



THE WORSHIP OF JESUS

DISCOVERING JESUS IN REVELATION CHAPTERS 4-5

If the outline of Jesus can be traced in every book of God's Word, and it is, then He is blazing brighter than the noonday sun in Revelation. No book of God's Word more clearly shows all the Beauty of Jesus. From the very first verse, God declares that He is revealing (unveiling) Jesus for us, His servants, to the very last verses where God is inviting all who are thirsty to come to Jesus the Water of Life. Revelation overflows with our Lord Jesus.

How are you doing in your daily time in the Word of God? Are you experiencing the wonders of Discovering Jesus? That is exactly what the Book of Revelation is all about. It is a tool, a guide and a roadmap into the very presence of God. It is a full color photo album of Jesus. It is a gripping action film taken from the vantage point of the control room of the Universe where God is monitoring the passing of time to the serene background music of heavenly worship.

Come and Discover Jesus as Pastor John takes us on 40 carefully planned stops. Each message of this Revelation Series brings us to a unique view of our Blessed Lord.

From the prison colony of Patmos gaze at the **MAJESTY OF JESUS** as **HE COMFORTS** the Apostle John in Revelation 1. Across the parchment of seven personal letters directly from Jesus to His Bride, listen to the **MESSAGE OF JESUS** as **HE CONFRONTS** His Church in Revelation 2-3. Against the backdrop of seals, trumpets and bowls ponder the **MISSION OF JESUS** as **HE CONQUERS** the Cosmos in Revelation 4-19. With the world back in control and the New Heavens and Earth coming into view rejoice for the **MANSIONS OF JESUS** as **HE CALLS** in Revelation 20-22.

IN REVELATION 4-5 THE WORSHIP OF JESUS ALBUM is a 5-tape school of enlarging our personal worship.

- ✓ Revelation 4 transports us into the Worship Center of the Universe. By faith let us gaze at the One who is seated on the Eternal Throne. As we watch, exalt God in your spirit as the endless praise is ascending around His Throne. Let us be still and know who it is before whom we stand. And then adore the **LOVELINESS OF JESUS** as He is at the center and focus of my worship.

- ✓ Revelation 5 rivets our hearts as we join hundreds of millions of angelic creatures bowing to the Majesty on the Throne. There we see Jesus. Worthy is the Lamb slain, worthy of all our worship and praise.
- ✓ Revelation 1:9-20 fills our souls with delight as we meet Jesus, the Risen Jesus in all of His glory.
- ✓ Revelation 19:1-10 finds us in joyous anticipation. We are at our Marriage Supper. What delight to be safe in the arms of Jesus, never more to roam.
- ✓ Isaiah to Malachi comes alive as the textbook for Pastor John's special overview of Jesus in all of the Old Testament prophets. Here we See Christ (in the Major prophets) as Ruler, Prince of Peace and our Mighty God. Here we Trust Christ (in the Pre-exilic prophets) as the Judge and the One from Everlasting. And here we Hope in Christ (in the Post-exilic prophets) as the Sun of Righteousness, the Coming King and the Lord of All.

Lesson #1 ADORING THE LOVLINESS OF JESUS

Transported into the Worship Center of the Universe
(Revelation 4)

Lesson #2 ADMIRING THE PERFECT SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

Worthy is the Lamb slain, worthy of all our worship and praise. (Revelation 5)

Lesson #3 MEET THE RISEN CHRIST. THE GLORY OF JESUS

Fill our souls with delight as we meet Jesus (Revelation 1:9-20)

Lesson #4 THE RETURNING JESUS DISCOVER THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

We are at the Marriage Supper in joyous anticipation.
(Revelation 19:1-10)

Lesson #5 WORSHIPPING OUR CHRIST IN ALL – THE BOOKS OF PROPHECY

Christ as Ruler, Prince of Peace and our Mighty God
(Isaiah to Malachi)

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LESSON 1

ADORING THE LOVELINESS OF JESUS

REVELATION 4

To worship Him Who is worthy of all worship and praise is our duty and purpose of existence. The Father seeks only one thing, and that is that we might worship Him. To truly worship Him is to ascribe to Him that honor, praise, glory, and majesty that He is worthy of – a true “worship.” This day, join me as we stand in the vestibule and peer through the door into the chambers of the Most High.

Through the eyes of that faithful and true disciple of love who alone remained, heir of the apostolic band—and with his pen, tried to capture that which when Paul saw it, said it was inexpressible.

- ✓ Let us listen to the choirs of angels in numberless circles about the glassy sea and its throne as they say His worthy praise.
- ✓ Let us listen to those eternal creatures chant “Holy, Holy...Holy,” and by faith’s eye let us see with John that band which no man could number and listen to their songs of adoration and praise. Do you know Him, Christ the Lord, Who merits such praise?
- ✓ Let us see Him now—worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to be praised this day by us who owe Him our all!

As we open to Revelation 4 we are stepping into the Worship Center of the Universe. By faith let us gaze at the One who is seated on the Eternal Throne. As we watch, exalt God in your spirit as the endless praise is ascending around His Throne. Let us be still and know who it is before whom we stand. And then Adore the **LOVELINESS OF JESUS** as He is at the center and focus of our worship.

ADORING THE LOVELINESS OF JESUS FILLS THE ENTIRE 4TH CHAPTER

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The Awesome Sovereign on the Throne (v. 1-3, 5)

The Awesome Scene around the Throne (v. 4, 6-7)

The Awesome Song before the Throne (v. 8-11)

THE AWESOME SOVEREIGN ON THE THRONE (V. 1-3, 5)

Revelation 4:1-11

v. 1 WORSHIPING THE LOVELINESS OF JESUS IS AT GOD'S INVITATION.

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in Heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

v. 2 WORSHIP MUST ACKNOWLEDGE GOD IS IN CHARGE. Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a THRONE set in Heaven, and One sat on THE THRONE.

✓ The THRONE is noted 46 times in Revelation; 14 of these times are in Chapter 4. Thus the Throne and all the authority and power of God are very much evident throughout this special chapter.

v. 3 WORSHIPING GOD IS UTTERLY BEAUTIFUL. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around THE THRONE, in appearance like an emerald.

✓ Like Saturn the Throne of God is ringed. First, vertically like a 360 degree arch, a rainbow surrounds God's Throne. Then, horizontally like a vast plain the saints are gathered at the foot of God's Throne.

v. 5 WORSHIP FLOWS WHEN WE HEED THE HOLINESS OF GOD

And from THE THRONE proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before THE THRONE, which are the seven Spirits of God.

✓ Ezekiel saw what Moses saw at Mount Sinai, when God came down to give the law, thunder and lightning accompanied Him (Ex. 19:16).

✓ The seven lamps connote completeness and symbolize the Holy Spirit of God (Rev. 1:4; note also Ezek. 1:13).

✓ The writers of Scripture, seeking to describe the indescribable, portray the presence of God as an unbelievable display of power filled with thunder and lightning, blinding light, and a sparkling, dazzling array of colors and rainbows.

THE AWESOME SCENE AROUND THE THRONE (V. 4, 6-7)

v. 4 WORSHIP UNITES THE REDEEMED OF ALL THE AGES MEETING AT

THE FEET OF JESUS. Around THE THRONE were twenty-four thrones, and on

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the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

- ✓ The number 24 suggests many Biblical ideas. There were 24 courses of priests in the service of the Tabernacle and temple (I Chr. 24:3-5). There are also two groups of 12 that represent God's saints: the 12 Tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles of Christ's Church.

v. 6 WORSHIP IS UNCEASINGLY OFFERED IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

Before THE THRONE there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of THE THRONE, and around THE THRONE, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

v. 7 WORSHIP IS TO REFLECT GOD'S ATTRIBUTES: JESUS KINGSHIP, SERVANTHOOD, HUMANITY AND DEITY. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

THE AWESOME SONG BEFORE THE THRONE (V. 8-11)

v. 8 WORSHIP FOCUSES SOLELY UPON GOD. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!"

- ✓ Almighty is used 9 times in revelation; 31 times in Job. The only other time in New Testament is II Cor. 6:18.

v. 9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on THE THRONE, who lives forever and ever, **WORSHIP HONORS AND GLORIFIES GOD.**

v. 10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on THE THRONE and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before THE THRONE, saying:

WORSHIP DEMANDS OUR TOTAL SUBMISSION TO GOD.

v. 11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created." worship is our purpose in being.

ADORING THE LOVELINESS OF JESUS FILLS THE ENTIRE BOOK OF REVELATION

- ✓ Let us look in chronological order at chapters 4-22 and see Christ, the Lamb in exaltation, both that of the faithful angelic hosts and that of the redeemed saints.

Hold on now! There are 11 songs that make up the background music to the story. They are songs of worship and triumph.. We **DISCOVER WORSHIP AS THE BACKGROUND MUSIC OF GOD'S KINGDOM.**

- ✓ So that is where we have arrived. By way of the snatching away, we join the redeemed of all the ages around the Throne. The atmosphere is celestial! What do I mean?

In Revelation 4 the focus is on God as the Creator, and He is on the Throne. Salvation starts with the acknowledgment of God as Creator. Acts 14:15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the Heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

- ✓ Acts 17:24 "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.
- ✓ Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.
- ✓ In chapter 5 the focus is on Jesus the Redeemer, and God's Son is before the Throne. In 5:13 the worship goes to Father and Son which affirms Christ's deity.

WORTHY OF WORSHIP IS JESUS THE ETERNAL CREATOR (Chapter 4) 2 Corinthians 4:6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- all The angelic hosts worship him (V.8) – "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO IS WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME" = ETERNITY.
- THE 24 ELDERS WORSHIP HIM (v.11) – "Worthy art thou our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou didst

create all things, and because of thy will they existed and were created." = Creator see Ezk 36:26 and II Cor 4.6.

WORTHY OF WORSHIP IS JESUS THE REDEEMING SAVIOR (Chapter 5)

Titus 2:14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

- THE 24 ELDERS WORSHIP HIM. v. 9-10 – “Worthy art thou to take the book, for thou was slain and dost purchase for God, with thy blood, men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. And thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God...” = Redeemer from the slave market of sin.
- THE INNUMERABLE ANGELIC HOSTS AND ALL CREATION WORSHIP HIM (vv. 12-14) – “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing...forever and ever.” = Savior

WORTHY OF WORSHIP IS JESUS GIVING LIFE (Chapter 7) (John 14:6 and Acts 5:20)

- THE INNUMERABLE MULTITUDE CRIES OUT IN WORSHIP. “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne” This is salvation from death’s power.
 - ✓ Eternal life liberates us to see we are only temporarily in this body!
- All the angels and creatures fall and say (v.12), “Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever.”
 - ✓ He is worthy of all praise. Everyone has a god and they look more like who or whatever it is every day.

