

# Agents of the Apocalypse, David Jeremiah

## Chapter 1 Notes

John, the first agent of the apocalypse and author of The Book of Revelation

### **A prophetic book:**

Rev 1:1 “the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants- things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John.”

### **A personal book:**

Rev 1:1-2 “John...bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw.”

### **A pictorial book:**

More than 39 symbols used

### **A profitable book:**

Rev 1:3 “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”

Rev 22:7 “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of prophecy of this book.”

- profitable for personal application
- profitable for public assembly
- profitable for prophetic anticipation

### **A practical book:**

- studying prophecy motivates us to live productive lives
- studying prophecy motivates us to live positive lives
- studying prophecy motivates us to live pure lives

### **The Beatitudes of Revelation**

1. “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written in it.” Rev 1:3
2. “Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” Rev 14:13
3. “Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.” Rev 16:15
4. “Blessed are those called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” Rev 19:9

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5. "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years." Rev 20:6
6. "Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." Rev 22:7
7. "Blessed are those who do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city." Rev 22:14

#### **A purposeful book:**

Rev 1:7-8 The 2-fold purpose of the entire book:

1. Affirm Christ's return
2. Affirm His ultimate reign over the earth

#### **The return of the King:**

Rev 1:7 "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him."

#### **The reign of the King:**

Rev 1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Dan 7:13-14 "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed."

Rev 22:20 "Even so, come Lord Jesus!"

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## Chapter 2 Notes

### The Martyrs

Stephen: Acts 7 stoned  
 James: Acts 12:1-2 beheaded  
 Polycarp: burned at the stake  
 Antipas: Rev 2:13 executed (Pergamos)

Christians under Domitian, Roman Christians in arenas, Medieval believers in the Inquisition, Huguenots and other Protestants in the Reformation, Chinese in the Boxer Rebellion, Russian believers to slave labor and Siberia

Deuteronomy 28:64-67

### The Context of their Martyrdom:

Rev 6:9 "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."

### The Cause of their Martyrdom:

Their testimony  
 Samuel: 1 Sam 3; Elijah: I Kings 18; Isaiah: Is 64; Jeremiah: Jer 40; Jonah: Jonah 3;  
 Jesus: Matt 24

### The Consequence of their Martyrdom:

In the Old Testament the blood was poured out under the altar of the blood sacrifice.  
 (Exod 29:12)

### The Cry of their Martyrdom:

Rev 6:10 "They cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long. O Lord. Holy and true, until you judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

### The Comfort of their Martyrdom:

Rev 6:11 "A white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed."

- a refuge
- a robe
- a rest
- a retribution
- a reward

### The Courage of their Martyrdom:

An example for us!  
 A Christian today is martyred every 4-5 minutes.

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## Chapter 3 Notes

### The 144,000

#### **Selected from the twelve tribes of Israel:**

Rev 7:4 "I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of Israel were sealed."

#### **Sealed on their foreheads:**

Rev 7:2-3 "I saw another angel descending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' "

- Noah and his family sealed apart from the rest of human beings on the ark
- Lot and his family-escaped Sodom's judgment of fire from heaven
- Jewish families sealed from plague on Egypt by blood over their doorposts
- Rahab and her household sealed against judgment with a scarlet cord
- Elijah-God sealed 7,000 Israelites who had not bowed their knee to Baal

#### **Servants of the Living God:**

Rev 7:3 People who have not bowed the knee to the Anti-Christ

2 Cor 1:21-22: "He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us in God, who has already sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."

Eph 1:13: "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."

Eph 4:30: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Joel 2:28-32 = A description of the 144,000 who will speak prophecies by the power of the Holy Spirit, see visions and participate in Tribulation miracles.

#### **Separated unto God:**

Rev 14:4 "These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins."

#### **Strong in their faith:**

Rev 14:4-5 "These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes...and in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God."

#### **Spared from coming judgment:**

Rev 7:1-3 The angel of divine protection keeps the faithful 144,000 preachers from the judgment of God.

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### **Secure in the midst of the Tribulation:**

Rev 14:1 "I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him one hundred forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads."

### **Successful in their ministry:**

Rev 7:9 "After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hand."

### **Set apart for the Kingdom:**

Rev 7:14 "These are the ones who have come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

### **Singing a new song:**

Rev 14:1-3 "They sang a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the 144,000 who were redeemed from the earth."

