

THE REVELATION OF GOD'S GRACE

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INTRODUCTION

1. Rv 20:7-8 tonite survey the past & see the present & glimpse the future.

1st: God Is Revealed His Compassion and Grace in the Exodus to Israel

1. Ex 34:6-7. Definition of "YHWH": God of Israel: Creator of mankind.
2. Expelled Adam but gave provisions of redemptive religion.
 - i. Promise of Seed [Gn 3:15]
 - ii. Provision of Sacrifice [Gen 3:21]
 - iii. Prospect of Sacred Soil [Gn 3:23-24]
 - iv. Privilege of Sabbath [Gn 4:3]
 - v. Fallen man is given revelation of God's compassion & grace
3. As warned, Adam did die - YHWH by no means leaves guilty unpunished.
4. Adam abdicated his domain to Satan. Mankind is comprised of 2 kinds of sons, spiritual families; 2 kinds of life: lived to Lord or to idol of self.
5. Man lives in a world under God's curse - but salvaged in common grace so as not to revert back to the chaos of Gn 1:2 - formless, void, dark: hell.
6. Culture of Cain: false worship, violence, lawlessness - Lamech.
7. Seth & others *call upon the name of the Lord* [Gn 4:26]. Gn 5 = genealogy of men to whom redemptive religion was entrusted & some believed.
 - i. *Enoch walked w/ God* [Gn 5:24] - type of resurrection
 - ii. Noah's father believed - *Noah & rest*: Noah is a Christ-figure.
8. Gn 6-9 Noah & Flood. A world of demonic idolatry.
9. Tower of Babel - religious rebellion. Promises of grace conveyed thru Shem to Terah to Abram - who, when God called him *worshiped other gods* [Josh 24:2]. Ab knew to worship God w/ altars/sacs: given promises re: seed & soil [Gn 15:13ff - told of Exodus generation]
 - i. Dark & demonic men - Sodom [Gn 19] Israel [Jdg 20-21] - Ezek 16:49
 - ii. Egypt? 10 plagues attack their gods - Satanic deception
 - iii. Only Ab's family given saving grace; nations under demonic deception
10. Ex 34:6-7 Creator & Judge of mankind - God of Ab, Isaac, Jacob: faithful to promises to Ab. Most in OCov theocracy not believe [Ezek 20:5ff]. But there is a remnant: true Israel, Isaacs, children of promise - alive by HS & relate to God's revelation by faith - taught to trust in God's provisions.
 - i. They know Lord rev'd v6-7a - compassionate grace & believe truth of v7b - righteous wrath. They worship & are taught to hope in Messiah.
 - ii. YHWH: grace & wrath - grace rev'd to Israel, wrath to nations.
 - iii. YHWH demonstrates His purposes for mankind in His treatment of Ab's seed. The true Passover Lamb effects the true Exodus for the true Israel to come to the true Promised Land of eternal Sabbath Rest.

2nd: God Reveals His Compassion and Grace In Jesus Christ to All Men

1. Earth has entered new epoch of Redemptive History foretold in OT.
 - i. The same YHWH of Ex 34:6-7 now revealing His compassionate grace to men everywhere, not just Ab's tribal family.
 - ii. Jesus reveals YHWH as God of compassion & grace
2. YHWH is revealed in the Son: 1st coming = rev of mercy; 2nd coming = rev of wrath. Jesus warns of hell more than anyone before or since.
 - i. Rejection of Jesus -> revelation of wrath - [2Th 1:8-9].
 - ii. YHWH forgives sinners & punishes the guilt - how? JESUS
3. How are we to view Jesus revealed in 1st coming?
 - i. Tit 2:11 J = appearance of saving grace rev'd to all men
 - ii. Tit 3:4 kindness & love to man appeared - He is *our Savior*
 - iii. 1T 4:10 mankind's only Savior - *esp'ly of believers* - 2T 2:10

Applic #1: Understand the Depth of the Darkness in Which Men Outside Christ Live

1. Common grace but common curse - apart from Christ men are *strangers to covenants of promise, having no hope & w/o G in the world* [Eph 2:12b].
2. Fall -> deep demonic deception & death

Applic #2: Marvel and Tremble with Astonished Joy That You are In Christ

1. The *day of salvation* has come & you are recipients of the revelation of God's grace in Jesus. Amazing.
2. Why? B/c God has purposed to be gracious to you in faithfulness to Ab for the glory of Jesus. Amazing.