WORTHY OF WORSHIP IS JESUS THE CONQUERING WARRIOR (Chapter 11) 2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

- A voice from Heaven (v.15) – “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever” –
 - ✓ Jesus is Conqueror of all kingdoms.
- The 24 elders (vv. 16-17) – “We give thanks, O Lord God, the almighty, who art and who wast, because thou hast taken thy great power and hast begun to reign”
 - ✓ Jesus is reigning over all.

WORTHY OF WORSHIP IS JESUS CRUSHING SATAN (Chapters 12-19). 1

John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil..

1. **THE VOICE FROM HEAVEN** (12:10-12) – “Now the salvation and power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down...and they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb”
 - ✓ Satan is defeated.
2. **THE VICTORIOUS TRIBULATION WARRIORS** (15:3-4) – “Great and marvelous are thy works O lord God, the almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, thou king of the nations”
 - ✓ His saints sing songs of victory.
3. **THE ANGELS OF THE ALTAR, WATERS, AND THE EARTH ALL SAY** (16:5-7; 17:14), “Righteous art thou who art and wast, O holy one, because thou didst judge these things...they deserve it...and the Lamb will overcome him because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with him are called and chosen and faithful”
 - ✓ Creation echoes the majesty of His worthy judgment and sacrifice.
4. **THE MULTITUDE OF THE REDEEMED AND THE 24 ELDERS** (19:1-5) – “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, because his judgments are true and righteous. And they fell down and worshipped.”
 - ✓ They fall before their just Judge, to Whom they submit.
5. **THE MULTITUDE IN UNISON CRY OUT TO THE LORD IN EXULTATION** (19:6-7) - “Hallelujah, for the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns; for the marriage of the Lamb has come”
 - ✓ This is the shout of anticipation for unbroken union with the King of the Universe.

WORTHY OF WORSHIP IS JESUS COMING AS THE BRIDEGROOM, OUR EMMANUEL (Chapters 21-22).

- The voice from the throne (21:3-4) – “Behold the tabernacle of God is among men, and he shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be among them.”
 - ✓ All praise for Emmanuel
 - ✓ God is now with us as He promised (Matthew 1:22).
- The Voice of Jesus calling all who are thirsty to come to Him. (22:16-17) “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

So we see Him as a multi-faceted diamond in eternal cascading glory as each one of these divine descriptions echoes through the celestial realm.

- ✓ Our Eternal Creator,
- ✓ Our Redeeming Savior,

- ✓ Our Giver of life,
- ✓ Our conquering Warrior,
- ✓ Our Crusher of Satan,
- ✓ Our just Judge and
- ✓ Our Bridegroom Emmanuel.

We lift to thee our praise and honor, glory and worship, that thou mightest count us by the blood of thy Son to walk worthy of an invitation to worship thee soon with that multitude —for truly, thou art worthy,
O Lamb of God!

LESSON 2 ADMIRING THE PERFECT SACRIFICE OF CHRIST REVELATION 5

“WORTHY IS THE LAMB” Are you admiring the perfect sacrifice of Jesus ? Has the depth of His love and sacrifice filled your soul so full it is overflowing?

There is a place of eternal calm, unleashing tranquility, perfect peace, endless day... That place is the center of the Universe, the Throne of God... To that location John transports us from Patmos’ salt mines to Heaven’s highest point...

In 1989 a hurricane swept through New England, for hour after hour the winds increased until trees were snapping. Then it happened, the calm at the eye of the storm. A perfect pool of quiet between the storms.

- ✓ Rev. 4-5 are a calm between two storms, the perfect peace which always exists in God’s presence
- ✓ Rev. 1-3 show the struggling saints
- ✓ Rev. 6-20 shows the end of earth

To admire the sacrifice of Jesus we need to remember what He did for us. PP Bliss well reminds us in his hymn, “Hallelujah What a Savior”.

- ✓ ‘Man of sorrows!’ what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim!
Hallelujah, what a Savior!
- ✓ Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood,
Seal’d my pardon with His blood;
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

- ✓ Guilty vile, and helpless we,
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be?
Hallelujah, what a Savior!
- ✓ Lifted up was He to die,
It is finished,' was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high,
Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- ✓ When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing,
Hallelujah, what a Savior!

As we look into the book of Revelation, remember we see that it is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. All the Bible is now combined into one majestic picture of the Lamb of God. He who the prophets foretold, the priest portrayed, and John the Baptist pointed to who stood unknown in the midst of men - is now shown to be the center of the plan of God for this last segment of time before time shall be no more.

We are at the Throne of Judgment for the Universe. On the Throne is the JUDGE of all. How can I experience His inexhaustible peace, His eternal calm in the presence of the Ancient of Days, seated on the Judgment Throne of the Universe? What will happen to me because of all my failures and sins?

Finding peace at the judgment of God by recognizing my unworthiness and guilt before His Holy Throne, and recognizing by bowing and worshiping, the utter worthiness of the Lamb as my substitute.

Chapter 5 is in two parts:

1. v. 1-5 the unworthiness of mankind
2. v. 6-14 the worthiness of lamb

OUR DESPERATION: THE UTTER UNWORTHINESS OF MANKIND (v. 1-4)

v. 1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. **THE BOOK** - what is it? The official document that declares the climax of human history.

- ✓ Isaiah 42:9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

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- ✓ Ezekiel 2:9-10 Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. 10 Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe.
- ✓ Dan. 12:8-9 Although I heard, I did not understand. Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the end of these things?" 9 And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.
- ✓ This scroll before God's Throne represents Christ's "title deed" to all that the Father promised Him. Jesus because of His sacrifice on the cross. "Ask of Me, and I shall give Thee the heathen [nations] for Thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession" (Ps. 2:8).
- ✓ It is the deed for the Heir, the One who has the right to take the Earth. In New Testament times Roman law required that a will had to be sealed seven times, to protect it from tampering. As you rolled it up, you sealed it every turn or so for seven times. The seals were not to be broken until after the person whose will it was had died.

ONLY JESUS IS HEIR TO THE TITLE DEED OF THE UNIVERSE!

v. 2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" **JESUS ALONE IS WORTHY TO BE OUR REDEEMER.**

v. 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

- ✓ Rom. 3:10 none righteous
- ✓ All of Adam's race is fallen. No one is worthy among all the Pharoahs, Caesars, Khans, generals, dictators and emperors. They and all their subjects have failed to measure up to God's standard... All die and turn to dust...**ALL OF HUMANITY FALLS SHORT OF GOD'S GLORY**

v. 4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. **OUR REDEMPTION HANGS TOTALLY UPON JESUS, WE HAVE NO OTHER HOPE!**

HIS PERFECTION: ADMIRING THE PERFECT SACRIFICE OF JESUS (v. 5-7)

THE IDENTIFICATION OF JESUS IS PERFECT: HE TRIUMPHED OVER SIN, DEATH AND THE DEVIL! v. 5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

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- ✓ Lion - Genesis 49:9-10 Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He bows down, he lies down as a lion; And as a lion, who shall rouse him? 10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to Him shall be the obedience of the people.
- ✓ Root of David - Isaiah 11:1-10, Isaiah 61:1
- ✓ Overcome - it is finished! Cross, Jn. 19:30

Jesus Christ is the **"HEIR OF ALL THINGS"** (Heb. 1:2). He is our beloved "Kinsman-Redeemer" who was willing to give His life to set us free from bondage and to restore our lost inheritance

- ✓ Leviticus 25:23-46 25 'If one of your brethren becomes poor, and has sold some of his possession, and if his redeeming relative comes to redeem it, then he may redeem what his brother sold.

In Ruth 1:1-4:22 we find the Kinsman Redeemer had to be: Related closely to the one in need, willing to take the responsibility to redeem and able to pay the price of redemption. Only Jesus meets all the qualifications:

- ✓ Jesus became one of us taking human flesh, so He is our **CLOSE KINSMAN REDEEMER.**
- ✓ Jesus loves us and is willing to lay down His life for us, so He is our **WILLING REDEEMER.**
- ✓ Jesus paid the price of our sin with His own body and blood, so He is our **ABUNDANTLY ABLE REDEEMER.**

THE LOCATION OF JESUS IS PERFECT: HE IS PERFECTLY POSITIONED.

V 6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

- ✓ Jesus is in Heaven as our Mediator.
- ✓ Jesus is in the midst of the Throne room of God.
- ✓ Jesus stands before the Throne omnipotent 'all authority'.
- ✓ John continues his description of the scene around the throne: "the seven Spirits of God" (v. 6). That does not teach that there are seven Holy Spirits. Rather there is one sevenfold Spirit, described in Isaiah 11:2 as (1) the Spirit of the Lord, (2) the spirit of wisdom, (3) the spirit of understanding, (4) the spirit of counsel, (5) the spirit of strength, (6) the spirit of knowledge, and (7) the spirit of the fear of the Lord.
- ✓ The description of the Lamb (Rev. 5:6), if produced literally by an artist, would provide a grotesque picture; but when understood symbolically, conveys spiritual truth. Since seven is the number of perfection,

- **JESUS IS OMNIPOTENT.** That means He has **PERFECT POWER** (seven horns),
 - **JESUS IS OMNISCIENT.** That means He has **PERFECT WISDOM** (seven eyes),
 - **JESUS IS OMNIPRESENT.** That means He is **PERFECTLY PRESENT** (seven Spirits in all the earth).
- ✓ All three are attributes of God. So, the Lamb is identified as God the Son, Christ Jesus!

JESUS IS THE WOUNDED LAMB (v. 6-8). He was promised as the perfect lamb.

- ✓ In revelation Jesus is called a lamb (little pet lamb, not big sheep) no less than 28 times!
- ✓ In Genesis 22:8, 13 a ram was substituted for Isaac, a picture of Christ giving His life for the individual (see Gal. 2:20).
- ✓ At Passover, the lamb was slain for each family (Ex. 12:3).
- ✓ Isaiah states that Jesus died for the nation of Israel (Isa. 53:8; see also John 11:49–52).

