

# ESCHATOLOGY

GOD'S FINAL CHAPTER

Week 8 – 12

Revelation – God's Literal Final Chapter



05-17-2005

HEY, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?  
... YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED EXPLAINING  
THAT "RAPTURE" THING YET

# REVELATION

✧ **Biblical Truth:**

*The kingdom of Christ will reign forever  
and forever*



# REVELATION

Key Verse(s) – Revelation 11.15-18 (NIV):

*<sup>15</sup>The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever." <sup>16</sup>And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,*



# REVELATION

**Key Verse(s)** – Revelation 11.15-18 (NIV):

*<sup>17</sup>saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. <sup>18</sup>The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great—and for destroying those who destroy the earth."*



# REVELATION

## ☞ Key Applications

- ... God calls us to action to live out our beliefs
- ... The wrath of God is a terrible thing to witness – we do not want any of our friends, family, acquaintances to go through this



# REVELATION

## ☞ Key Symbolism

(9.1) fallen star – is Satan (see Isaiah 14.2)

(11.4) 2 olive trees and 2 lampstands that stand before the earth (see Zech 4.3-6) – Oil from the olive trees represents the Holy Spirit – Lampstands represent light of Jesus

(12.1) Women clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, crown of 12 stars on her head – represents the nation of Israel from the beginning



# REVELATION

## ☞ Key Symbolism

(12.3) enormous red dragon with 7 heads and 10 horns –  
Represents Satan and the anti-christ during the  
tribulation

(13.1) Beast coming out of the sea – represents the anti-Christ  
– coming from a powerbase across the Mediterranean Sea

(13.11) Beast coming out of the earth – represents the false  
prophet – coming from the land surrounding Israel



# REVELATION

## 1. Trumpet Judgments (Ch's 8 - 11)

- ☞ Trumpet represents the call of God that precedes judgment – direct divine intervention
- ☞ Seal judgments relate to title deed – Trumpets are a call to worship and the trumpet judgments relate to worshipping Satan / Anti-Christ
- ☞ Brought about at the end of the seal judgments
- ☞ Trumpet judgments happen in rapid succession
- ☞ Characteristic is silence / Awe



# REVELATION

## 2. Prelude (8.1-5)

- ☞ 7 Angels standing before the throne of God – have always been standing there for this specific purpose
- ☞ Another angel with a golden censer – contains the prayers of the saints
- ☞ Hurls it to earth – action in Heaven has direct result on earth – another earthquake



# REVELATION

## 3. 1st Trumpet (8.6-7)

☞ Hail mixed with fire and blood

☞ Burns up 1/3 of the earth, 1/3 of the trees and all green grass – reduces oxygen – makes breathing difficult



# REVELATION

## 4. 2nd Trumpet (8.8-9)

☞ Huge mountain on fire thrown into the sea

☞ 1/3 of the sea turns into blood, 1/3 of living creatures in the sea die, 1/3 of all ships destroyed

☞ Reduces water makes it difficult to survive



# REVELATION

## 5. 3rd Trumpet (8.10-11)

☞ Great star hurled into the sea –

☞ Wormwood means “bitterness” – literally poisonous

☞ 1/3 of the fresh water is poisoned and many people die



# REVELATION

## 6. 4th Trumpet (8.12)

☞ 1/3 sun darkened

☞ 1/3 of the moon / stars are darkened

☞ 1/3 of day and 1/3 of the night without light



# REVELATION

## 7. 1<sup>st</sup> Woe (8.13)

- ☞ Woe – warning – be awake / be aware – pay attention – oral warning
- ☞ Note this woe doesn't end until after the 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet judgment
- ☞ God is giving the people of earth the last chance for redemption



# REVELATION

## 8. 5th Trumpet (9.1-12)

- ☞ he is allowed to open the abyss - This is a special hole where demons are kept
- ☞ demonically possessed / controlled Locusts – However God is still ultimately in control
- ☞ These locusts will not harm earth, trees, grass, NOR those saints with God's seal on their foreheads



# REVELATION

## 8. 5th Trumpet (9.1-12) (cont.)

- ☞ Will sting but will not kill – men will not be able to commit suicide
- ☞ Leader of locusts is fallen angel who has been locked in abyss – *Abaddon* – destruction and *Apollyon* – destroyer – since John gives both Hebrew and Greek names suggesting that demon will attack both Jews and Gentiles



# REVELATION

## 9. 6th Trumpet (9.1-12)

- ☞ Four bound angels – fallen angels who God has bound for this very hour
- ☞ River Euphrates – where the flood began / where the tower of babel stood – where Babylon was built – where world govt and world religion began – long associated with astrology / idolatry / demon worship / witchcraft / etc.



