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REVELATION

Tonight we come to the end of our long, long trek along Route 66. On other occasions I have taken a great deal of time with this marvelous book of Revelation. In my next series, THE MIDDLE EAST IN PROPHECY, starting next month I will deal with more extensively than I am doing tonight.

CHAPTER ONE

(All scriptures in this study are from the King James unless otherwise noted.)

The great Apostle John, now in his 90’s and still pastoring in Ephesus, Turkey, was sent into prison-exile on the Isle of Patmos by the cruel Emperor Domitian. John would have died on that rocky promontory rising majestically from the blue waters of the Aegean Sea had not the emperor been assassinated. The next ruler, Nerva, freed all political prisoners and so John was sent back to Ephesus where, I believe, he wrote Revelation. I have visited Patmos on a few occasions and have, in fact, ridden a donkey all over it.

The book of Revelation is primarily a book about “the revelation of Jesus Christ,” and, in so doing, gives us a “revelation” of the coming end time events.

In verses 1:4-8 John greets those who will read the treatise. It is a triumphant writing, to be sure. In verses 9-20, John relates how Jesus appeared to him:

Rev. 1:9-20

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. [10] I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, [11] Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. [12] And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; [13] And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about
the paps with a golden girdle. [14] His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; [15] And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. [16] And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. [17] And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: [18] I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. [19] Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; [20] The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou
The little cave, or grotto, where John was when Jesus appeared is rather small. But the event is huge! Just think how many years had passed since John had last seen Jesus - perhaps 65-70 years or more. John knew that Jesus well, but this time it was the glorified Christ of God as verses 14-16 well-relate. At this point Jesus will give John messages to each of the seven churches of Asia (Turkey). Note the map on the next page giving their locations. John was not only a pastor in Ephesus but perhaps the Bishop of the whole area.

CHAPTER TWO

- **The church at Ephesus - verses 2:1-7** - This was the very church John pastored prior to his exile on Patmos. They were good people here, but Jesus said they had “left their first love for Him.” How does Jesus feel when our service to Him is only perfunctory - out of habit or business as usual?

- **The church at Smyrna verses 8-11** - Christ had no word of reproach for these persecuted believers. Historians report that as many as five million believers were destroyed under the reigns of Nero, Domitian, Trajan and Diocletian. Verse 9 tells us these people were poor: Rev. 2:9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich)... yet they were rich in the things of God and eternity.

- **The church at Pergamos - verses 12-17** - What persecution could not do, permissiveness could. Little by little, paganism began to encroach - prayers for the dead, geneflecting, worship of saints, worship of Mary and belief in purgatory. These “believers” wanted the best of both worlds - to straddle the theological fence.

- **The church at Thyatira - verses 18-29** - This was the “corrupted church.” False teachers had entered, taught and were believed and accepted. The church did not repent of this false doctrine although Christ gave them the opportunity to do so.

CHAPTER THREE

- **The church at Sardis - verses 1-6** - This church was spiritually dead. How so? In their relationship with Christ - they had a “form” only. They were dead in their knowledge and dependence upon God’s Word. They were dead to the needs of the world; they had lost their “world view.”

- **The church at Philadelphia - verses 7 - 13** - No condemnation from Jesus here! There were three principles at work here (and in every valid church): sound Bible preaching and teaching; evangelism and missions. Every great church I have ever seen has been wrapped around these principles.

- **The church at Laodicea - verses 14 - 22** - Mediocrity! Is there anything worse than that word? What did Jesus think? Rev. 3:15-16 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. [16] So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Verse 21 challenges us to be “overcomers - to win
the battle, to be achievers. Red-hot for the Lord! Mediocrity? God will spit such churches into oblivion.