He was pointed out as the perfect Lamb:

- ✓ John affirms that the Lamb died for the whole world! (John 1:29)
- ✓ Peter said 1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, v 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- ✓ The more you meditate on the power and scope of Christ's work on the cross, the more humbled and worshipful you become.

The action of Jesus is perfect: Jesus takes the title deed as the exalted Lord of glory v. 7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the Throne.

The reception of Jesus is perfect: Jesus hears and keeps all our prayers. v. 8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Prayers are vital to God

OUR RESPONSE: HOW DO WE ADMIRE THE PERFECT SACRIFICE OF JESUS? BY ADMIRING JESUS AS THE WORTHY LAMB (v. 9-14)

- 1ST - SING ABOUT THE PLAN OF JESUS** 9 And they sang a new song, saying:
- ✓ "You are worthy to take the scroll, **WORSHIP JESUS**

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- ✓ And to open its seals; **AUTHORITY OF JESUS**
- ✓ For You were slain, **SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH OF JESUS**
- ✓ And have redeemed us to God by Your blood, **REDEMPTION OF JESUS**
- ✓ Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, **GOSPEL OF JESUS**
- ✓ 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; **MINISTRY FOR JESUS**
- ✓ And we shall reign on the earth." **HOPE IN JESUS**

Want to be sure you are singing that new song God wants to put in your heart? Check the content closely. Beware of the new "crossover" songs in modern music. They only talk about the Lord they never name Him. Beware of songs that don't name the name that is above every name, the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

AS THE PERFECT SACRIFICE JESUS RECEIVED (5:11-12)

2nd - Sing about the perfections of Jesus v. 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands saying with a loud voice:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
To receive power and riches and wisdom,
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

Think of Jesus. "To receive power" He came the first time as a weak and helpless baby, Herod tried to murder Him. Now He is OMNIPOTENT! **POWER**—all power in Heaven and Earth "and riches" He became poor for us, laying aside all the treasures of Heaven to walk this Earth as an itinerant prophet supported by gifts!

Now He holds the ownership of all the Universe! **RICHERS**—He owns all things "and wisdom," He was mocked, scoffed, derided and accused of everything evil His enemies could think of. Now He stands as the Wisdom of God! **WISDOM**—He is the source of true wisdom "And strength" He was weary, thirsty and tired in His 1st coming.

He is the Rock now, and the Fountain of the Water of Life and the source of the power of an indestructible life! **STRENGTH**—He is the Lion of Judah, mighty "and honor" Not even a place to lay His head back then, but now countless myriads of eternal beings focus their adoration and worship on Him, countless saints raise their voices in song, the Universe glistens and radiates His glory. **HONOR**—He shall be honored and every knee shall bow "and glory". Briefly He pulled back His flesh on the Transfiguration mount, but now He shines with the Brightness of the Sun in its strength. All glory and honor are His. Every knee

shall bow and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord of ALL! **GLORY**—He is the Highest of Heaven Adored “ and blessing!” **BLESSING**—He is that which produces real joy

3RD - SING ABOUT THE POSSESSIONS OF JESUS v. 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

FINALLY, JUST AGREE AND WORSHIP JESUS v. 14 Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

What’s the rest of the story?

- ✓ **WRATHFUL LAMB** Revelation 6:16 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!
- ✓ **WORSHIPPED LAMB** Revelation 7:17 “for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”
- ✓ **WARRING LAMB** Revelation 17:14 “These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.”
- ✓ **WEDDING OF THE LAMB** = God with us Revelation 19:9 Then he said to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true sayings of God.”

John also seems to suggest in Revelation that the “Heavenly Sanctuary” follows the pattern of the earthly tabernacle and temple (see Heb. 9:23). The parallels are as follows:

| Earthly temple | Heavenly sanctuary |
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| Holy of holies | The Throne of God |
| Seven-branched candlestick | Seven lamps of fire before the Throne |
| Bronze laver | Sea of glass |
| Cherubin over the mercy seat | Four living creatures around the Throne |
| Priests | Elders (kings and priests) |
| Brazen altar | Altar (Rev. 6:9–11) |
| Incense altar | Incense Altar (Rev. 8:3–5) |

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| Ark of the covenant (Rev 11:19) |
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Look with me now as we see the Lamb of God in six stations as He brings to completion God's plan of the ages.

LET'S MEET THE LAMB IN REVELATION THE LAMB WALKING IN THE MIDST (1:11-18).

with His Royal splendor REVELATION 1:13 AND IN THE MIDST OF THE SEVEN LAMPSTANDS ONE LIKE THE SON OF MAN, CLOTHED WITH A GARMENT DOWN TO THE FEET AND GIRDED ABOUT THE CHEST WITH A GOLDEN BAND.

1. a royal garment down to the foot
2. a golden girdle of splendor

with His Purity and ancient wisdom REVELATION 1:14 HIS HEAD AND HAIR WERE WHITE LIKE WOOL, AS WHITE AS SNOW, AND HIS EYES LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE;

1. head and hairs white like wool, as snow-purity
2. eyes as flames of fire=omniscient gaze

with His Power displayed, V.15-16.

1. feet as brass=strength with Deity shining out
2. voice as many waters=strength and majesty as waterfalls roar
3. countenance as the sun=Deity shining out

with His Purpose defined, V.18.

1. "liveth"=self-existence
2. "and was dead"=crucified
3. "alive forevermore"=eternal existence
4. "keys of hell and death"=body and spirits control

THE LAMB WAITING AT THE DOOR (3:14-22)

THE CALL, V.20.

1. "stand at the door" = therefore He is outside
2. "and knock" = no entrance without assent
3. "hear and open" = response with reception
4. "sup with Him" = communion

THE LAMB WORTHY OF PRAISE (4:11-5:14).

THE REASON, 4:11-5:10.

1. creator "Thou hast created"
2. purpose of all "for Thy pleasure"

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3. slain for man's sin
4. heir to the universe

THE RIGHTS RECEIVED, 5:11-12; (STRAUSS, P.150-151)

1. POWER—all power in Heaven and Earth
2. RICHES—He owns all things
3. WISDOM—He is the source of true wisdom
4. STRENGTH—He is the Lion of Judah, mighty
5. HONOR —He shall be honored and every knee shall bow
6. GLORY—He is the Highest of Heaven Adored
7. BLESSING—He is that which produces real joy

THE RESPONSE, 5:13-14.

1. all creatures praise Him—the whole universe
2. the four beasts worship Him

THE LAMB WARRING AGAINST SINFUL MEN (19:11-20:15).

TRIBULATION WAR, 19:11-20:6 He Commands The Armies Of Heaven.

1. His clothing is that of vestures dipped in blood.
2. He is called the Word of God.
3. He conquers the kings of the earth and chains Satan.

THE FINAL POST-MILLENNIAL WAR, 20:7-15.

1. Satan is loosed.
2. The millennial last generation follow his deception.
3. They are destroyed.
4. Judgment and then eternity, v.15.

THE LAMB WELCOMING THE REDEEMED (22:1-21).

THE THRONE, V.1.

1. the source of the Water of Life.
2. the seat of the Father and Lamb

THE TREE, V.2.

1. by the river
2. bringing healing

THE TRIUMPH, V.3.

1. no more curse
2. unhindered service to Him

THE TESTIMONY, V.4-22.

1. seeing the Lord

2. He is the Light
3. revealed to those who keep His sayings
4. let all who are athirst come

This day, my friend, the Lamb of God walks in the midst of His churches. He waits and watches to see if we are willing to open the door to Him that He may commune with us. He alone is worthy and all must and shall bow before Him in praise to that name above every name. He shall be the Lion, the warrior, and in flaming power rain the vengeance of God upon the nations who shun His appeals to turn and trust. And, soon dear friend, He the Lord of Glory, the Little Pet Lamb slain for the sin of the whole world shall welcome each and every redeemed one to dwell in Him forever. Do you know Him today? Oh, let us see the Lamb today.

LESSON 3 "MEET THE RISEN CHRIST" THE GLORY OF JESUS REVELATION 1:9-18

THE TOMB -IS EMPTY

I checked on a few remote cemeteries and did some investigating. Here is the verified record of what I found:

- Confucius' tomb- occupied
- Buddha's tomb – occupied
- Mohammed's tomb – occupied
- Joseph Smith's tomb – occupied
- Mary Baker Eddy's tomb – occupied
- Jesus' tomb – EMPTY!

THE RESURRECTION RECORD IS CLEAR

John 20 records Resurrection morn. John and the apostles were startled and ran to confirm the report of the women that the tomb was empty. Remember the events?

1. Mary Magdalene Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18
2. The other women at the tomb Matthew 28:8-10
3. Peter in Jerusalem Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
4. The two travelers on the road Mark 16:12, 13
5. Ten disciples behind closed doors Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25
6. All the disciples, *with Thomas* (excluding Judas Iscariot) . John 20:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:5
7. Seven disciples while fishing John 21:1-14
8. Eleven disciples on the mountain Matthew 28:16-20

- 9. A crowd of 500 I Corinthians 15:6
- 10. Jesus' brother James 1 Corinthians 15:7
- 11. Those who watched Jesus ascend into heaven Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8

But now over 60 years have passed. Many memories of Christ's ministry were vivid in John's heart but he hadn't seen Him for so long. And then it happened –

JOHN SEES JESUS AGAIN

Revelation 1:9-20:I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send [it] to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." 12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands [One] like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair [were] white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet [were] like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance [was] like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 "I [am] He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. (NKJV)

This is only the beginning of an amazing journey John takes. As he records what he saw:

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| "I saw" | 39 times | 1:12-22:8 , like watching slides that are describing what he saw |
| "I looked" | 11 times | (4:1; 5:11; 6:2,5,8,12; 7:9; 8:13; 14:1; 14:14; 15:5) |
| "I heard" | 21 times | (1:10; 5:11-13; 6:1,3,5,6; 7:4; 8:13; 9:16; 10:4,8; 12:10; 4:2, 13; 16:1,5,7; 18:4; 19:1,6) |

JOHN SEES JESUS ALL THE WAY THROUGH THIS BOOK

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- Rev. 1:18 = **HE IS THE LIVING ONE HOLDING THE KEYS** to death and Hell Revelation 1:18 "I [am] He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. (NKJV)
- Rev. 3: 18 = **HE IS THE LORD OF THE CHURCH** Revelation 3:18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, [that] the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. (NKJV)
- Rev. 5:5 = **HE IS THE LION OVER THE NATIONS** as He restores His Kingdom Revelation 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." (NKJV)
- Chapter. 21-22= **HE IS LAMB AMONG THE REDEEMED** as He invites His own to join Him forever Revelation 21:14, 22-23 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. But I saw no Temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its Temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the Glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb [is] its light. (NKJV)

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JOHN SEES JESUS REVEALING HIS ETERNAL CHARACTER AS THE RISEN CHRIST v. 10b-11

Revelation 1:9-11 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island 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 I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." NKJV

In these verses, let's be blessed with some beloved truths: v. 10b-11 **JESUS IS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY**

- He spoke to the dead and they rose to life.
- He spoke to the raging waves and they fell to silence.

