letters to 7 Churches



- ❧ Written to actual 7 historical first century churches
- ❧ Has within them
  - ❧ Promises for those who remain faithful
  - ❧ Warns of impending judgments for those who are unfaithful
- ❧ Not all believers will have the same rewards/crown
  - ❧ All believers will receive salvation, eternal life, but those who were martyred and faced severe tribulation will likely receive a distinctive reward (crown)
- ❧ It's written as examples of what to follow/not to follow for all churches of all time
  - 1 Cor 10:6 Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. – things written in both OT/NT are examples and warnings
- ❧ It's a parable of the state of the church in the end times
  - ❧ When Jesus came the 1<sup>st</sup> time, the Jews were apostate
  - ❧ When Jesus comes the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, the Church will be apostate
    - ❧ 1<sup>st</sup> letter (Ephesus) “left first love” to 7<sup>th</sup> letter (Laodicea) “because you are lukewarm”

# Where we began: Revelation



- ❧ For a couple of months we spent time walking through the majestic scene in the very throne room in heaven in chapters 4-5
- ❧ We got well acquainted with
  - ❧ The One Who Sits on the Throne
  - ❧ The Book Sealed with 7 Seals
  - ❧ The Lamb as if Slain
  - ❧ The 4 Living Creatures & The 24 Elders
  - ❧ A Strong Angel, 7 Spirits of God or 7 Angels
  - ❧ Myriads and myriads and thousands of thousands of heaven's angels

# Key Learnings from Revelation 4-5



- ❧ The One Who Sits on the Throne – is the Father
- ❧ The throne in heaven belongs to the Father
  - ❧ Jesus may very well have a seat to the right hand of the Father, nevertheless, the throne in heaven is the Father's throne
- ❧ The Father wrote the contents in the book/scroll in His right hand and sealed it with His heavenly royal signet ring 7 times (7 Seals)
  - ❧ The Father may very well be adorned with a breastpiece w/12 precious stones
    - ❧ “breastpiece of judgment” worn by the High Priest – Ex 28:15-30
- ❧ The contents in the 7 sealed book are lamentations, mourning, and woe
- ❧ The Lamb as if Slain alone was found worthy to take the book and break open its seals



# Key Learnings from Revelation 4-5



- ❧ The 4 Living Creatures are heaven's choir director with great authority
- ❧ The 24 Elders are likely the OT saints (OT prophets) who were raised and glorified AFTER Jesus rose from the dead:  
Matthew 27:50-53  
50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.
- ❧ A Strong Angel, 7 Spirits of God or 7 Angels are distinct angels given specific tasks
- ❧ Myriads and myriads and thousands of thousands are elect angels who did not join the rebellion and will wage war with Christ against Satan and the fallen angels who rebelled during the Great Armageddon

# Where we left off: Revelation



- ✧ We started chapter 6 and the breaking of the 1<sup>st</sup> Seal and then went on quite a bit of an excursion
- ✧ First the excursion...

# Excursion



- ✧ Equality with God
- ✧ Unashamed of the Godhead
  
- ✧ These 2 studies were really a by-product of years of study at least for me
- ✧ It can be said that after plowing the Word for 20+ years it was time for that Word implanted in me to bear its fruit
- ✧ Here were some of those truths and learnings...



# Key Learnings from Both Studies



- ❧ Jesus is and was in fact GOD IN THE FLESH, but Jesus is and was NOT God the Father in the flesh
  - ❧ Jesus asked His disciples ‘Who do you say that I am?’
  - ❧ Peter answered “You are the CHRIST, the SON OF THE LIVING GOD” – Mt 16:16
- ❧ The disciples’ confession is our confession as well
  - ❧ JESUS IS AND WAS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD IN HUMAN FORM

# Key Learnings from Both Studies



✧ Although Jesus is and was GOD IN THE FLESH, there were some limitations even to His greatness and omniscience compared to the Father:

John 14:28 (Jesus's Own lips) You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, **for the Father is greater than I.**

Matthew 24:36 (Jesus speaking) "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, **nor the Son, but the Father alone**

# Key Learnings from Both Studies



✧ Not to mention, the truth that Jesus called the Father “My God”

As He was dying on the cross He cried out “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?” – Mt 27:46, Mk 15:34

In the letter to Sardis Jesus said there “Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.” – Rev 3:2

In the letter to Philadelphia Jesus said there “He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name.” – Rev 3:12



# Key Learnings from Both Studies



- ❧ So although Jesus is and was God, the Christ, the Son of God in the flesh, He is and was not the Father, He is not greater than His Father, He is not as omniscient as His Father – in fact the Father is His God and our God too
- ❧ Thus, when Jesus was calling God His own His Father claiming equality with God in John 5 or when Paul speaks of the humiliation and exaltation of Christ in Phi 2, this did not mean that Jesus and the Father are 50/50! Nor does this does not mean that the Father/Son/Holy Spirit are 1/3 equal and that No One in the Godhead is greater than the other

The truth in the matter is:

- ❧ The Father is the Undisputed Greatest God! God Almighty! Most High God!

# Key Learnings from Both Studies



- ❧ When the Scripture speak of Jesus being equal with God, it is simply to be understood that Jesus is to be treated equally the same as His Father
- ❧ The Father's will is that all would honor the Son as they honor Him
- ❧ Apart from the Father, Jesus alone is to be fully worshiped, adored and obeyed!

# Key Learnings from Both Studies



- ❧ What about the Holy Spirit? – can't get too much into it, I'm still waiting for His Word to bear fruit in my heart, but I can say a few things
- ❧ It's is the Father's Spirit – Mt 3:16, Jn 4:24 ("God is Spirit")
- ❧ It is Jesus's Spirit – Act 16:7
- ❧ He is the Helper, Comforter, our Teacher sent by the Father in the Son's Name – Jn 14:26
- ❧ It is the Holy Spirit who gives eternal life and we cannot be born again apart from Him – Jn 3
- ❧ Thus, we cannot be born again, know and have faith in the Father and the Son apart from the Spirit's redeeming work!



# Key Learnings from Both Studies



- ✧ This in a nutshell was the excursion we took in our Equality with God and Unashamed of the Godhead studies
- ✧ Now talk about an excursion!
- ✧ We took another excursion as well...

# Where we left off: Olivet Discourse



- ❧ As if that wasn't enough, we also did a mini series in the Great Olivet Discourse
  - ❧ The Days will Come parts 1 and 2
- ❧ But we will pick things up here and our key learnings from the Great Olivet Discourse mini series, then what we've covered so far in the breaking of the 6<sup>th</sup> seal for our next study
- ❧ Amen. Amen