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## Chapter 4 Notes

### The Two Witnesses

#### Their personalities:

Rev 11:3 "I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." (Elijah and Moses?)

#### Their prophecies:

Rev 11:3 Why sackcloth? A sign of mourning.

Their message: judgment of the Jews first, then judgment on the Gentiles

Two witnesses = legal necessity according to Jewish Law

#### Their power:

Both words and deeds will be empowered bringing conviction to their hearers to repent and turn to God. People will attempt to silence them thru death.

1. in preaching:
  - that Jesus is Lord of all the earth
  - testify as to human wickedness
  - warn of more terrible judgments from God
  - will decry the demands of the Anti-christ to be deified
  - will announce the coming judgment on Jerusalem
  
2. in action-the plagues:
  - the plague of death
  - the plague of drought
  - the plague of disease

#### Their persecution:

Rev 11:7: "When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, and kill them."

- their death- Rev 11:7
- the display of their bodies for 3 1/2 days in Jerusalem - Rev 11:8  
a mockery and dishonor, the delight of their enemies
- Their death will become a holiday with giving of gifts

Rev 11:10: "Those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth."

#### Their preservation:

Rev 11:11: "after three and one 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."

- their resurrection Rev 11:11
- their rapture-Rev 11:12
- their revenge: an earthquake in Jerusalem killing 7,000-Rev 11:13

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## Chapter 5 Notes

### The Dragon is Satan himself - Four Greats in Rev 12

- A "great sign"-a woman (Rev 12:1)
- A "great, fiery red dragon (Rev 12:3)
- A "great wrath" (Rev 12:12)
- Two wings of a "great eagle" (Rev12:14)

### The Great Sign of a Woman:

Rev 12:1-2: "A great sign appeared in heaven clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head, a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth."

- a symbol of Israel, the target of Satan's malevolence:  
Isa 26:17-18, Isa 66:7-8, Micah 4:10 & 5:3

Rev 12:5: "She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne."  
(This verse captures his incarnation, His ascension and His second coming.)

Rev 19:12: "Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

- Israel's Child is Christ Himself, Satan's nemesis

### The Great Dragon:

Rev 12:3-4, 9: Another sign appeared in the heaven, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil (NT) and Satan (OT), who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

- a description of his nature, not his appearance!
- His original name is "Lucifer", star of the morning
- Satan's activity mimics his nature: he deceives by hiding the hideous nature of sin under the facade of attractiveness
- He is vicious, vile and ferocious 'A murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44)
- Satan means "adversary"- a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8)
- "devil" - "diabolos" means "slanderer"
- The "accuser of the brethren" (Rev 12:10)

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Satan's Power: He counterfeits Christ

- 7 heads symbolize the idea of distinct intelligence, with horns, a symbol of strength, a crowned monarch and "ruler of this age" (Eph 6:12) and "prince of this world" (John 12:31, John 14:30, John 16:11), the god of this age" (2 Cor 4:4) subjects: evil men and women
- "the prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2) subjects: evil spirits

Satan's Partners: A third of God's angels (demons)

"depart from me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devils and his angels." (Matt 25:41)

"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Eph 6:12)

Satan's Purpose: Destroy the Child

- has tried to destroy Israel and to keep this King from appearing all thru history; Esau, Pharoah, David's line, Haman, King Herod, Satan's 3 temptations of Jesus, and finally, the crucifixion. Satan thought he had won, but then came the Resurrection of Jesus, thwarting Satan's purpose!

### **The Great War:**

Rev 12:7-8: "War broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer."

- Michael vs Satan
- Satan-led angels vs God-led angels
- Satan-led people vs God-led people

A praying church will determine the outcome on many fronts!  
(ex. Daniel in Daniel 10)

2 Cor 10:4-5: "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

The church, working in partnership with God and His holy angels, will enforce the victory over Satan and his angels at the cross.

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### **The Great Wrath:**

Rev 12:12: "Rejoices you heavens and all who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

- wrath: "strong passion or emotion"
- Donald Barnhouse compares Satan to a caged animal-unleashed! "raging because he knows his end is near, he throws insane strength of the death struggle into all his movements."