- He spoke to bread and fish and they multiplied to feed thousands.
- He spoke to a fig tree and it withered away to nothing.
- He spoke to lowly sinners and they found new beginnings.
- He spoke to haughty hypocrites and they hardened their hearts to the end.
- He spoke as never man spoke –
 1. to death and disease
 2. to seekers and finders
 3. to skeptics and scoffers.
- He spoke the Universe into motion.
- He shall speak the closing word on mankind.

Be aware as never before, when Jesus speaks, it is with authority and , in this Book...He speaks to you!

The second truth of our incomparable Christ...

JOHN SEES JESUS AS HE WALKS AROUND HERE IN HIS CHURCH TODAY! V. 12-16:

Revelation 1:12-16 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. NKJV

Imagine hearing a voice like a trumpet and seeing these **NINE PERFECTIONS OF HIS DIVINITY:**

1. **THE PERFECT MAN:** As identified with us, Hebrews 2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. Hebrews 4:15 but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. NKJV Son of Man: (84 times He calls himself this, no one else does.) He came to seek and save the lost of Adam's fallen race. One like the Son of Man, **THE CONQUEROR OF ADAM'S FALLEN RACE,**
2. **THE PERFECT SACRIFICE** He is robed to the feet as **THE PERFECT PRIEST**,: All other priests carried around sacrifices, this priest was the sacrifice, He gave Himself for me Paul says and so should we! As priest: Robe to Feet , Hebrews pictures Him ever living to intercede for us.

3. **THE PERFECT JUDGE:** as Judge: Girded around breast was ancient symbol of restrained emotions. He judges rightly. He is sinless, He is full of love and wisdom. No one can make decisions perfectly except Him!
4. **THE PERFECT IMAGE OF GOD** He is white haired as **THE ANCIENT OF DAYS**,: As Ancient of Days, White hair = sign of maturity, absolute holiness; Ancient of Days – Daniel 7:9 –same description. As Hebrews 1:3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, NKJV
5. **THE PERFECT TRUTH:** With His eyes of fire, **THE SEER OF ALL SECRETS**, As penetrating scrutinizer: those eyes of fire discover and with consuming light reveal secrets
6. **THE PERFECT DEFENDER:** As trampler of foes, those feet of military bronze will crush His enemies, even those who cry, "Lord, Lord...but He never knew." With His brazen feet, **THE ULTIMATE JUDGE** crushing all foes,
7. **THE PERFECT COMMUNICATOR:** With a voice, **THE VOICE OF GOD** as thunderous as the 12 million cubic feet of water crashing at Niagara's base, commanding all to pay attention, the deaf and the dead can hear it, and so should we!
8. **THE PERFECT REVEALER:** Holding out His hand as **THE POSSESSOR OF ALL THE SECRETS** of the Universe,
9. **THE PERFECT SUPPLY:** What does He have? All we need to be made complete! Colossians 2:10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. NKJV And all the incomprehensible fullness of **THE ALL POWERFUL LORD OF GLORY** with a blazing countenance. As the awesome and most powerful being of all... Face like sun shining in its strength.

VISITING US IN HIS CHURCH v. 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands [One] like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. Do you know that this church is His?

WAITING FOR OUR WORSHIP v. 14a His head and hair [were] white like wool, as white as snow, Do you look for Him? Do you look in the Word, in your worship, in your world?

INSPECTING OUR LIVES v. 14b and His eyes like a flame of fire; Do you like what He sees?

REFINING OUR CHARACTER v. 15a His feet [were] like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, Do you let go of what He is trying to cut and prune away in your life?

COMFORTING OUR HEARTS v. 15b and His voice as the sound of many waters; Do you listen to Him daily?

GUIDING OUR LIVES v. 16a He had in His right hand seven stars, Do you follow His directions?

PROTECTING HIS PEOPLE v. 16b out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, Do you trust He is able?

DISPLAYING HIS GLORY v. 16c and His countenance [was] like the sun shining in its strength. Do you show He is Lord of your life?

**JOHN SHOWS US HOW WE SHOULD RESPOND
WHEN WE SEE THE RISEN CHRIST
v. 17-18**

Revelation 1:17-18 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. NKJV

And what happened when John saw the Risen and Glorified Christ of God ? He became in v. 17 what? As a dead man. Then that familiar hand he had known and loved so well reached out to him. And Jesus touched John.

Would you join me in adoringly worshiping the Risen Christ? As you read the 11 verses of our text, pause between each one and sing over and over "O Come let us adore Him"

What we will do is follow John's example and fall on our faces in our heart. With all our eyes closed you may respond to our Risen Lord in any way you deem reverent and worshipful. One man told me if no one would have been offended, he would have slipped to the aisle and KNELT before the Lord. Maybe you are less expressive, maybe more. If you wish to lift your hands, kneel, whisper His praise, feel free. We are all standing in His presence.

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| 1. One like the Son of Man, THE CONQUEROR OF ADAM'S FALLEN RACE, 2. He is robed to the feet as THE PERFECT PRIEST, | GUARDING HIS CHURCH v. 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands [One] like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to | Do you know that this church is His? |
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| | the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. | |
| 3. He is white haired as THE ANCIENT OF DAYS , | INVITING OUR WORSHIP <u>v. 14a</u> His head and hair [were] white like wool, as white as snow, | Do you look for Him? Do you look in the Word, in your worship, in your world? |
| 4. With His eyes of fire, THE SEER OF ALL SECRETS , | INSPECTING OUR LIVES <u>v. 14b</u> and His eyes like a flame of fire; | Do you like what He sees? |
| 5. With His brazen feet, THE ULTIMATE JUDGE <u>crushing all foes</u> , | REFINING OUR CHARACTER <u>v. 15a</u> His feet [were] like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, | Do you let go of what He is trying to cut and prune away in your life? |
| 6. With a voice, THE VOICE OF GOD as thunderous as the 12 million cubic feet of water crashing at Niagara's base, commanding all to pay attention, the deaf and the dead can hear it, and so should we! | ADDRESSING OUR NEEDS <u>v. 15b</u> and His voice as the sound of many waters; | Do you listen to Him daily? |
| 7. Holding out His hand as THE POSSESSOR OF ALL THE SECRETS of the universe, | GUIDING HIS SERVANTS <u>v. 16a</u> He had in His right hand seven stars, | Do you follow His directions? |
| 8. He has spoken, THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS spoken into existence by His word, | PROTECTING HIS PEOPLE <u>v. 16b</u> out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, | Do you trust He is able? |
| 9. And the incomprehensible THE ALL POWERFUL LORD OF GLORY with a blazing countenance. | DISPLAYING HIS GLORY <u>v. 16c</u> and His countenance [was] like the sun shining in its strength | Do you show He is Lord of your life? |

LESSON 4 "THE RETURNING JESUS" DISCOVER THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS REVELATION 19:1-10

Are you getting ready for The Banquet? The greatest party of all time is approaching. The King of Kings, Lord of the Universe is preparing a wedding feast like none other. In the most breath taking location imaginable He is spreading an immense table. The greatest names of all times will be present and seated. At dinner the invited guests will be rubbing shoulders with Adam and his lovely wife Eve. One of their twin sons, Abel will be sitting with them as well as Seth and his wife. Not too far away will be the amazing preacher, the earliest known prophet Enoch and family. His great grandson Noah and family will be nearby. On down the long table lavishly set will be the likes of Job and clan, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and Joseph with all their various family members. What a reunion as Moses and Elijah walk around talking with guests and visiting with old friends.

Further on Jeremiah sits in rapt attention with Daniel and Isaiah as Ezekiel points out again the wonders they see about the Banquet Hall, as angelic creatures move about, choirs of angels sing and the glories of the galaxies radiating the Glory of God shine down upon the gathered saints. Interspersed with all these Old Testament saints will be multitudes of beaming faces well known to us. Matthew and the rest of the 12 will be at the entrances; there are twelve gates the guests will stream through on the way to sit. Paul at one gate is weeping for joy as he finally sees so many of his spiritual children and grandchildren. Because he died before many of them had grown up, it's a precious reunion. At one gate John also weeps for joy as he returns to this place he saw from Patmos.

Saints of all the ages are taking their place, a name card with a special name (only theirs and only known by them and their Savior) marks each seat.

And then the party begins. With glorious enraptured souls the Hallelujahs begin to echo down the aisles of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Expectantly each guest invited personally by Jesus looks up. And then they see Jesus, Glorious and Majestic He comes to each, calling them by name, extending His nail scarred hands, and touching them with His love. We have come to the culmination of all hearts of all saints of all time. It is the Wedding Banquet, it is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and it is the scene of Revelation 19 when those who loved Him and waited all their life for Him honor Jesus. It is the assembly of those who have and love the Testimony of Jesus.

Let's imagine we are at that banquet even now and listen to the delights we shall soon experience with Jesus. Revelation 19:1-10

Revelation 19:1-6 **THE CELEBRATION**: Four Hallelujahs

1. A Celebration of Jesus our **SALVATION** v. 1
2. A Celebration of Jesus the **JUDGMENT** v. 2-3
3. A Celebration of Jesus we **WORSHIP** v. 4-5
4. A Celebration of Jesus our **SOVEREIGN** v. 6

Revelation 19:7-10 **THE CONSUMATION**: Marriage Banquet

Revelation 19:11-21 **THE CONFRONTATION**: Christ's Return

Revelation 19:1-6 **THE CELEBRATION**: Four Hallelujahs The Four Alleluias are part of the 140 hallals of the OT (76X Psalms; 64X in the rest.)

