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SESSION 5 NOTES

Session 5 covers Revelation Ch. 12 and 13. Remember at the close of chapter 11, the bowls have been poured out and God's wrath is complete!!! Instead of reading about Christ reigning on earth, John will tell us more details about what he has already described.

Chapter 12

John sees a great sign in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. (Gen. 37:9) He is seeing the nation of Israel. Who was to be the people group, namely the tribe of Judah, from which the Messiah would come.

John sees another sign in heaven: a great, fiery red dragon, (the devil, Rev. 12:9) having seven heads and 10 horns, and diadems (crowns) on his 7 heads. He drew a 1/3 of the stars (angels) to earth. This beast stood before the woman (Israel) to devour her Child (Jesus). King Herod in Matthew 2 had all the male babies 2 years and younger killed to try and kill Jesus. His attempt to kill Jesus fails.

Revelation 12:6 says "Then the woman (Israel) fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days (3 1/2 years). This is the description of the abomination of desolation, when Israel is told to flee because there will be a time of great tribulation. Notice we glean more information on Israel fleeing. We are told God Himself has prepared a place for them, and that they (we don't know who they is) will feed the Israelites that flee. Remember Matthew 24: 17 says, "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes." They will be able to do this because God will feed them and care for them during their time of hiding during the great tribulation.

Revelation 12:7 speaks of a war in heaven between Michael and his angels vs. Satan and his angels. Michael and his angels win and Satan is kicked out of heaven for good. The heavens are rejoicing but earth is warned to watch out because Satan is coming to the earth with great wrath because he knows his time is short. This initiates the great tribulation, which is Satan's wrath on the earth.



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Look at verse 13, “ Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel, during great tribulation) who gave birth to the male Child (Jesus). But the woman (Israel) 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 (3 1/2 years), from the presence of the serpent. (This is very similar to what God did for them coming out of Egypt, how He bore them on eagles wings and miraculously fed them - Exodus 19:4).

Verse 15 Satan tries to go after this remnant of Israel fleeing but is unable to get at them because the earth miraculously helps them. In verse 17 it says, “And the dragon was enraged with the woman (Israel), and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring. Who are her offspring?

1. Those who keep the commandments of God and
2. Those who have the testimony of Jesus Christ (Christians).

The scope of this great tribulation will go beyond the borders of just Israel. We are told in Matthew 24:21-22 that if the days of the great tribulation were not shortened then no flesh would be saved. But for the elects sake, those days are shortened by cosmic disturbances and Christ coming to gather His elect off the earth before His wrath on the earth begins.

Chapter 13

John sees a beast rising out of the sea having 7 heads and 10 horns, but the crowns are on the horns. (This beast looks just like the dragon with one exception, the crowns are on the horns instead of the heads) Make sure to look at the diagrams provided!

This beast was like a leopard, feet like a bear, and mouth like a lion. Daniel has this same vision in chapter 7. He tells us that these beasts are not beasts but nations. The **Leopard is Greece**, the **Bear is Medes and Persians**, and the **Lion is Babylon**. So this beast out of the sea, will have the same characteristics of these nations.



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This beast out of the sea is satan's seed! Genesis 3:14 says, "so the Lord God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity (**waring**) between you (**satan**) and the woman (**Israel**), and between your seed (**satan's seed**) and her Seed (**Christ**). We know that the woman's Seed is a literal seed, Jesus born of a virgin. Satan's seed will be a literal seed too. The beast out of the sea is satan's literal seed! He looks just like him, and Satan gives him (**the beast out of the sea**), his power, throne, and great authority just like the Father gave His Son.

Revelation 13:3

John saw one of the seven heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. Christ also was wounded for our transgressions, died, and came to life 3 days later. We have already been told in chapter 11:7, "the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war with the witnesses and will overcome them and kill them." My point is that this beast will be resurrected from the dead (**sound familiar?**) and that is why ALL the world will marvel and follow the beast and worship the dragon who gives authority to the beast. Here is a list of what this beast can do:

1. Given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies and given authority to continue 3 1/2 years
2. Granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. (great tribulation)
3. Authority was given to him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. (one world government)
4. All who dwell on the earth whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life from the foundation of the world will worship the beast!

Revelation 13:9 says, "If anyone has an ear, let him hear. He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. here is the patience (**endurance even in difficult times**) and faith of the saints." The saints can take comfort in knowing that whatever is done to them, God will avenge them in the same way!

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Revelation 13:11

John sees another beast coming up from the earth he has 2 horns like a lamb, but speaks like a dragon. He looks harmless but is evil! Here is a list of what this beast does:

1. He exercise all the 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 (this beast is causing the world to worship the 1st beast out of the sea).
2. He performs great signs and wonders. Fire comes down from heaven, and he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs he was granted to do in the sight of the beast.
3. He tells those on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword yet lived.
4. He was granted power to give breath to this image of the beast, that the image would both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.
5. 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. This mark will allow people to buy and sell.
 - It will be incredibly convenient for all people. Just give your allegiance to the beast, and then you can buy groceries, get gas, and go to the doctor.
 - The only problem with this is that there is a huge warning in the Bible against receiving this mark of the beast for any reason.
 - Revelation 14:9-11 warns that if anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or hand, that person will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have NO REST day or night who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." We can't say we have not been warned, but for those not reading and studying Revelation, **they will not know!**

What is the number of the beast: it is the number of man "6", and for emphasis, we are told it is 6!, 6!, 6! The whole world is deceived into worshipping a man and NOT GOD.

Homework Assignment: Revelation Ch 14 - 16