Chapter Four

In this chapter we leave the Earth and find ourselves in the presence of God Himself. If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you will see this place for yourself either at death or the Rapture:

Rev. 4:1-11  After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. [2] And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. [3] And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. [4] And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. [5] And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. [6] And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. [7] And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. [8] And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. [9] And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, [10] The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, [11] Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

I will deal with this passage in these areas:
• The throne and the One who sits upon it
• The rainbow
• The 24 thrones and 24 elders
• The elements around the throne
• The massive seraphim

Chapter Five

This chapter contains a heart-stopping story. God, seated upon His throne, suddenly extends His arm and He is holding a sealed scroll. And angel proclaims: Rev. 5:2-3

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the
book, and to loose the seals thereof? [3] And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

Consider those in the crowd around the throne: Abraham, Moses, David, Joshua, Peter, James, John and many of our lifetimes such as Billy Graham and others. Not one person feels worthy to approach the throne. Suddenly there is a stir in the ranks as a solitary figure makes His way through. Who could have such colossal courage? Rev. 5:5-7

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. [6] And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. [7] And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

It is Jesus Himself. There we get our first real look at our Saviour - in Person. We will behold Him in all His glory. And as one person the entire assemblage of believers lift their voices in song, “Thou art worthy! Thou art worthy!” And all the angels of heaven join us, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!”

The book, now in Jesus’ hands, is sealed with seven seals. We will note that a series of three judgments are coming to earth:

1. The seal judgments (Each time Jesus peels off a seal from the scroll, a divine judgment will follow)
   2. The trumpet judgments
   3. The Vial (think test-tube) judgments

Chapter Six

Seal Number One  The advent of the Antichrist (The first rider of the Apocalypse)  Rev. 6:1-2  And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. [2] And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

Seal Number Two  (The second rider) Antichrist comes on a “peace platform” but war follows:  Rev. 6:4  And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword. I personally believe this will be a massive attack on Israel and will deal with the subject extensively in the next series, The Middle East In Prophecy, which begins next month.

Seal Number Three  The third rider brings famine.  Rev. 6:5-6  And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and
lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. [6] And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

John indicates here that it will require a man and woman all their working hours just to scrape up enough for a small portion of food for that particular day.

Seal Number Four  Fourth rider  This ghastly creature is world-wide death.  Rev. 6:7-8  And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. [8] And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.  One fourth of the remaining world population will perish.

Seal Number Five  This seal represents the martyrdom of those who accept Christ during the Millennium.  There will be a tremendous revival on this earth following the Rapture.  But the day of Grace is over and these will new believers will pay with their lives.  Rev. 6:9-11  And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: [10] And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? [11] And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Seal Number Six  With the peeling off of this seal there will come massive disturbances on earth.  Rev. 6:12-17  And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; [13] And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. [14] And the heavens departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. [15] And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; [16] And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: [17] For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Friend....don’t miss the Rapture. Being on earth after it will not be enjoyable!!!!

Chapter Seven

Do you realize that a fantastic revival is in store for this world?  It will come AFTER the
Rapture and will be led by 144,000 sealed Jews - 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes. Jews can be found all over the world because of the various dispersions. Why are they so relevant? Because they witnessed the way God delivered Israel during the second seal judgment time.

What will be the result of their ministry? Rev. 7:9  After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;  Rev. 7:14  And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Chapter Eight

Seal Number Seven is the prelude to the coming Trumpet Judgments. Rev. 8:1  And when (Jesus) he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. Earlier in this chapter, John described all the redeemed church (well over a billion) singing praises to God. Now suddenly....heaven is hushed.

First Trumpet Judgment  Rev. 8:7  The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

Second Trumpet Judgment  Here God sends down some massive meteororite into the Mediterranean Sea and a third of the water turns bloody, which will demolish all trade lanes and the sea will be devoid of life.  Rev. 8:8-9  And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; [9] And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

Third Trumpet Judgment  Verses 8 - 11 tell us a great star will fall from the skies, burning like a torch and destroying a third of the rivers and springs of water.

Fourth Trumpet Judgment  Rev. 8:12-13  And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. [13] And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound! Now if all the preceding judgments were not horrible enough, God sends a mighty angel to fly throughout the earth with the awful pronunciation of verse 13. It is as if God tell earth’s citizens, “You haven’t seen anything yet!”
Fifth Trumpet Judgment  This chapter defies imagination:  Rev. 9:1-5  And the fifth
angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was
given the key of the bottomless pit. [2] And he opened the bottomless pit; and there
arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air
were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. [3] And there came out of the
smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of
the earth have power. [4] And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the
grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men
which have not the seal of God in their foreheads. [5] And to them it was given that
they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their
torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man. [6] And in those
days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death
shall flee from them.