1. A Celebration of Jesus our **SALVATION** v. 1
2. A Celebration of Jesus the **JUDGMENT** v. 2-3 Is this proper?
 - ✓ Psalm 104:35 May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!
 - ✓ Romans 3:5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.);
 - ✓ Romans 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
 - ✓ 2 Thessalonians 1:8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - ✓ Hebrews 10:30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people."
 - ✓ The answer repeatedly is yes. As God said at the overthrow of Sodom Genesis 18:25 "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the

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- righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"
3. A Celebration of Jesus we **WORSHIP** v. 4-5 WORSHIP by His servants. Greek word # 1401 *doulos* a slave, bondman, man of servile condition; metaph., one who gives himself up to another's will those whose service is used by Christ in extending and advancing His cause among men; devoted to another to the disregard of one's own interests. Who are the *doulos*?
 - ✓ Phil 2:7 Christly minded servants
 - ✓ Col 4:12 Prayerfully minded servants
 - ✓ II Tim 2:24 Gently minded servants
 4. A Celebration of Jesus our **SOVEREIGN** v. 6 What is this attribute of our God? Isaiah 40 clearly develops His ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY. What is His name? ALMIGHTY Old Testament SHADDAI #7706 48X. In the New Testament 10X ALMIGHTY [9x in Rev + II Cor 6:14]

THE CONSUMATION: MARRIAGE BANQUET REVELATION 19:7-10

In the ancient Near East, a wedding feast was inseparable from the wedding itself, which involved a weeklong series of meals and festivities and was the highlight of all social life. For a royal wedding such as the one Jesus mentions here, the celebration often lasted for several weeks. Guests were invited to stay at the house of the groom's parents for the entire occasion, and the father would make as elaborate provisions as he could afford. A royal wedding, of course, would be held in the palace, and a king would be able to afford whatever he desired.

A wedding feast that a king prepared for his son would be a feast of all feasts, and Jesus was therefore picturing the most elaborate celebration imaginable. The fact that it was a wedding celebration was incidental to the purpose of the parable, the only mention of the groom being that of identifying him as the king's son. No mention at all is made of the bride or of any other aspect of a wedding. The point is that because the feast represents the greatest festivity imaginable, given by the greatest monarch imaginable, for the most-honored guests imaginable, a royal wedding feast was chosen as the illustration of the ultimate celebration.¹

As we discover the TESTIMONY OF JESUS in (19:1-10), we are with Jesus as He celebrates His union with His wife and bride. Why did Jesus never marry while on earth? He was waiting for His perfect bride in heaven. On your way to the

¹ Adapted from Matthew 22, MacArthur New Testament Commentary, (Chicago: Moody Press) 1983.
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table at that heavenly banquet, what gift are you going to have with you? What is your offering of love to the One who loved you with an everlasting love?

Marriage is a biblical symbol for the relationship between God and His people. In the OT:

- ✓ Isaiah 54:5 For your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.
- ✓ Jeremiah 3:14 "Return, O backsliding children," says the Lord; "for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.
- ✓ Hosea 2:19-20 "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy; 20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.

But because of continued unfaithfulness, God divorced Israel:

- ✓ Jeremiah 3:8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. (KJV)

In the NT we have the symbolism of Christ and the Church as His Bride:

- ✓ Matthew 22:2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,
- ✓ Matthew 22:10 "So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.
- ✓ Matthew 25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
- ✓ Mark 2:19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.
- ✓ John 3:29 "He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.
- ✓ 2 Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.
- ✓ Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

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1. As a godly marriage grows in its love, so a relationship with Jesus grows in its love.
2. As the intimate relationship of a husband and wife is the closest and deepest sharing known on earth, so the relationship we have with the Lord is to be the deepest, closest and most intimate.
3. As marriage brings truest joys, as does a genuine relationship with Jesus.
4. Marriage demands loyalty and faithfulness, as we must offer absolute loyalty to our Lord Jesus.

So we come to the culmination of all hearts of all saints of all time. It is the Wedding Banquet, it is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and it is the scene of Revelation 19 when those who loved Him and waited all their life for Him honor Jesus. It is the assembly of those who have and love the Testimony of Jesus.

What can we bring to Him? What gift is worthy of giving to your Beloved at your wedding night? How can you express our love to the One who loved you and me so much He gave His very life for us?

Jesus already told us what He loves and wants so much to see in our lives. Have we been listening? He has told us of at least ten elements of daily life He will reward whenever He sees them in us. Do you know what they are? Are you practicing these reward-getters at every opportunity?

First let me sketch them and then we can all ponder ways to seek for Christ's well done each day in some of these areas. Jesus loves to see Himself in us. How? Here is a start.

1. **A CHRISTLIKE DISPOSITION IN ADVERSITY.** Matthew 5:11-12 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (When you are attacked, maligned, defrauded or whatever remember Stephen. Where did he look for an example? Yes, he looked at and followed the example of Jesus!)
2. **A CHRISTLIKE SECRECY IN SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES** Matthew 6:3-18 "But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 "that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. 5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 16 "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad

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- countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.¹⁷ "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,¹⁸ "so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. (Start acting like Jesus did. He went out to commune before day sometimes. He stayed up all night in prayer other times. The key is an unbelievable longing for God !)
3. **A CHRISTLIKE ATTITUDE TOWARD POSSESSIONS.** Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;²⁰ "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹ "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Take some of your stacked possessions and overnight them to the Bank of Heaven. Jesus says Give and you have forever. Keep and you lose forever!)
 4. **A CHRISTLIKE LOVING OF THE UNLOVELY.** Luke 6:35 "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. (Do you have a neighbor, co-worker or, relative who is unpleasant to you? Give them something in the name of Jesus!)
 5. **A CHRISTLIKE SERVING OF THE UNFORTUNATE.** 'Luke 14:13-14 "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.¹⁴ "And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just." Matthew 25:40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' (Pick new social companions. Pick the handicapped, the poor, the informally educated, the non-financially successful, the other ethnic groups. That is the Body of Christ. It is unshockable, accepting, color blind and incredibly generous. Make plans right now to use your house, your car, your money unto the least and it is like you invited Jesus over!)
 6. **A CHRISTLIKE INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE (THEY LAST FOREVER) OVER THINGS (THEY DON'T).** 1 Corinthians 3:8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. (Jesus counts souls invited in. He counts lives touched by the gospel, by prayer, by deeds of kindness. What have you done this week He has counted?)
 7. **A CHRISTLIKE DEVOTION TO GOD'S WILL.** Colossians 3:23-24 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. (What are you called to do this week? Go to school? Then act like you are a Rhodes scholar. Go to work for your company? Be as productive as if it were your own. Are you home rearing children? Raise them like your were Mary raising Jesus!)

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8. **A CHRIST LOVING EXPECTANCY.** 2 Timothy 4:8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. (Does a newly wed need to be told to look forward to seeing his beloved after work? Does a new mom need to be prodded into loving that sweet little bundle of joy? Long for Jesus He loves to be loved!)
9. **A CHRISTLIKE ENDURANCE OF TRIALS.** 1 Peter 1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, (What are you struggling with? If it is health, you can be rewarded for your attitude. If its adversaries, you can be rewarded for your answers. If its all the above and more, you can be rewarded for your activities if they are Christlike!)
10. **A CHRISTLIKE FOCUS ON THE WORD.** 2 John 5-8 And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.⁶ This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it. ⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.⁸ Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. (Jesus rewards those that love Him so much they get His Word into their lives. Are you overflowing with the world or the Word?)

In Revelation 19:8 John sees saints clothed in their “righteous deeds”. What is this? Isn’t salvation by grace alone? Are these works here being spoken of? Yes and yes! God has paid the full and final price in Christ for our salvation. However, we were saved for a purpose. Look at Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

This whole concept of being clothed with my good works puzzled me until I read Dr. Lehman Strauss² and some others as they wrote on this verse. Here are some key points to consider:

1. These are righteous deeds not to be confused with the **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of God imputed to us at conversion as in Romans 3:21-22. We can only receive this gracious gift. It is never earned.
2. The Bible also declared that all the good deeds of an unsaved person amount to dirty bandages full of filth. This is Isaiah 64:6.

² Strauss, Revelation, 319ff.

3. We know that apart from Christ we can do nothing. So, any righteous deeds we wear are the result of a yieldedness to the Holy Spirit. Oh to be channels only in His hands. Note Philippians 2:12-13.
 4. However, here in Revelation 19:8 we have the right acts of believers during their earthly lives. When will these acts of righteousness be revealed? At the Judgment Seat of Christ. There are three main portions that deal with this event.
- ✓ It is a **REFLECTION OF OUR SANCTIFICATION** [in our BODY]: Romans 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand [paristemi presentation as in 6:19; 12:1; etc.] before the Judgment Seat of Christ. (KJV)
 - ✓ It is a **REVELATION OF OUR SELECTION** [of our BUILDING MATERIALS v.12]: First Corinthians 3:11-16 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (KJV)
 - ✓ It is a **RECEPTION SPONSORED BY OUR SAVIOR**: Second Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it *be* good or bad. (KJV)

Here are some of those probing questions to make us squirm a bit!

- Has it ever occurred to you Christian, that you are making your own outfit to wear at this Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the greatest of all events?
- What are you putting into this special outfit? In the old world a father spent years building the bride's chest, and spent years selecting items to lovingly fill it.
- Are you being sanctified by continual washing by the Word? If this is refused, Dr. M. R. Dehann³ used to say "there are two words in Eph 5:26 sanctify and cleanse. These words are quite different. Let God clean you each day or He will be forced to give us a cathartic. We will be purged by fire at the Judgment Seat." [cleansed = katharizo 'catharsis']
- What good are you doing for God that will be spared by the flames of His refining? All self-glorification will burn up, all self-gratification will go,

³ Quoted by Strauss, Rev, p. 320.

everything done in the energy of the flesh will turn to soot. What do we have that will survive?

- What will you be wearing? the fruits of a good and godly life? The pure white linen of a self-sacrificed life lived in dedication to Christ is a stark contrast to the purple and scarlet of the Harlot that lived for self alone. It's your choice!

