

The Book of Revelation Course.

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The purpose of these notes, 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.

02. The Revelation of Jesus

I. The Message of the book of Revelation: The Majesty of Jesus

A-B-C. (00:30-14:34) **The book of Revelation's main theme is to reveal the personality, the power, and the action plan of Jesus in preparing his church to participate with him in releasing God's glory in all the nations.** The book of Revelation Ch. 1 shows us 18 facets or descriptions of his majesty which are critical for us to understand in our mind and to feed on in our heart. We should do this continually for further revelation of his personhood. The book is not just the revealing of Jesus' glory but also his action plan which will result in a prepared bride and the great harvest. He will only come in the context of a prepared Bride. This is the churches role...to be prepared. Many in the church are waiting on him, but he is waiting for us to grow up and get ready as his prepared Bride. Jesus reveals himself as a Bridegroom coming for His Bride, as a King to take over the nations, and as Judge to judge the nations. The hatred that will be shown towards him is beyond understanding, and that is why with perfect justice they will be wiped off planet earth. Refer Rev.1:1, Rev. 19:7, Rev. 11:15, Rev. 15:3-4, Rev. 11:8

D-E. (14:35-17:32) There is no contradiction between Jesus as Bridegroom, King and Judge. The zealous Jesus of Armageddon is the same zealous Bridegroom who does everything for love. We do not have to choose between the Jesus of Christmas (peace and goodwill) and Jesus the judge of Armageddon. He is one and the same God-man who comes to restore the earth. **He will use the least severe means to reach the greatest number of people at the deepest level of love without violating any individuals freewill.** This is an important principle. Some of the 18 descriptions so far: fierce judgement, tender love, his divinity, his humanity, his resolve, his brilliance, that he lives in time but is eternal. He has all the mental and emotional resources it takes in his personhood to bring this action plan to perfect completion.

F. (17:33-18:18) **The theme of the book: He is coming as a man, fully God and fully man, a king to take a position in the human political and government structures of the earth. They will be confronted corporately and individually if they are in opposition to His plan.**

G-I. (18:19-20:50) In Rev.1 **He shows himself as the Son of man. Dan.7:9-14.27. This is an important section of scripture to be read.** It shows ALL of the political structures on the earth being given to Him by the ancient of days (the Father) and in v27 He shares this position of authority with other resurrected human beings.

II. Biblical view of the book of Revelation

A-B-C. (20:51-22:30) **A continuing theme of the book of Revelation is: God's coming judgement against the anti-Christ's empire which will be released by the overcoming church under Jesus' leadership.** The great tribulation is God's judgements against the anti-Christ's vast empire through his praying people that are in unity with Jesus and under his authority. Satan's persecution of the church is a minimal sub-theme in the book. The book of Revelation is the end-time book of Acts written in advance. **It is a totally incorrect and dangerous interpretation of scripture and mindset of many believers that the church escapes the tribulation period by being raptured beforehand.** The church brings on the great tribulation against the anti-Christ! Our weapons are as stated in the Sermon on the Mount, and prayer, intercession, worship, fasting, and prophetic declarations.

III. The book of Revelation: End-time book of Acts.

A-B-C. (22:31-34:16) The implications of the plan being written in advance are staggering in that we, the end-time church, will be able to walk in unified prayer by knowing the sequences of the seals and trumpets. **Can you imagine the excitement in believers after the 6th trumpet judgement....because**

the 7th trumpet is when his people call “come Lord Jesus come” Matt.16 is where Jesus was talking about prevailing over the authority of hell. Matt. 18 focuses on how the church will function in unity as a praying body.

D-E-F-G-H. (34:17-40:00) The miracles of Exodus and that of Acts will be multiplied on a global scale. **This is John14:12 prayer anointing.”The works that I do he will do also, and greater works than these will he do.”** This verse has not yet been fulfilled. The book of Revelation is a canonised prayer manual that will unify the end-time church on a global level. **The book is an infallible prayer guide** that will result in hundreds of millions praying in one accord. Rev.22:17 John sees the final unified global prayer focus that crescendos after the sixth trumpet.

I-J. (40:01-45:26) The church will release judgement fire. Rev.8:4-5.The church will also withhold judgement. Lk.9:54-55 The glory of God will have the ebbs and flows in a geographic area of the earth as commanded through prayers of the saints under the authority of Jesus. What will happen is not set in concrete as it will depend on the responses of the peoples and nations. **Fire will not be called down from a ‘warrior’ perspective (personal offence) but from a ‘bridal’ perspective (mercy and love).**

K-J. (45:27-48:00) Rev. 19:10-11 The spirit of prophecy and prayer is to make known the testimony of Jesus **or what is on his heart.** In these verses what is on His heart is to make war against the totally unrepentant and unjust peoples and nations of this world.

