

Lessons From Revelation

Revelation Review

(Rv 6:10-11)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Evening,
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of “Lessons From Revelation.”
 - a. Two weeks ago we finished breaking down the book.
 - i. We saw Christ’s victory over Rome & Satan.
 - b. Today I wanted to simply do an overview to tie together all that we have looked at over the last few months.
 - i. This will be the last of our lessons in this series.
3. With that in mind let us examine our lesson today.

I. Things That Keep One From Abusing Revelation

- A. The recipients
 1. It is not us
 - i. **Rv1:1** “The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place...”¹
 2. It is for the seven church of Asia
 - i. **Rv 1:11** “... Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”
- B. The purpose
 1. The purpose was to comfort, console, and encourage.
 - i. **Rv 11:13** “And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.”
- C. The language is apocalyptic
 1. That means it was not intended to be taken literally.
 - i. **Rv 1:1** “... And He sent and **signified** it by His angel to His servant John” (NKJV) (emphasis mine)

II. The Scene

- A. The Revelator Revealed
 1. **Chapter 1**
 - i. Jesus’ majesty is seen here.
- B. The Seven Churches
 1. **Chapter 2-3**
 - i. Only two churches are found faithful with five needing to repent.
- C. Reasoning With The Romans
 1. **Chapter 4-16**
 - i. The One on the throne & the worthy Lamb
 - ii. The reason for the revelation

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- iii. The Seven Seals, Trumpets, & Bowls
- D. The Victory Of The Christ
 - 1. **Chapter 17-22**
 - i. The fall of the harlot/land & sea beast Babylon the Great.
 - ii. The victory of Jesus with His army
 - iii. The post empire wide persecuted church

III. The Message

- A. This is a message of hope in a time of despair
 - 1. The church was in peril and deep despair.
 - i. **Rv 6:10** “They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?””
 - 2. This revelation brought hope to God’s people.
 - i. **Rv 6:11** “Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.”
- B. This is a message of strength in a time of weakness
 - 1. The church was being executed right and left.
 - i. **He 11:37-38** “They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented—38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.” (NKJV)
 - a. Though this verse is talking about faithful Israelites of old the things mentioned here are what the Christians went through as well.
 - 2. The revelation gave strength to those whose lives were at stake.
 - i. **Ph 4:13** “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”
- C. This is a message of victory at a time of apparent defeat
 - 1. The church no doubt felt like this persecution was overwhelming them.
 - i. **Rv 2:9-10** “I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation....”
 - 2. The revelation gave an insight that Christ would overcome and so could they.
 - i. **Rv 18:20** “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!”

CONCLUSION

- 1. Brethren let each of us understand that this great revelation is that which we can take and use to comfort us during any difficult time.
 - a. Let us each of us find hope, strength, and victory in the Lamb of God.
- 2. Question: Do you receive your hope and strength from God?
 - a. My hope is that you do but if you don’t why not make that change now!!!

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3. Invitation

- a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
- b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**