An aggravated assault, an anti-Semitic assault, an angry assault  
(Rev 12:13;15 and verse 17)

### **The Great Wings:**

Rev 12:14,16: "The woman was given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent...but the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of its mouth."

God will preserve and protect a Godly remnant of His people!

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## Chapter 6 Notes

### Who is the Antichrist?

100 passages describe him in the Bible, 5 times in New Testament “antichrist” used

- “anti” means against or instead of
- aliases for antichrist:
  - the little horn (Dan7:8)
  - the king of fierce features (Dan 8:23)
  - the one who understands sinister schemes (Dan 8:23)
  - the prince who is to come (Dan 9:26)
  - the one who makes desolate (Dan 9:27)
  - the willful king (Dan 11:36)
  - the man of sin (2 Thes 2:3)
  - the rider on the white horse (Rev 6:2)
  - “the beast” (Rev 11:7)
  - the beast rising up out of the sea (Rev 13:1)
  - the son of perdition (2 Thes 2:3)
  - the lawless one ( 2 Thes 2:8)

### The Counterfeit Christ:

#### Christ

Son of God (John 1:34)  
 Holy One (Mark 1:24)  
 Came down from heaven (John 3:13)  
  
 Energized by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:14)  
 Does the Father's will (John 6:38)  
 Cleansed the temple (John 2:14-16)  
 Man of sorrows (Isa 53:3)  
 Humbled himself (Phil 2:8)  
 Called “the Lamb” (John 1:36)  
 Received up to heaven (Luke 2:24)

#### Antichrist

Son of perdition (2 Thes2:3)  
 Lawless One (2 Thes 2:8)  
 Came up from the bottomless pit (Rev 11:7)  
 Energized by Satan (Rev 13:4)  
 Does His own will (Dan 11:36)  
 Defiles the temple (Matt 24)  
 Man of sin (2 Thes 2:3)  
 Exalts himself (Dan 11:37)  
 Called “the Beast” (Rev 11:7)  
 Sent to the lake of fire ( Rev 19:20)

Dan 2,7 seems to indicate that he will likely come from some European nation  
 (which is the old Roman Empire)

### His preparation:

Dan 8:23-24: “In the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes. His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; he shall destroy fearfully, and shall prosper and thrive; he shall destroy the mighty, and also the holy people.”

Rev 13:1: “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.”

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- "later times" or "last days" refers usually to the Tribulation period
- "sea" refers not to water but to the nations
- Daniel prophesied that the prince or Antichrist, would come from the people who would destroy the city of Jerusalem and Herod's Temple (70 A.D.)
- Daniel also saw the "little horn that arose out of the ten horns on the fourth beast (Dan 7:7-8): Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, then the Roman Empire
- The most vicious persecutor of Jews

#### **His presentation:**

2 Thes 2:3-4, 7-8: "Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God...for the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; not only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed."

- a great falling away will occur among professing believers - the "apostasia" (acts 21:21)

Jesus said," Many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold." 1 Tim 4:1 says, "The Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith." Also 2 Tim 4:3-4 "For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."

- Contrary to what many think, this present age will end not in a time of revival, but in a time of apostasy (the abandonment or renunciation of a religious or political belief.). The Antichrist will not be revealed before the great apostasy occurs. The chaos of the world will set the stage for his arrival.
- "he who now restrains" (2 Thes 2:7-8) is the Holy Spirit. When the church is raptured, the restraining work of the Holy Spirit, who is now holding back the man of sin and keeping the world from utter lawlessness, will be removed, and the earth will be subject to the full effects of sin.

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### **His personality:**

Rev 13:5: "He was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies."

- boastful, pompous (Dan 7:25 & 7:7-8)
- voice that is commanding, authoritative, fluent and awe-producing, "the mouth of a lion." Rev 13:2
- physically impressive "His appearance greater than his fellows." Dan 7:20
- great intellect, "through his cunning...shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule" Dan 8:23,25

### **His plan:**

Dan 11:21: "He shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue"

- subdues 3/10 kings, thru clever manipulation
- gradual rise to power from obscurity by deceit, intrigue and then by force

### **His pride:**

Rev 13:6: "He opened his mouth to blaspheme against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven."

