

## Revelation, Week 5: Patient Endurance

*“I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the **patient endurance** that are in Jesus.” – Rev. 1:9, ESV*

Revelation Summarized: “The Lamb Wins”

### Review:

- **Jesus:** The Glorious Prophet, Priest & King (Ch. 1) . . .
- Is present among His churches and holds them
- Watches over His churches to encourage, strengthen and discipline them.
- Is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, worthy to open the scroll
- Is the Lamb who was slain, who is worthy to open the scroll because He shed His blood to ransom His people
- Sends forth tribulation on the world for its rebellion
- Seals and marks His people as His own
- Wins the conflict with Satan, the Beast & the False Prophet
- Comes again to make a final end of evil and consummate the New Creation

### Patient Endurance:

- Hebrews 10:32-39, Background  
*“Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.”*
- What is “Patient Endurance”?
  - *Bearing up under tribulation in faith*
  - *Standing firm in the face of persecution and not compromising or denying the faith*

### The Two Witnesses, Ch. 11

- *“I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth” – 11:3*
- Why two? *“These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.” – Zechariah 4*
  - Joshua the Priest & Zerubbabel the Governor/King
  - What is the church? *“by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth” – 5:9-10*
  - They are king & priest and they prophesy
  - Killed & raised & the result, the people *“gave glory to the God of heaven.”*

## Prophetic Priests & Kings

- Standing on and speaking with divine authority
- Speaking the truth in love
- Living in bold confidence in Christ and not in fear
- Testifying to the truth about Jesus
- Praying for the world
- Being willing to follow in Jesus' footsteps
- *“And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.” – Rev. 12:11*

## The Lamb & the 144,000, Ch. 14

*Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. <sup>2</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, <sup>3</sup> and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup> It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, <sup>5</sup> and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless. – Rev. 14:1-5*

- Multitude from every tribe, tongue and nation
- *“who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.”*
- They sing a new song no one else could learn
- They are redeemed from the earth
- They have not defiled themselves with women
- They follow the Lamb wherever He goes
- Redeemed as firstfruits
- No lie was found in their mouths

## The King's Victory, Rev. 19-20

*Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.<sup>13</sup> He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. <sup>14</sup> And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup> From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords. – Rev. 19:11-16, ESV*