THE NATURE OF THE REWARDS:

What are they and how are they described in Scripture? They are described in terms of generalities. What we know about rewards is given in terms that are more general than specific. These are:

1. **THE PROMISE OF CROWNS.** This seems to be used as a symbol of victory, authority and responsibility.
2. **THE PROMISE OF HEAVENLY TREASURE** (Matt. 6:20; 1Pet. 1:4). Stresses their eternal value and security.
3. **THE PROMISE OF ACCOLADES OR COMMENDATIONS.** This is seen in those passages where a reward is administered in the form of something like "well done thou good and faithful servant . . ." (cf. Matt. 25:21; Lk. 19:17; 1 Cor. 4:5b).
4. **THE PROMISES TO OVERCOMERS.** These could refer to special blessing of rewards to those believers who overcome special trials and tests rather than a general promise to all believers. See Rev. 2:7; 2:11, 17, 26; etc.
5. **THE PROMISE OF SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE LORD'S POSSESSIONS** (cf. Matt. 19:28; 24:45-47; 25:21, 23; Lk. 19:17-19; 22:29-30; Rev. 2:26).

Revelation 19 has the only four occurrences of the Hebrew word Hallelujah. The translation of this word, praise the Lord, is often used in the Bible (Psalm 106, 111-113, 117, 135, 146-150).

God's Salvation prompts our gratitude.

God's glory prompts our reverential worship.

God's power prompts our confident trust.

This trio is the trio of genuine praise that exalts our God !

The 24 elders represent the people of God (4:4, 10; 5:6, 11, 14; 7:11; 11:16; 14:3) and the 4 Cherubim all of God's creation (4:6-9; 5:6-14; 6:1-7; 7:11; 14:3; 15:7) together exalt the Almighty.

LESSON 5

WORSHIPING OUR CHRIST IN ALL THE BOOKS OF PROPHECY ISAIAH TO MALACHI

The Scriptures are all about God revealing Himself to His creatures. The ultimate expression of God's nature and character is Christ. Note the words of Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of [his] glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; (KJV). Since the Word of God reveals God, and Jesus is the image of the Invisible God, then we can find and worship our Lord Jesus Christ in every part of the Bible!

1. In the Books of History we see God's servants
 - Following the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the Creator in the Garden, the Rock in the Wilderness, the Angel of the Lord and so on!
2. In the Books of Poetry we see God's servants
 - Worshiping the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Suffering One, the Good Shepherd, the Redeemer and so on!
3. In the Books of Prophecy we see God's servants:
 - Seeing Christ (Major prophets) as Ruler, Prince of Peace and so on.
 - Trusting Christ (Pre-exilic prophets) as the Judge, One from Everlasting and so on.
 - Hoping in Christ (Post-exilic prophets) as the Sun of Righteousness, the Coming King and the Lord of All.

A SURVEY OF CHRIST IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES

- **ISAIAH** (740-681 BC) contemporary with: Hosea (753-715 BC) and Micah (742-687 BC). "Worshiping our God of **SALVATION**. Key verse: 53:5-6.
- **JEREMIAH** (627-586 BC) contemporary with: Habakkuk (612-588 BC) and Zephaniah (640-621 BC). "Worshiping our God of **REPENTANCE**". Key verse: 2:19.

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- **LAMENTATIONS** (by Jeremiah 627-586 BC) contemporary with: Habakkuk (612-588 BC) and Zephaniah (640-621 BC). “Worshiping our God of **HOPE**”. Key verse: 3:22-24.
- **EZEKIEL** (593-571 BC) contemporary with: Daniel (605-536 BC), Habakkuk (612-588 BC) and Jeremiah (627-586 BC). “Worshiping our God of **THE NEW HEART**”. Key verse: 36:26-27.
- **DANIEL** (605-536 BC) contemporary with: Jeremiah (627-586 BC), Habakkuk (612-588 BC) and Ezekiel (593-571 BC) “Worshiping our God **WHO RULES**”. Key verse: 4:17.
- **HOSEA** (753-715 BC) contemporary with: Jonah (793-753 BC), Amos (760-750 BC), Micah (742-687 BC) and Isaiah (740-681 BC). “Worshiping our God of **FAITHFULNESS**”. Key verse: 3:1.
- **JOEL** (835-796 BC) contemporary with: Elisha (848-797 BC) and Jonah (793-753 BC). “Worshiping our God of **WRATH**”. Key verse: 1:15.
- **AMOS** (760-750 BC) contemporary with: Jonah (793-753 BC) and Hosea (753-715 BC). “Worshiping our God of **JUSTICE**”. Key verse: 5:24.
- **OBADIAH** (853 BC) contemporary with: Elijah (875-848 BC), Micaiah (865-83 BC) and Jehu (855-840 BC). “Worshiping our God in **HUMILITY**”. Key verse: 1:3.
- **JONAH** (793-753 BC) contemporary with: Joel (853-796 BC) and Amos (760-750 BC). “Worshiping our God of **MERCY**”. Key verse: 4:11.
- **MICAH** (742-687 BC) contemporary with: Hosea (753-715 BC) and Isaiah (740-681 BC). “Worshiping our God of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**”. Key verse: 6:8.
- **NAHUM** (663-612 BC) contemporary with: Zephaniah (640-621 BC). “Worshiping our God of **JUDGMENT**”. Key verse: 1:7-9.
- **HABBAKUK** (612-588 BC) contemporary with: Jeremiah (627-586 BC), Daniel (605-536 BC) and Ezekiel (593-571 BC). “Worshiping our God of **SOVEREIGNTY**”. Key verse: 3:17-19.
- **ZEPHANIAH** (640-621 BC) contemporary with: Jeremiah (627-586 BC). “Worshiping our God of **HOPE**”. Key verse: 3:17.
- **HAGGAI** (520 BC) contemporary with: Zechariah (520-480 BC). “Worshiping our God of **SACRIFICE**”. Key verse: 1:4.
- **ZECHARIAH** (520 BC) contemporary with: Haggai (520 BC). “Worshiping our God of **JEALOUSY**”. Key verse: 1:3.
- **MALACHI** (430 BC) contemporary with: Ezra.. “Worshiping our God of **FIRST LOVE**”. Key verse: 1:2.

ISAIAH

“WORSHIPING OUR GOD OF SALVATION”

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From ⁴the revolt of Satan to the rule of the Savior-all is told by Scripture's most eloquent prophet Isaiah He was the Shakespeare of the prophets and the Paul of the Old Testament. Isaiah has more to say about the greatness of God (40,43), the horrors of the Tribulation (24), the wonders of the Millennium (35), and the ministry of Christ (53) than any other book in the Bible. Isaiah 53 is probably the most important and far-reaching chapter in the Old Testament, as it is quoted from or alluded to 85 times in the New Testament. Jesus said that Isaiah saw His glory and spoke of Him (John 12:41). This book is an extended commentary on Jonah 2:9, when that prophet exclaimed from the fish's belly, "Salvation is of the Lord" The word salvation appears 33 times in the writing of the prophets, and of these, 26 instances occur in Isaiah.

- **JUDGMENT BY THE LORD** 1:1 - 39:8 [with 39 chapters, this first section of Isaiah is like the O.T. declaring the holiness, righteousness and justice of God]
- **COMFORT IN REDEMPTION AND RESTORATION** 40:1 - 66:24 [with 27 chapters this concluding section of Isaiah is like the like N.T. declaring the grace, compassion and glory of God]

The Book of Isaiah has three major themes. These may be summarized as:

1. **CONVICTION:** The overwhelming sense of sin and the wrath of God against sin. This is clearest in the 21x Isaiah uses the word "woe". In God's sight our good deeds are "filthy rags" [64:6-7];
2. **CONFESSION:** The all-pervading awareness of the Power, Majesty and Holiness of God. And 23x he uses the Divine Name of "THE HOLY ONE OF GOD", a name nearly unique to Isaiah except for 5 other passages.
3. **CONFIDENCE:** The crystal clear sight of the Salvation and Coming Victory of Christ.

JEREMIAH

"WORSHIPPING OUR GOD OF REPENTANCE"

Jeremiah⁵ must have had an incredible childhood. The Scriptures tell us God had chosen him before his birth to be a prophet. His family was notable in their

⁴ Adapted from *Willmington's Visualized Study Bible*, 1984 Tyndale House Publishers, Wheaton. Other sources used are: *The Word of God*; Baxter, *Explore the Book*; Scroggie, *The Unfolding Drama*; *Christ in all the Scriptures*; *The Criswell Study Bible*; *Walk through the Bible*; *The Compact Guide to The Bible*, Lehman Strauss, CHM.

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service for the LORD. Life was exciting for the son of a high priest. Jeremiah 1:1. Jeremiah's woes were unimaginable to our relatively peaceful lives. He lived through the death throes of the nation of Judah. In his lifetime he saw the decay of God's chosen people, the horrible destruction of Jerusalem and the deportation of the nation to Babylon. He preached for 40 years and saw no visible result among those he served. Instead those countrymen he warned for God sought to kill him if he wouldn't stop preaching doom (Jer. 11:19-23); his own family and friends were involved in plots against him (12:60; God never allowed him to marry, and thus he suffered incredibly agonizing loneliness (16:20; there were plots to kill him in secret so no one would find him (18:20-23); he was beaten severely and then bound in wooden stocks (20:1-2); his friends spied on him deceitfully and for revenge (20:10); he was consumed with sorrow and shame and even cursed the day he was born (20:14-18); finally, falsely accused of being a traitor to his own country (37:13-14), Jeremiah was arrested, beaten, thrown into a dungeon, and starved many days (37:15-21). If an Ethiopian Gentile had not interceded on his behalf he would have died there. In the end, tradition tells us he was exiled to Egypt, where he was stoned to death by his own people. He had virtually no converts to show for a lifetime of ministry.

Perhaps the most striking feature of this book is the fact that despite the terrible woes of the life Jeremiah was called to (1:5), he saw that it was all at the Master Potter's Hand (18:1-6). At the point of near despair over his failed ministry, God asked Jeremiah to go to the Potter's house and there he would get a message from the Lord (18:2). Although Israel had failed so grievously, the Heavenly Potter was able to bless them again if they would but repent and yield to his Perfect Touch.