- He will also despise false gods: he shall magnify and exalt himself above every god." Dan 11:36
- He will try to change the moral & natural laws of the universe (Dan 7:25)

### **His peace treaty:**

Dan 9:27: "He shall confirm a covenant with many for one week...."

This symbolizes that he will make a 7-year treaty with Israel at the beginning of the Tribulation period, promising to protect the Jews from their many enemies.

...In the middle of the week, he will bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate." (Dan 9:27)

### **His Persecutions:**

Rev 13:7: "It was granted to [the Antichrist] to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation."

Also Dan 7:21,25. 8:24

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- "persecute" Hebrew word meaning "to wear out".
- will harass the Tribulation believers, and try to snuff them out-thru economic pressure and public seizure of goods when they refuse to take the mark of the Beast

Jesus said in His Olivet discourse, "There will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor shall ever be. And unless those days will be shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened."

#### **His Power:**

2 Thes 2:9: "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders."

#### **His Profaneness:**

Rev 13:4: "They worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, 'Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?'"

- the Antichrist breaks the treaty with Israel, surrounds Jerusalem with troops and seizes the newly constructed temple. Satan installs his man of sin as God in the temple.
- "When you see the 'abomination of desolation'. Spoken of by Daniel, the prophet, standing where it ought not, then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." Mark 13:14

#### **His Punishment:**

Dan 8:25: "He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without human means."

- "I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army." (Rev 19:19) also Zec 12:1-9 and Rev 16:16
- "the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming." (2 Thes 2:8)

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## Chapter 7 Notes

### **The Beast from the Earth: Rev 13**

#### **His Profile:**

Rev 13:11 "I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. And he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon."

- "the false prophet": Rev 16:13, Rev 19:20, and Rev 20:10
- like a lamb: humble, self-effacing-counterfeits the gentleness of Jesus. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves." Matt 7:15
- like a dragon he speaks: deceit and manipulation of the masses - a hypnotic effect.
- the third person of the unholy trinity

#### **His Purpose:**

Rev 13:12: "He exercises all authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

- to cause the people to worship and glorify the Antichrist
- unites the world around the Antichrist
- political power acts as an authority that forces, and religion acts as an attraction that draws, and together the two is virtually absolute power.

#### **His Power:**

"He performs great signs...in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell of the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast."

- his power comes from the Antichrist who receives power from Satan

Matt 24:24-25: "False christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See I (Jesus) have told you beforehand."

- Calls down fire from heaven: "He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men." (Rev 13:13)
- Commands that an image be built: " an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. (Rev 13:14) also Rev 13:15; 14:9,11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20 and 20:4 (13 times)
- Causes the image to breathe and speak: Rev 13:15, a demonic spirit possesses the image

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### **His Program:**

Rev 13:16-17: "He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

- sets up a comprehensive economic program-another counterfeit to the mark of the 144,000.
- required of everyone
- "charagma" (Greek)- the mark of the beast, a Tribulation trademark.
- Rev 13:18: This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man.[a] That number is 666.

### **His Punishment:**

Rev 19:20: "The beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone."

- sores will break out on those sealed with the mark of the beast, they will "drink the wine of the wrath of God"(Rev 16:1-2) and "shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angel and in the presence of the Lamb...forever and ever." (Rev 14:10-11)
- for those who refuse the mark: "I saw thrones, and they say on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived with Christ for a thousand years." (Rev 20:4)

Jesus said, "Do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt 10:28

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### Chapter 8

#### **“The Victor” Rev 19:11: “In righteousness and judgment, he makes war.”**

For more than two thousand years He has mercifully waited to execute His justice. As the time draws near, Christ will pull out all the stops to help us turn to Him before Judgment Day. He will dispatch two miracle working witnesses to warn of His coming wrath, and then will send an additional 144,000 witnesses to take to the whole world once more. But on the day when He leaves heaven with saints and angels, the era of His grace will end, and the hour of His wrath will come.

Faced with a world in rebellion, a world full of exploitation and wickedness, a good God must be a God of judgment.

#### **The Priority of His Return:**

Matt 24:30: “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory.”