These incensed demonic spirits will have a leader named Abaddon (Satan’s assistant).
For the next five months, these demons will terrorize what’s left of earth’s residents.

Sixth Trumpet Judgment  When this trumpet sounds, four angels (wicked ones who have
been bound since The Fall) will be released to wreak havoc.  They kill one third of
earth’s remaining population.  Still people will not repent and seek God.

Chapter Ten

Chapter ten is a mystery.  Midway through the tribulation period, John saw a mighty
angel coming from heaven:  Rev. 10:1-2  And I saw another mighty angel come
down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his
face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: [2] And he had in his hand
a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the
earth,

This angel (not Jesus) cries out loudly and is answered by seven other voices that sound
like thunder.  The Holy Spirit would not allow John to write this down.  Can you even
imagine the terror it might have caused?  Rev. 10:4  And when the seven thunders
had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven
saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write
them not.

Chapter Eleven / Twelve

In these two chapters we have a brief break in the action of the Tribulation.  Israel’s
situation will be changed drastically by this time.  There will be a rebuilt Temple in
Jerusalem.  (You often hear that the Temple restructure is underway even now, but this
is not true.  To begin building there now would cause an Islamic scream of protest.
Now while all this is going on, two characters emerge on the scene with fantastic power. They are the two witnesses of God. We do not know for sure who they are, though some claim it is Elijah and John the Baptist. While the 144,000 will minister around the world, the Two Witnesses will minister primarily, I believe, to Jerusalem citizens.

Antichrist and his minions will despise the two witnesses and seek their destruction. Rev. 11:7-14 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. [8] And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. [9] And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. [10] And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. [11] And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. [12] And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. [13] And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were afflicted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. [14] The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly. What a story! The Two Witnesses are restored to life, further signaling a coming conclusion to Satan's reign of terror.

Seventh Trumpet Judgment Revelation 11:15-19 The blowing of the final trumpet signals the end of that series of judgment and introduces the Vial or Bowl Judgments.

Chapter Twelve

This chapter gives the background for the world's hatred of Israel and the Jews. That hatred is satanically-induced. Rev. 12:1-6 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: [2] And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. [3] And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. [4] And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. [5] And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. [6] And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.
Verse 4 details Satan’s rebellion against God which resulted in a third part of the angels (the stars of heaven) being banished from Heaven. Verses 7-12 tell how Satan was thrown out of God’s presence to the earth.

Chapter 13

We come now to a description of this Satan-energized figure known as Antichrist. There are other names for him in scripture such as King of Babylon, Little Horn, and others. Rev. 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

“The sands of the sea” mean the gentile nations. Antichrist will come from gentile background. The seven heads and ten horns refer to nations and authority granted him by Satan. Rev. 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. What a counterfeiter Satan is! Just as Jesus died and rose again, so Satan has his “messiah” appear to die and rise from the dead.

But chapter 13 not only tells of the rise of Antichrist....but also the False Prophet. Rev. 13:11-18 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. [12] And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. [13] And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, [14] And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. [15] And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. [16] And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: [17] And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. [18] Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six. He comes from Jewish background.

Again - note the counterfeit. Jesus was known as “the Lamb of God.” The False Prophet appears “like a lamb”. Verse 15 that the False Prophet creates an “image” to which the people of the world are to bow down and worship. We note the infamous “666”, the mark of the beast. This simply means that Satan will have a numbering system in the last days.
Chapter 14

What a sudden change from the previous chapter where all the hellish filth Satan can muster if thrown at the nations. In chapter 14 we are at the great throne in heaven where Christ is adored and worshiped. Here we fine 144,000 of the very best ever of God’s servants - morally pure, always obedient and available to God.

But now comes a sad passage in which God gives earth’s remaining people one last altar call: Rev. 14:6-20 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, [7] Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. [8] And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. [9] And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, [10] The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: [11] And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. [14] And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. [15] And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. [16] And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. [17] And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. [18] And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. [19] And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. [20] And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

Verse 8 speaks of Babylon. I have always personally believed that Islam is the harlot church of Revelation. Probably no city on earth has caused more human suffering than Babylon. These verses declare the future of that man-made doctrine of Mohammed that has caused so much pain and death.