# REVELATION

## 9. 6th Trumpet (9.1-12) (cont.)

☞ 200 Million person army – kills 1/3 of the remaining population

☞ V.20 – they still did not repent



# REVELATION

## 10. Mighty Angel (ch 10)

- ☞ Mighty Angel – Not Christ – (i.e. in the Greek, He is not identified as “The Angel”)
- ☞ V.1 – see his credentials / ID –
  - ... Robed in a cloud – identifies that Christ is coming soon – God is God of grace
  - ... Rainbow circling his head – rainbow around throne of God – God keeps His promises
  - ... Face shines like the sun – Shekinah glory of God – God’s presence – God will not let the earth destroy itself
  - ... Legs – pillars of fire – God’s judgment



# REVELATION

## 10. Mighty Angel (ch 10) (cont.)

- ☞ V. 2 a little scroll – stands in the water and land and claims the world for God
- ☞ V. 3 when he shouted – God speaks (voice of the 7 thunders)
- ☞ Before the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet – mystery of God is revealed – salvation by faith – those that are saved are reinstated to the fellowship of God – full mystery is accomplished – no more believers
- ☞ Eating the scroll – Word of God is portrayed as the living water and the eternal manna – sign that the word of God must be internalized – bittersweet because the ending is great but the suffering is not



# REVELATION

## 11. The two witnesses (11.1-14)

- ☞ The gentiles will control Jerusalem for the last half of the tribulation
- ☞ The two witnesses will be OT saints who the Jews can identify – will testify to Christ – see Mal 4.5-6 – we know that one of the witnesses will be Elijah
- ☞ Two witnesses because in OT law requires 2 witnesses



# REVELATION

## 11. The two witnesses (11.1-14) (cont.)

- ☞ When God grants the ability for the anti-Christ to kill them the world will celebrate
- ☞ They will come back to life after 3 days
- ☞ Severe earthquake – 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the city collapses and 7000 people killed
- ☞ Survivors are terrified and give glory to God
- ☞ 2<sup>nd</sup> woe is passed



# REVELATION

## 12. The 7th Trumpet (11.15-19)

- ☞ The 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet marks the beginning of the end for the Anti-Christ and God's divine judgment on mankind
- ☞ The whole earth will see God's throne room opened – and the ark of the covenant
- ☞ Contrast the praise with total silence at the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal leading to the trumpet judgments



# REVELATION

## 13. The Women and The Dragon and the 2 Beasts (Ch 12-13)

- ☞ Satan attempts to kill Christ
- ☞ Israel will go into hiding for the last ½ of the tribulation
- ☞ At the mid-point of the tribulation – Satan is thrown out of heaven by Michael and loses his access to heaven / throne room
- ☞ This enrages him and he now knows his time is short so he goes off to make war – against the saints of God



# REVELATION

## 13. The Women and The Dragon and the 2 Beasts (Ch 12-13) (cont.)

- ☞ Assassination attempt made on the anti-Christ – but he will appear to have died and be resurrected – FAKE!!!! –
- ☞ Satan wants to be worshiped – people of the earth will be amazed and start to worship –
- ☞ Anti-Christ will blaspheme God – i.e. declare himself God, slander His name and His dwelling place – will be very profane about God and Heaven



# REVELATION

## 13. The Women and The Dragon and the 2 Beasts (Ch 12-13) (cont.)

- ❧ False prophet – represents one world religion
- ❧ Forces the world to worship the image of the anti-christ or die
- ❧ The mark of the beast – note that Satan is NOT omniscient – he must use the mark to identify his own



# REVELATION

## 14. The Lamb, First fruits and the harvest of the earth (Ch 14)

- ☞ The 144000 are identified earlier in Revelation – Jews who recognize Christ and are marked – in addition to those that are marked by God
- ☞ They deserve a special place in heaven



# REVELATION

## 14. The Lamb, First fruits and the harvest of the earth (Ch 14) (cont.)

☞ Three angels with three warnings

- ... 1<sup>st</sup> – Fear God – Letting people know they only have 2 choices – fearing God or following Anti-Christ – God’s last warning
- ... 2<sup>nd</sup> – Babylon is fallen – represents the end of 1 world religion – God is showing that the false religion is not true – part of God’s last warning
- ... 3<sup>rd</sup> – DO NOT TAKE THE MARK – God is giving every person 1 last chance to accept God and reject Satan

☞ The harvest of the earth is the end – Christ’s return and the gathering of the evil into the great winepress of God’s wrath –