- Second Coming references outnumber those referring to the First Coming 8:1
- OT: 1, 845 biblical references and 17 books
- NT: 23/27 books reference the Second Coming, 7/10 mention His return, 1/3 NT verses teach us about the return of Christ to the earth

#### **The Prediction of His Return:**

Heb 9:27-28: “As it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him. He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”

#### **His First Coming**

Born in obscurity (Phil 2:5-7)

Wrapped in swaddling clothes  
(Luke 2:7)

Surrounded by cattle (Luke 2:16)

The doors of the inn were closed  
(Luke 2:7)

Had the voice of a newborn baby  
(Luke 2:12)

The Lamb bringing salvation  
(John 1:29)

#### **His Second Coming**

Seen by every eye (Rev 1:7)

Wrapped in a royal robe dipped in blood  
(Rev 19:13)

Accompanied by the armies of heaven  
(Rev 19:14)

The doors of heaven will be opened  
(Rev 4:1)

Voice will sound like the voice of many waters  
(Rev 1:15)

The Lion bringing judgment  
(Rev 5:5)

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### **Prophesied by the prophets:**

**Enoch:** “Behold, the lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” (Jude 14-15)

**Daniel:** “I was watching in the night visions. And behold. One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and the kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:13-14)

**Zechariah:** “The Lord shall go forth and fight against those nations, as he fights in the day of battle. And in that day his feet will stand on the Mount of olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives will be split in two, from east to west, making a large valley; half of the mountain will move toward the north and half of it toward the south.” (Zechariah 14:3-4)

**Jesus:** “As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be ... Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heaven will be shaken. 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. And He will send His angels with a great sound of the trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” (Matt 24:27, 29-31)

**The Angels:** “Men of Gallilee , why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:11)

**Paul:** “The Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints.” (2 Thes 1:7-10)

**John:** “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.” (Rev 1:7)

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### Chapter 8 continued....

#### **The Place of His Return:**

Zech 14:4: "In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain will move toward the north and half of it toward the the south."

- location: the Mount of Olives
- timing: uncertain: "Of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only." (Matt 24:36)

#### **The Preparation for His Return:**

Rev 19:19 "I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army."

- The antichrist, the false prophet with armies from the ten nations of the revived Roman Empire will fight the armies of the Lord at Armageddon.

#### **The Portrayal of His Return:**

Rev 19:11: "I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war."

- His Names of God:** "the Word of God" (Rev 19:12-13)  
 "Faithful and True" (Rev 19:11)  
 "the Faithful and True Witness" (Rev 3:14)  
 "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" (Rev 19:16)

**His Eyes:** Like fire that burns up all that is false (Rev 1:14, 2:18, 19:12)

**His Crowns:** Will wear the crown of every nation

**His Robe:** Symbolizes the victory-the blood speaks of redemption

#### **The People with Him at His Return:**

Rev 19:14: "The armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses." (Zech 14:3, 14, 1 Thes 3:13, 2 Thes 1:10)

#### **The Purpose of His Return:**

Rev 19:11: "In righteousness He judges and makes war."

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### **The Punishment at His Return:**

Rev 19:17-18, 21: "I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat the flesh of Kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great." ...and all the birds were filled with their flesh."

### **The Penalty at His Return:**

Rev 19:20-21: "The beast was captured, and with him the false prophet...These two were cast into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse."

- "captured" means "to grab or snatch"
- All who wear the number of the Beast will be cast "into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt 25:41)
- Satan will not join the Beast and false prophet in the lake of fire until after the millennium where he is bound when Christ rules the nations with a rod of iron,

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## Chapter 9

### The King:

Rev 20:1-7: "I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the Word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.

This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has a part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Now, when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison."

- **1000 years is:**

- the length of time Satan will be bound
- the length of time the nations will not be deceived by him
- the length of time the martyred saints will reign with Christ
- the length of time during which "the rest of the dead" (the unsaved dead) will wait until their resurrection unto judgment
- the length of time those who rise in the first resurrection will reign with Christ
- the length of time that will elapse before Satan will again be loosed from the bottomless pit

- **the Millennium is referred to as**

- "the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 3:2, 8:11)
- "the kingdom of God" Mark 1:15)
- "times of refreshing" (Acts 3:19)
- "times of restoration" (Acts 3:21)
- "The day of Jesus Christ" (Phil 1:6)
- "The fullness of times" (Eph 1:10)
- "the world to come" (Heb 2:5)

- **The coming of the millennium** will not be a gradual and imperceptible process but rather, sudden, supernatural, and apparent to the whole world. It will be preceded by a series of world wide catastrophic events-wars, plagues, famines, and cosmic disturbances. It will be ushered in by a special manifestation of God and His glory: "all flesh shall see it together" (Isa 40:5)

## Agents of the Apocalypse, David Jeremiah Chapter 9 continued....

### **The Anticipation of the Kingdom:**

Ps 2:6-9: "I have set My king on My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: The Lord said to Me, "You are My Son, today, I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."