LAMENTATIONS **"WORSHIPPING OUR GOD OF HOPE"**

Jeremiah⁶ sits down and looks over the smoldering ruins of his beloved Jerusalem. His voice rises into the wail of sorrow - a lament. His funeral dirge over the city of God, inspired by the Spirit of God is a message for all the people of God. This book is a master crafted poem with five stanzas. Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 5 each start with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet, 22 in all. This form of poetry called an acrostic is beautiful in form and powerful in

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communication. Chapter 3 is the centerpiece of this poem, with three 22 verse acrostics making it 66 verses long. The theme of the book and this middle chapter agree, as Jeremiah discovers - GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS our Great Lord!

The Outline:

- First Dirge: Jerusalem's Desolation because of Her Sin (chap. 1)
- Second Dirge: God's Punishment of Jerusalem's Sin (chap. 2)
- Third Dirge: Jeremiah's Response (chap. 3)
- Fourth Dirge: The Lord's Anger (chap. 4)
- Fifth Dirge: The Remnant's Response (chap. 5)

The Message: Chapter one contains an astounding commentary on Galatians 6:7 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." There is no **SECURITY** apart from the LORD. Jerusalem the city portrays the state of Jerusalem the people chosen by God. Note these grim reminders:

- **NO COMFORT** In v.2 "none to comfort" yet the Lord offered comfort continually to His people.
 1. Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. (KJV) This is the very same word as Lam. 1:2. Isaiah 40:1 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. (KJV)
 2. Jesus always has offered enduring comfort. John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: (KJV)
- **NO REST** In v. 3 "no rest" was found by Jerusalem, yet the Lord offered and promised His rest:
 1. Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. (KJV)
 2. Isaiah 57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. (KJV)
- **NO REFRESHMENT** In v. 6 "no pasture" yet the Lord promises to feed His people:
 1. Psalm 23:2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. (KJV)
 2. Psalm 81:16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee. (KJV)

EZEKIEL

"WORSHIPPING OUR GOD OF THE NEW HEART"

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In 598 BC Ezekiel⁷ was taken captive with 10,000 other fellow Judeans by Nebuchadnezzar. He arrived in Babylon at the age of 25 (II Kings 24:8-16; Ezekiel 1:1-2). He had a lovely wife (16:2) who died (24:16-18). He lives in a house during the exile to which numerous captives come and seek counsel of him (8:1; 14:1; 20:1). After five silent years, he begins 20 years of speaking for God. Ezekiel like our Lord Jesus Christ began his ministry by a river at the age of 30. In an astounding vision he sees cherubim portraying the Divine attributes of God. Ezekiel is God's man. He saw God and it changed his life.

GOD'S SERVANTS SUBMIT TO HIM.

- **THEY ARE OPEN TO GOD'S WORD** Ezekiel 1:3 the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him. (NASB)
- **THEY ARE LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE** Ezekiel 1:3 the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him. (NASB)
- **THEY ARE WAITING FOR GOD'S HAND** Ezekiel 1:3 the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the LORD came upon him. (NASB)
- **THEY ARE FOLLOWING GOD'S LEAD** Ezekiel 1:20 Wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living beings was in the wheels. (NASB)

GOD'S SERVANTS SEE HIM! Ezekiel 1:22-28

1. **HIS GLORIOUS MAJESTY** v. 22, 27 "awesome gleam of crystal . . . glowing metal . . . like fire . . . like a rainbow" all of these sights were given to Ezekiel to remind him of how awesome, how glorious and how indescribably majestic God truly is! As Psalm 29:2, 10 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in holy array. 10 The LORD sat as King at the flood; Yes, the LORD sits as King forever. (NASB). Our first crop of asparagus made me unable to ever eat that formaldehyde laced, canned and limp mummified green stuff sold as asparagus in the store! Is it any less true about God? Once you see Him nothing else satisfies! The question is have you ever seen Him?

O Worship the King, all glorious above,
 And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
 Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

⁷ Sources used are: The Word of God; Baxter, *Explore the Book*; Scroggie, *The Unfolding Drama*; Christ in all the Scriptures; The Criswell Study Bible; Walk through the Bible; *The Compact Guide to The Bible*, Lehman Strauss, CHM, Jensen, Biblical Viewpoint, Cawood .

O tell of His might, O Sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Author: Sir Robert H. Grant

2. **HIS FINAL AUTHORITY** v. 26a “throne” seeing this throne taught Ezekiel that God was in control. The exile, the enemies of God and all the fears of life melt in the radiance of His Sovereign Throne. By the way, that still is true. Ezekiel was a POW. He was surrounded by numerous enemies who had vandalized his home, dragged him away and savagely ended the lives of thousands of his people . . .yet in the midst of even that, God showed him, He was still on the Throne!

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like the sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
'It is well with my soul.'

Author: Horatio G. Spafford

3. **HIS ABSOLUTE SUPREMACY** v. 26b “high up” speaks to Ezekiel. The Throne of God is atop all else. Nothing is beyond it or above it. God reigns! While Jeremiah (41 years of ministry, 627 - 586 BC) played the funeral dirge of doom over Jerusalem, a lonely exiled prophet named Ezekiel (20 years of ministry, 592 - 572 BC) was watching the gathering storm God would use to sweep Judah into Captivity. Deported to 200 miles north of Babylon Ezekiel was 600 miles from Jeremiah in Jerusalem for the last 12 years of Jeremiah’s ministry. And for 26 years Ezekiel was 200 miles north of Daniel (606 - 533 BC) who was in Babylon for his 73 years of ministry. These three prophets overlapped parts of their prophetic ministries. Ezekiel learned as he lived away from his home and his people, he never was far from his God. God taught him that His presence was not limited to the Temple in Jerusalem. As Ezekiel saw the destruction of his nation he learned God is not thwarted by our disobedience. Though He is grieved and saddened, His plan will not fail.
4. **HIS UNVEILED GLORY IN CHRIST** v. 26c “like a man” this sight God gave to Ezekiel was . . . the reminder that our Lord Jesus Christ is as Hebrews 1:3 declares, “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high; (NASB)”.

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5. **HIS UNCHANGING PROMISES** v. 28 “like a rainbow” this reminder created by God as a sign that He keeps His Word. Whatever He says He will do!

DANIEL: “WORSHIPPING OUR GOD WHO RULES”

In God's opinion of History, the Kingdom of Babylon was the richest and most glorious of all in character. Babylon was the head of gold in the image God revealed to NEBUCHADNEZZAR. As its realm spread across the then known world, it left in its wake the dust of crushed opponents foolish enough to challenge God's chosen instrument of judgment. To the helm of that incredible Empire rose an incredible young man of God -- Daniel. But have you ever considered what it must have been like to be Prime Minister to the greatest empire in the world in its time? Untold streams of decisions, meetings, conferences, banquets, clay tablet work (Like our paper work)and , holdups on the freeways in your chariot as well as all the everyday needs of life. Like going to the sandal shop, stopping at the repair shop to have new wheels put on the chariot and the needs of the horses ... ALL that considered, Daniel was a very responsible man, committed and most of all BUSY! How did he cope with life at the top? He knelt on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks to his God -- AS HE ALWAYS DID! In the midst of his cabinet position in a worldwide empire and all the pressures that came with such a position, DANIEL FAITHFULLY PRAYED. Not just at a meal, no, he found a way to stop it all, go to a quiet, private chamber, KNEEL and come into the presence of God in thanksgiving. When life is tough, when it seems like the bad guys are winning, remember there is a God in Heaven Who Rules! When you are spied upon, attacked and cast into the lion's den by your adversaries, remember there is a God in Heaven Who Rules!

A God in Heaven Who Rules should cause each of us to be:

- **PEOPLE OF CONVICTION** (Present Holiness) 1:8
- **PEOPLE OF CONFIDENCE** (Past and Future Confidence)
 1. **OUR GOD RULES** Daniel 2:28 But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; (KJV)
 2. **OUR LORD CARES** Daniel 3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. (KJV)
 3. **OUR GOD MOVES HISTORY ALONG!** Daniel 4:17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the

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holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. (KJV)

- **PEOPLE OF COMMUNION** (Constant Prayerfulness)
 1. **OUR LORD WANTS US TO BRING IT ALL TO HIM!** Daniel 2:17-18 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: 18 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. (KJV)

THREE MEGATHEMES (PRESENT IN ALL 12 MINOR PROPHETS)

The Minor Prophets declare **GOD IS IN CONTROL**. Indeed, they do more than merely declare it; the Sovereign hand of God is everywhere visible. Overriding the words of these twelve writers is the reality that God is the sovereign Lord of history. They affirm that nothing happens, either to Israel or to the gentile nations, that is not the result of His direct determination. The destruction by locusts in Joel was God's doing. Nineveh's ups (revival with Jonah) and downs (complete destruction in Nahum) was sent -from the Lord. When Assyria decimated Israel and Babylon wiped out Judah, it was God who did it. Any doubts these prophets had over the precise purpose of God's actions-Habakkuk is one who had great problems-evaporate the moment they remember the Almighty God is in control.

- The minor Prophets declare **GOD IS HOLY**. A comprehension of His utter holiness was the impetus for their scathing indictments of sin. Wherever the sin was found, among God's people or in foreign lands (Edom, as in Obadiah; Assyria, as in Nahum) -it was still an affront to the Lord and must be dealt with. As nowhere else in the Scriptures, sin is denounced and repentance is ardently and earnestly demanded. They declare that with genuine repentance, the judgment of God falls.
- The minor Prophets declare **GOD IS LOVINGLY JUST**. God's love and justice appear so harsh that liberals verses dealing with God's love. Such actions betray a basic misunderstanding of the perfections of our Lord. The great love of the Lord for His people (even His love for Nineveh) caused Him to send messengers with His message. They warned of coming judgment. And in time the judgment falls. Sin is always an affront to God. Sin always destroys. Sin is always judged. But for His own, judgment is to turn them from sin to their Rightful Master. These truths must be emphasized as much today as they were 28 hundred years ago. Individuals are still sinning and running away from God just as Israel did. Nations are still offending the righteousness of a Holy God just as Israel did.

