

The Book of Revelation Course.

These notes of mine have time code references shown in brackets. They relate to Mike Bickle's MP3 audio files on his Book of Revelation study. You may also refer to his complete pdf session notes on the IHOP website. Mike has also produced an excellent A5 size study guide which can be purchased from IHOP.

The purpose of these notes, for each session, is to complement what Mike has already written. Many of the sentences written in my notes, are what Mike has actually said on the audio file.

01. Overview of the book of Revelation

The book of Revelation was given to John for first century believers who were persecuted under the emperor Nero. As we know though, scripture has ongoing 'revelation' for the followers of Christ down the centuries, and it is particularly relevant for us today in end times. The overview gives the basic structure of the book at a glance. It has four parts: 1. John's calling 2. The seven letters 3. the Scroll 4. Jesus' Battle plan.

Introduction

(00-08:12) The book of Revelation is Jesus action plan to transition the earth from this present age to the age to come. It is made up of 4 parts, the last part having 5 chronological sections. Jesus will only bring this about with and through the help of his people. Thus it is our story as well. The book has special significance and a unique application to this generation who are called to partner with him in order to bring about His return. It is written to be understood by normal everyday people. Two points that are commonly overlooked are: 1.) When Jesus appears in the sky, we the saints are raptured and caught up with Him in the same time frame. We are then transformed and given our supernatural bodies, receive our eternal rewards and return with him to the earth. This mobilisation occurs in the sky and we are then dispatched to our assignments on the earth (while residing in the new Jerusalem). 2.) When He comes the new Jerusalem descends with him and he joins the supernatural realm to the natural realm. People usually do not read this book because they have not been shown the structure and they have been told the symbols are too difficult to understand. If you remain openminded you will see the book actually tells us what the symbols mean.

I. The Book of Revelation

A. (8:13-12:02) The book reveals the wisdom, the glory, the power and the love of Jesus. His battle plan, or strategy, revealing the specific action plan. It is a war; there is divine intelligence, events that happen in precise sequence and timing. This information is given to his people so that we can understand and partner him in his plan. These events only happen in the true end time church's response to him. The events are both dramatically evil and good at the same time.

B. (12:03-12:40) In these 4 parts and the 5 sections of part 4 the whole theme of the book is developed.

C.(12:09-15:34) The theme of Revelation is Jesus return to earth to rule the nations and drive evil off the face of the planet and return it to the Father's original plan of love and righteousness. This is the plan of the book. The obstacle however is the evil governments that are currently in place. Jesus' approach is to woo them and then warn them of judgements to come if they do not repent. Those that do not repent are killed.

D. (15:35-21:12) The book of Revelation is the end-time book of Acts. The miracles that happen in this end-time will be a multiplied version of what happened in Acts. The book is also 'a canonised prayer manual' that informs us of what Jesus is about to do next. Thus we can pray into the next move of his plan. The devil does not want the church to believe or understand this battle plan and prayer manual that is set out in the book of Revelation.

E-F. (21:13-34:13) As Moses released God's judgements or held them back, so will the end-time church release the great end-time judgements against the anti-Christ by prayer. Rev. 12:9 and 13:2. We must learn to pray in faith in accordance with his plan when the time is right. In the last 3-1/2 years is the time when the greatest miracles will be released by both Satan and Jesus. At this time Satan and his demons will be on the earth. It will literally be hell on earth. There will, however, be regions of safety having the protection of God. Mt.16:18-19. Jesus plan is to allow the evil on the

earth to fully develop before driving it off the planet with and through the assistance of the praying church. We are not helpless victims but participants with him in defeating evil. Jesus is at war so that he may have his wedding with his bride and that the Father may Come and dwell with his people.

G (34:14-37:56) All events and numbers may be taken literally. The main 7 symbols are: 1) the *dragon* is symbolic of Satan. 2) The *first beast* is the anti-Christ. 3) The *other beast* is the false prophet. 4) The *7 heads* are the 7 empires from history past 5) the *10 horns* are the 10 national entities (not the common market) who align with the anti-Christ. 6) The *Harlot of Babylon* will be the worldwide demonically inspired religious and economic system. 7) *Woman and the male child* are Jesus' faithful remnant.

II. Structure of Revelation: 4 parts and 5 sections

Rev.1 Part 1. (37:56-38:47) John's calling to prophesy about the end times.

Rev.2-3 Part 2. (38:48-39:43) Jesus 7 letters to 7 churches. What he told them in that day will be what we have to overcome in the last days.

Rev.4-5 Part 3. (39:44-43:20) Jesus takes the scroll. The scroll represents the earth's title deed and the action plan to cleanse the earth. When Jesus takes the scroll he is accepting the responsibility for the job. The battle plan is on the inside the scroll. The 5 chronological sections tell us what happens to the anti-Christ followers in 21 judgement events. The 5 angelic explanations tell us what happens to God's people including what Jesus will do to help the saints and how the anti-Christ will persecute them.

Rev.6-7 (43:20-45:33) Seal judgements are against the forces of darkness, but we receive protection during these 4 seal judgements.

Rev.8-11 (45:34-47:07) The Trumpet judgements are against the anti-Christ empire, we receive direction by the increase of prophetic ministry.

Rev.11 and 15-19 (47:08-52:50) The Second coming and the rapture of the church. When he appears in the sky, he will travel around the whole earth. Every eye will see him because the veil is taken away between heaven and earth. On occupying Jerusalem, he will replace all evil governments and institutions. Jesus enters through the land of Edom which is modern day Jordan. Where righteousness prevails in the earth, those governments or institutions will remain.

Rev.15-18 (52:51-54:58) The Bowl judgements destroy evil infrastructures in society. Babylon's evil religious and economic structures will be destroyed and replaced by righteous ones.

Rev.19-22 (54:59-60:00) The Triumphal entry to Jerusalem. Jesus marches up from Edom, the unsaved remnant proclaim 'blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord'. Psalm 24. The supernatural realm has now been brought to earth for the 1000 year reign to begin.

This is the basic outline of the book.