- "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government, there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever and ever!" (Isa 9:6-7)
- The 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." (Rev 11:15)

### **The Coronation of the King:**

Rev 19:15-16: "Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron...And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords." (Also Luke 1:32-33)

- During the Millennium, every aspect Of the Kingdom as set forth in OT prophecy will be realized upon the earth, truly the golden age of the world. Children will be born, life will go on, and men will work and play, but under ideal conditions.

### **The Incarceration of Satan:**

Rev 20:1-3: "I saw an angel coming down from heaven having a key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid ahold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."

somewhere deep in the center of the earth - he will be rendered powerless

### **The Administration of David:**

Jer 30:9: "They shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them."

- The Lord Jesus will reign through his vice-regent, the resurrected King David (Ezek 34:23-24, 37:24-25, Hosea 3:5)

## Agents of the Apocalypse, David Jeremiah

### Chapter 9 continued....

#### **The Participation of the Saints:**

Rev 20:4,6: "I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years...Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

Dan 7:18,27: "The saints of the Most High shall receive the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom forever and ever...Then the Kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High."

- Who are these rulers? David, 12 apostles who will rule and judge Israel (Matt 19:28), and the same saints dressed in fine white linen...who comprised the armies accompanying Christ, those who had been redeemed by His blood, resurrected from the grave, raptured into His presence, and evaluated for rewards at His judgment seat (Bema) and assigned individual thrones of authority and judgment.

#### **The Elimination of War:**

Micah 4:4: "Everyone will sit under his vine and fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid."

Isa 2:4 "When people shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

- the reconciliation of Isaac and Ishmael: "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance." (Isa 19:23-25)
- animals will be friendly and unafraid "they shall not hurt or destroy, in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea" (Isa 11:6-9, 65:25; Hos 2:18)

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### Chapter 9 continued....

#### **The Realization of Prosperity:**

Ps 72:7: "In His days the righteous shall flourish, and abundance of peace until the moon is no more."

- perfect labor, weather will produce economic abundance and unparalleled prosperity (Isa 35:1 and Joel 2:22-24. 26) "...the threshing floors shall be full of wheat and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil...you shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you."

#### **The Integration of Holiness:**

Isa 4:3 " It shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy-everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem."

- true holiness means our hearts, our hands our heads belong to Him and our desire is to do His work by the power of His Spirit.

#### **The Prolongation of Life:**

Isa 35:5-6: "The eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert."

- Sickness and death will not exist
- people will live long lives as before the Flood (Isa 65:20)
- the birthrate will be increased (Jer 30:19-20) Multiply as God told Adam and Eve in Genesis

#### **The Celebration of Joy:** "

With everlasting joy on their heads, the ransomed of the Lord shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." ( Isa 35:10)

- a time of unparalleled joy and celebration from one end of the earth to the other

#### **The Centralization of Worship:**

Isa 2:2, Micah 4:1:"It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established on top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all the nations will flow into it."

- Jerusalem will be the center of worship, gates of the city will never be shut, but open continually
- "All flesh will come to worship before Me" (Isa 66:23)

## Agents of the Apocalypse, David Jeremiah Chapter 9 continued....

the centralization of worship....

- "Many shall come and say, 'Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Isa 2:3)
- Jews will not be persecuted, but sought after (Zech 8:23)

### **The Continuation of the Kingdom:**

I Cor 15:24: "Then comes the end, when (Jesus) delivers the kingdom to His Father."

- Christ's kingdom will continue without end after the completion of the Millennium, as heaven comes to earth.
- "Of His kingdom, there will be no end." (Luke 1:33)

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## Chapter 10

### The Judge:

Heb 9:27: "It is appointed once for men to die once, but after this the judgment."

