

THE TWO SEEDS

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INTRODUCTION

1. Last SS - 2 ages - 1C 15:44b-49
2. 2 realms of created reality: earth & heaven - Isa 66:1-2
 - i. God, as God, exists transcendent to heaven & to glorified cosmos
 - 1 ii. Paganism = God exists w/i realm of creation.

1st: The Story of the Enmity

1. Dualities & contrasts of Rv - Gn 3:15
 - i. 2 seeds: individual [Lamb & Dragon] & collective - people
 - ii. *enmity*: hostility, animosity, to be enemies: warfare
 - iii. Conflict to the death: *bruise* [Job 9:17; Ps 139:11]
 - a. LXX [Septuagint]: guard. Vulgate - 2 dif verbs - *crush* [*conterere*] & *lie in wait* [*insidari*]. Some Hebrew scholars suggest - "trample under foot" & "to gasp, pant after"
 - b. Cain murders Abel - religious wars of OT w/ pagan nations
 - c. Gal 4:29 2 seeds - 2 kinds of birth - 2 ages
 - d. Jesus' ministry [1Jn 3:8; Mat 12:29]
 - e. Cross - [Lk 22:3]; Lk 22:53 *power of darkness* - legal.
 - 1) Lk 10:18 - 1Jn 2:1
 - 2) In Rv we learn that we live life here in rln to heaven
 - f. R 16:20
 - g. Rv 20:10
 2. Look at Gal 4:29 again.

2nd: The meaning of "Revelation"

1. Latin: *revelatio*: unveiling - draw back curtain to disclose what is there but unseen unless unveiled. Grk: *apocalypsis* - from + to cover
 - i. The revelation from Jesus about Jesus.
2. Paul's *mystery* - Eph 3:8-11

3. What is unveiled in Rv? 1] enthroned Jesus; 2] unfolding of God's purposes; 3] enmity - warfare; 4] final victory of Lamb. Rv 17:14
4. Rv informs us of what is present & what is future based on what has happened in the past.
 - i. Past - Rv is saturated w/ OT
 - ii. Present - our redemption accomplished by Jesus & applied to us by Holy spirit - the already.
 - iii. Future - the not yet. Cf. AntiX [1Jn 4:3 - 2Th 2:3ff].
 - a. Structure of Rv is key.
 - b. Woman in labor: contractions culminating in climatic contraction - repetitive rehearsal of Ch-Age in 7 cycles - progressively approaching the Eschaton [The End] so that as the revelation of judgment intensifies; more & more is rev'd re: the End w/ the greatest description of new cosmos: the eschatological Eden.
5. King Jesus directs us in battle - we will overcome if we follow orders & fight w/ courage.
6. This warfare is so unusual that it must be revealed - involves history & supra-history: men & angels - all depends on union w/ Jesus.

3rd: Concluding Encouragement

1. The necessity of Biblical view of reality: of what "is".
2. Creator//creation as including visible & invisible. God exists as God [LBC 2:1] & transcends the invisible places of heaven.
3. Modern scientific man is thoroughly pagan [saeculum] - knows of only one realm of being.
4. We should not think that God exists as God in heaven. Heaven is still part of the created realm in wh/ our glorified Jesus reveals the Father to angels & disembodied men.
5. Rv is not unscientific, but it must be revealed: Rv 1:1 *The Revelation of Jesus Christ!*