L-M-N-O-P-Q-R. (48:00-54:32) **We have to be serious about becoming familiar with the action plan and become trained in applying it to our lives and that of other believers. We need to be locked into the spirit of prophecy and the thing that is burning on his heart, and that is for us to GET READY.** Beware, the devil has deceived the church, and one of the most insidious deceptions is the same role reversal that the devil did in the Garden of Eden. In this he told Eve that she would not die if she ate the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, which was a lie of the devil. If we think the judgements are all of demonic origin and a violation of Jesus love, we will be horribly deceived. It is totally opposite to what Jesus is actually doing: He is bringing judgement because of His love. There is a liberal humanistic mindset of some believers who want to challenge the leadership of Jesus and this is a doctrine of demons. 1Tim. 4:1-3. The judgements are coming anyway and the people who do not understand that Jesus is doing them out of love will be horribly offended. There will be massive offence in the camps of the saints who attribute the judgements to Satan. There will be a great falling away.Rom.11:22, 2 Thes. 2:9-10

IV. The Foundational Issue in the End-times: WHO IS JESUS

A. (54:33-60:00) Mt. 16:13-19 The same issue (and question) is being asked of the end-time church. Who do you say that I am? I am the Bridegroom, the King and the Judge. What we say of him and believe about Him must be in truth with scripture or we will be deceived.

DVD ended here. The rest is a summary of MB notes.

B-C. Jesus highlighted 24 distinct aspects of His majesty in Rev. 1-3. There are actually 34 but 10 are mentioned twice. These give us a clear picture of **who He is** (how he thinks and feels) and **what He does** (action plan for the church). Make a list of them for yourself.

D-E. Jesus is fully God and fully man. The gospels emphasise his humanity while the OT emphasises his deity. Rev. 19:11-16 shows our Bridegroom king as the one who judges and makes war against all who refuse His love.

V. 18 Descriptions of Jesus. Rev.1 (5-18)

The First and the last: first: to be resurrected and first in authority. Rev. 1:8, last: indicating that in all things Jesus will have the last say. Rev. 1:8

The Alpha and-the Omega: deity from beginning to end with absolute completeness in wisdom and love.

Voice like a trumpet: He is the faithful true witness who warns of coming judgement Rev.1:10.

Son of Man: the God man who rules all nations as king of kings. Dan. 7:13-14

Garment down to His feet: Jesus shows himself as our sympathetic high priest by appearing in a priestly garment, allowing us access to God's presence. Rev.1:13

Chest: girded with a gold band, symbolic of the priestly breastplate. Rev.1:13

Head and hair: like wool as pure as snow shows the Ancient of Days and exhibits Jesus purity. Rev. 1:14, Dan. 7:9

Eyes: like a flame of fire, shows Jesus penetrating gaze. Eyes that search the hearts and minds of man, that burn with holy fire and love purging away all impurity. Rev.1:14 Rev. 2:18-23

Feet: like fine brass refined in a furnace indicated judgement of sin. He will bring his enemies under his feet. Rev. 1:15

Voice: as the sound of many waters. Rev. 1:15 His voice is powerful and directs his armies. Joel 2:11

Right hand: Jesus holds the 7 stars (churches) in his right hand, indicates he is in charge of His church to lead, anoint, direct, chastise and protect) Rev.1:16

Mouth: out of it comes a sharp 2 edged sword indicating the release of judgement. His breath alone is able to express the power of his word.

Countenance: was like the sun shining in all its strength, indicates how he is able to exhilarate his church by his brightness. His enemies are unable to look into his countenance because of its brightness and strength. Rev.1:16

He who lives: and came back to life. Jesus has victory over death for us as well. his view of death is different to ours because he is rooted in eternity. Rev.1:18

Keys: of the kingdom to open and shut all doors as he directs. Authority over death and hades. Rev. 1:18

VI. 6 Descriptions of Jesus. Rev.2-3

Son of God: He has the same power as the eternal, omnipotent God. Rev.2:21

The 7 spirits of God: Jesus has authority to release the diverse ministries of the Spirit to equip us and revive us. Rev.3:1

Jesus is Holy: has 2 primary applications. a) His holiness as a man and as God. b) His transcendence and infinite superiority to all. Rev.3:1

Jesus is true: All of Jesus promises are true. We can rely on his faithfulness and be absolutely sure he will deliver to us all that he has promised. Rev.1:18

The Amen: He requires of us: that we agree with his plan to bring his design to a conclusion. His kingdom on this earth. Rev.3:14

Jesus is the beginning of the creation of God: He is first in cause and authority. The power and authority over all creation begin with him. Rev.1:8, 21:6