- the first court, the judgment seat of Christ [the Bema] "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." (2 Cor 5:10)
- The second court, The Great White Throne Judgment: a Judge, but no jury, a prosecution, but no defense, a sentence, but no appeal. "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt." (Daniel 12:2)
- Jesus said, "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." (John 5:28-29)
- Everyone who has ever lived will be alive somewhere forever!

### The Resurrections:

- Jesus Christ, First fruits (I Cor 15:1-5, 20)
- Church-age saints (I Thes 4:13-18)
- Martyred saints, Tribulation saints and OT saints (Dan 12:1; Isa 26:19)
- Unbelievers of all time (Rev 20:12-13)

### Timeline

Resurrection of  
Jesus Christ

Resurrection of martyred saints,  
Tribulation saints & Old Test. saints

Resurrection of  
church-age saints

Resurrection  
of unbelievers  
of all time

### U Church Age

### Seven-Year Tribulation

### Millennium

Resurrection  
of the Saved

Resurrection  
of the Unsaved

### The Place of the Great White Throne:

Rev 20:11: "I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them."

- Location: not on the earth and not in heaven so somewhere between earth and heaven

## Agents of the Apocalypse, David Jeremiah Chapter 10 continued....

### **The Person on the Great White Throne:**

Rev 20:11-12: "I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it...And I saw the dead...standing before God."

- The Judge is Jesus Christ: "The Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son...and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of man" (John 5:22, 27)
- Jesus Christ Himself will conduct the trial, and no one is better qualified, He did all He could to save man. Since man has rejected Him, he must be judged by Him. (Rom 2:16; Acts 10:42)

### **The People before the Great White Throne:**

Rev 20:12-13: "I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God...The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them."

- "all" includes all people of every culture including religious people who are spiritually dead, "Many will say to Me in that Day, 'Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me all you who practice lawlessness.'" (Matt 7:22-23)

### **The Purpose of the Great White Throne:**

Rev 20:12: "I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things that were written in the books."

- all works of the unsaved will be exposed
- The Book of the Law: "By the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:20, 23)
- The Book of Works: the rebellious "were judged, each one according to his works." (2 Cor 11:15)
- The Book of Secrets: "God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ." (Rom 2:16) "God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Eccl 12:14)
- The Book of Words: "I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be condemned." (Matt 12:36-37)
- The Book of Conscience: consciences "bear witness" to the evil in our thoughts. (Rom 2:15)
- The Book of Life: (Exod 69-28; Dan 12:1; Phil 4:3; Rev 3:5; Rev 13:8. Rev 17:8; Rev 21:27; Rev 22:19)

**Do you know that your name is in the book of life?**

## Agents of the Apocalypse, David Jeremiah Chapter 10 continued....

### **The Punishment at the Great White Throne:**

Rev 20:14-15: "Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."

- hell is described as: a place of torment and flames (Luke 16:20-28); a place of "wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matt 13:42); a place where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9:48); a place of fire and brimstone" (Rev 14:10-11; 21:8)
- The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and false prophet are. And they will be tormented night and day forever." Rev 20:15)
- Read John 3:18, 5:24. Believers pass from death to life and shall not come into judgment.

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## Chapter 11

### The Overcomers:

Rev 21:7: "He who overcomes shall inherit all things. And I will be His God and He will be My Son."

A new home is being prepared for believers

### A New Heaven and Earth:

Rev 21:1, 5: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away...Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

- no sea, nations undivided
- righteousness will dwell there .(2 Pet 3:13)
- no more evil, no more sin
- perfect and eternal the new heaven and new earth will "remain before God." (Isa 66:22)

### A New City:

Rev 21:2-4: I, John, saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them, and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

- the dimensions of the city: 1500 miles wide, deep and high occupying a land area 2.25 million square miles (Rev 21:15-16)
- A description of the city: A holy city (Rev 21:2) with 12 pearly gates (Rev 21:21) with a name of one of the tribes of Israel inscribed upon it, with a foundation of precious stones (Rev 21:19-20), with streets of gold like transparent glass (Rev 21:21), with the glory of God to light the city (Rev 21:23), with the tree of life on either side of a crystal river flowing from the throne of God bearing fruit with leaves for healing of the nations (Rev 22:2)

### The Last Invitation in the Bible:

Rev 22:17: "Let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."

Romans 10:13

"Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord, will be saved." (Rom 10:13)