Chapter Fifteen
This is the shortest chapter in Revelation but opens the door for the final 3 ½ years of tribulation (the Great Tribulation). Rev. 15:2  And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. At this point seven angels emerge from Heaven clothed in beautiful linen. From over the throne, one of the huge seraphim gives the angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God. Each of those bowls will be emptied upon the earth, completing the judgment.

Chapter 16

Bowl (Vial) Judgment # 1  All persons who have taken the mark of the beast will be afflicted with a foul and loathsome sore.

Bowl Judgment # 2  The sea will turn to blood. Imagine the stench coming from the ocean.

Bowl Judgment # 3  Earth’s water supply is corrupted

Bowl Judgment # 4  There is scorching heat from the sun.

Bowl Judgment # 5  Terrible darkness  Jesus Himself prophesied this judgment: Mark 13:24  But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

Bowl Judgment # 6  The Euphrates River will dry up, allowing final military forces to come to fight at Armageddon.

Bowl Judgement # 7  The earth will be severely shaken

Chapter 17

One of the greatest horrors of the Tribulation will be the false religious system - harlot church. John calls it “Babylon the harlot.” Again, it is my personal beliefs that this is Islam. She is called the harlot because the world leadership has “gone to bed with her,” allowing her horrendous onslaughts on humanity. Think “ISIS.”

But in verses 16 and 17, Antichrist who has used the harlot church no longer needs need of her and: Rev. 17:15-17  And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. [17] For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.
Chapter 18

Satan apparently destroys the religious system, feeling he has no need of her, but God
Himself destroys the world’s economic system: Rev. 18:1-24 And after these things I
saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was
lightened with his glory. [2] And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying,
Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the
hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. [3] For all
nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the
earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are
waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. [4] And I heard another voice
from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her
sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. [5] For her sins have reached unto
heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. [6] Reward her even as she
rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which
she hath filled fill to her double. [7] How much she hath glorified herself, and lived
deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a
queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. [8] Therefore shall her plagues
come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned
with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. [9] And the kings of the earth,
who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and
lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, [10] Standing afar off
for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty
city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

The destruction - the fall of the money system - will apparently be very quick. Verses
15-17 tell that the merchants will weep and wail. Some of us remember the Great
Depression when to a much smaller scale this happened in America.

Chapter 19

In this delightful chapter, all Heaven rejoices at the fall of Satan and his earthly realm.

Now we come to Armageddon. The raptured saints have been with Jesus all this time
and have gone to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Now it’s time for CHRIST’S
SECOND COMING. Rev. 19:11-16 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white
horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness
he doth judge and make war. [12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head
were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
[13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The
Word of God. [14] And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white
horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. [15] And out of his mouth goeth a
sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a
rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty

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God. [16] And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Jesus will return to earth (with His redeemed) and His feet will land upon the Mount of Olives...just as the angels said in Acts 2.

Christ will subdue all enmity toward Him on this earth simply by a word of His mouth. In Genesis we learned that God created everything (except man) by speaking into existence all things....now He will end it the same way. What happens to Satan, Antichrist and the False Prophet? They are thrown into hell. The enemy soldiers? Rev. 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Chapter 20

Satan is bound in hell for a thousand years. But note: Rev. 20:7-10 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, [8] And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. [9] And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. [10] And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

During the thousand years Satan was bound, millions of people will be born who never had to decide for Christ. God will give them that opportunity when Satan is loosed for a short season.

The final hearing for the lost will be: Rev. 20:11-15 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. [12] And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. [13] And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. [14] And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [15] And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Chapters 21 and 22 tell of a new heaven and a new earth. We learn of the New Jerusalem, the city of God coming down from Heaven, which will be our headquarters for eternity
Again we are warned that “the time is near.” Rev. 22:6-11 And he said unto me,
These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his
angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. [7] Behold, I
come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. [8]
And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell
down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. [9] Then
saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren
the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God. [10]
And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time
is at hand. [11] He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let
him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is
holy, let him be holy still.

Let us never forget these truths. With our missions convention just around the corner, we
will renew, recommit our passion for reaching the lost at home and around the world.

Until that time, let’s keep trekking on ROUTE 66!