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HOSEA "WORSHIPING OUR FAITHFUL GOD"

Hosea had a life of grief. His only beloved wife Gomer was persistently unfaithful to their marriage. This sorrow gave Hosea a unique perspective with which to speak about the parallel unfaithfulness of Israel for their Lord. The compassionate heart of God with no diminishing of His holy standard is seen in this Book. Hosea paints a powerful portrait of the coming revelation of the love and holiness of God perfectly revealed in Christ. There is moral and spiritual bankruptcy. Sin is unashamedly practiced. God is abandoned. Worship of the True and Living God is replaced by false and lifeless idols. Hosea depicts the inward decay of a collapsing nation. Ultimately Assyria captured and deported the Northern Kingdom in 722 BC.

WORSHIPPING THE BEAUTY OF CHRIST IN HOSEA:

- As the Promised Messiah Hosea 1:10
- As the Prince of Life Triumphant over the Grave Hosea 6:2
- As a Child protected by God Hosea 11:
- As our Wonderful Savior:
 1. He Drew us to Himself Hosea 11:4
 2. He is our only Hope Hosea 13:4
 3. He is our Redeemer Hosea 13:14

SEEING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IN HOSEA

- God **FAITHFULLY WARNS HIS PEOPLE**: Israel forgot their Maker (8:14) but God never forgot them, rather He:
- Israel **FAITHLESSLY LIVES APART FROM GOD**: *By their deeds* (Hosea 7:2)
- Israel **FAITHLESSLY NEGLECTS GOD'S WORD**: Israel stumbled into sin (4:5; 5:5) and didn't even know it (7:8,9) because she became satisfied and forgot God (8:14; 13:6).
- Israel **FAITHLESSLY COMPROMISED GOD'S PLAN**: Mixing with the nations (7:8) caused them to stray and rebel (7:13) and ultimately to be led astray by a spirit of harlotry (4:12; 5:4).
- God **FAITHFULLY DISCIPLINES HIS DISOBEDIENT CHILDREN**: Since Israel has stumbled into sin, God will surely chastise them (4:1; 5:2) for they have transgressed His covenant (6:6,7; 8:1; 13:4).
- God **FAITHFULLY SEEKS HIS PEOPLE**: Hosea urges Israel to **ACKNOWLEDGE** their guilt (5:15) and then **RETURN** to (6:1), **KNOW** (6:3) and **WAIT** for Him (12:6).

JOEL OUR GOD OF WRATH

The book⁸ of Joel tells of a great plague of insects that came upon the land of Judah as a judgment from God against sin. In the law, God had promised material prosperity to His people for obedience, and adversity for disobedience. The period described in the opening prophecy was one of famine and suffering because an enormous hoard of insects had eaten much of the vegetation. The distress in Judah because of this judgment is seen as a foreshadowing of greater distress in a coming day of greater judgment. That yet future period is described as "the day of Jehovah". This phrase may be considered as the theme of the book. "The day of Jehovah" is the time of God's judgment upon the earth in connection with the second coming of Christ. A simple, basic overview of the book is as follows:

- **GOD SEEKS REPENTANCE** (ch. 1) Repentance always refers to a "turn about". As someone once said, "God whispers to us in our joys, but shouts to us in our sorrows". The Lord wants to use disasters and tragedies to refocus our hearts upon Him. So often the scientific explanation neatly blinds the eyes of people to God's hand behind the scenes! In the Scriptures repentance and forgiveness are always tightly bound together. If we repent we will be forgiven. And if we won't repent we can't be forgiven! Joel is commissioned to declare the lesson needing to be learned from the locust plague.
- **GOD GIVES REVELATION** (ch. 2)
- **GOD PLANS RESTORATION** (ch. 3)
 - ✓ PORTRAIT OF UNIVERSAL JUDGMENT (1-17) Moral declension; Physical disaster.
 - ✓ PICTURE OF ETERNAL AGE (18-21) Millennial blessing following the judgment of the Day of the Lord. The land freed from wickedness is again blessed of God.
 - ✓ But what is the benefit of such a study?
 1. **ESCHATOLOGY POINTS TO CHRISTLY LIVING** Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. (KJV); 1 John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (KJV)
 2. **ESCHATOLOGY PRODUCES HOPEFUL LIVING** Romans 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. (KJV)

⁸ Moody Monthly, May, 1965.

3. **ESCHATOLOGY PROMOTES CONFIDENT LIVING** 1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. (KJV); 1 John 5:19-20 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. (KJV).

AMOS OUR GOD OF JUSTICE

Amos prophesies during a period of national optimism in Israel. Business is booming and boundaries are bulging. But below the surface, greed and injustice are festering. Hypocritical religious motions have replaced true worship, creating a false sense of security and a growing callousness to God's disciplining hand. Famine, drought, plagues, death, destruction-nothing can force the people to their knees. Amos, the farmer-turned-prophet, lashes out at sin unflinchingly, trying to visualize the nearness of God's Judgment and mobilize the Nation to repentance. The Nation, like a basket of rotting fruit, stands ripe for Judgment because of its hypocrisy and spiritual indifference. The name Amos is derived from the Hebrew root amas, "to lift a burden, to carry." Thus, his name means "Burden" or "Burden-Bearer." Amos lives up to the meaning of his name by bearing up under his divinely given burden of declaring Judgment to rebellious Israel. The Greek and Latin titles are both transliterated in English as Amos. Amos ministered after the time of Obadiah, Joel, and Jonah and just before Hosea, Micah, and Isaiah. At this time Uzziah reigned over a prosperous and militarily successful Judah. He fortified Jerusalem and subdued the Philistines, the Ammonites, and the Edomites. In the north, Israel was ruled by the capable King Jeroboam II. Economic and military circumstances were almost ideal, but prosperity only increased the materialism, immorality, and injustice of the people (2:6-8; 3:10; 4: 1; 5:10-12; 8:4-6). During these years, Assyria, Babylon, Aram, and Egypt were relatively weak. Thus, the people of Israel found it hard to imagine the coming disaster predicted by Amos. However, it was only three decades until the downfall of Israel.

OVERVIEW:

- **PROLOGUE** (1:1-2)
- **PEOPLE JUDGED** (1:3-2:16)
 1. Sledges of Torture - Damascus (1:3-5) **CRUELTY** (human rights violations)
 2. Slave Trafficking - Gaza (1:6-8) **SLAVERY** (selling people for money)
 3. Severing Treaty - Tyre (1:9- 10) **DISHONESTY** (breaking promises)

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4. Sword of Terror - Edom (1:1 1-12) **VENGEFULNESS** (hated her brother)
 5. Sadistic Triumphant - Ammon (1: 1 3-15) **VIOLENCE** (cruelty to defenseless)
 6. Spoiling Tombs - Moab (2:1-3) **DISRESPECTFULNESS** (spiteful to the dead)
 7. Spurning the Torah - Judah (2:4-5) **DISOBEDIENCE** (unfaithful to God)
 8. Social Transgressions - Israel (2:6-16) **HARDHEARTEDNESS**
- **PURPOSE OF THE JUDGMENT** (3:1-6:14)
 - **PICTURES OF JUDGMENT** (7:1-9: 1 0)
 - **PROSPERITY AFTER JUDGMENT** (9:11-15)

The Judgment of God Explained:

- A number of lessons can be learned from this prophecy.
 1. First, God is **overly patient with** nations, giving time to repent before Judgment falls.
 2. Second, God is **no respecter of** nations; all will be judged for their sin.
 3. Third, when the cup of sin within a nation is full, Judgment will be **irrevocable**.
 4. Fourth, God is **sovereign** over all nations, choosing the time of their rise and fall.
 5. Fifth, nations are held **accountable** for brutal abuse shown to countries captured in war.
 6. Sixth, God's **standards** for judging nations are similar but the results differ.
 7. Seventh, God brings Judgment on leaders and nations who **perpetrate** fraud, oppression, and violence against its people.

OBADIAH OUR GOD OF HUMILITY

Between⁹ the Gulf of Akaba and the Dead Sea lies a range of precipitous red sandstone heights, known as Mount Seir. Here Esau settled after he had despised his birthright, and his descendants, having driven out the Horites (Gen. 15: 6), occupied the whole of the mountain (Dent. 2: 12). The capital city Selah, or Petra, "Rock," was a city unique of its kind amid the works of man. Perched like an eagle's nest (ver. 4) amid inaccessible mountain fortresses, the dwellings were mostly caves, hewn out of the soft rock (ver. 3, 6), and placed where you could scarce imagine a human foot could climb.

⁹ Christ in all Scriptures.

The story of Esau¹⁰ and Jacob is that of twin brothers, sons of Isaac and Rebekah. They were not identical twins, actually they were opposites (see Gen. 25:24-34). Esau despised his birthright. The man who had the birthright was in contact with God, he was the priest of his family, he was the man who had a covenant from God, the man who had a relationship with God. In effect Esau said, "I would rather have a bowl of soup than have a relationship with God." "Having seen Esau in the first book of the Old Testament, look now at the last book of the Old Testament and read this strange language: I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, In what way hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD; yet I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau. [Mal. 1:2,3a]. This is a strange thing for God to say - "I loved Jacob and I hated Esau." The explanation is in the little book of Obadiah. It was pride. "Pride hath deceived you," God says to Edom.

Christ the Model of Humility

- ✓ But¹¹ there is this to add. It is true that the sin of Edom, long indulged, worked itself into the very character of the people and therefore inevitably flowed on in history. But that same flow of history also brought one who lived by an entirely different standard. There was a day in history when two kings confronted one another for the first time. One was an earthly king. He sat that day at the pinnacle of power. His name was Herod Antipas. Herod was a son of Herod the Great, who was an Edomite or (as the New Testament had it) an Idumean. Herod the Great had slaughtered the babes of Bethlehem in his desire to exterminate Christ. His successor, Antipas, with whom we are concerned, was no better. He had beheaded John the Baptist and had been called "that fox" by Jesus (Luke 13:32). Antipas had everything he wanted. His income, expressed in American money, would be in excess of 6 million dollars a year. All the pleasures of life were his. If anyone stood in his way ... well, the life of that person meant as little to him as the lives of the innocents of Bethlehem had meant to his father. The motto of his reign was: "What will it profit **me**?"

- ✓ The other king was Jesus. He was the King of Kings, one who, according to the flesh, was the natural heir to David's throne and who, according to His divine nature, was the Supreme King over all the kings of this Earth. But He did not look like a king. He stood in humble clothing. He had been rejected. Within hours He was to die a felon's death. if Jesus had wished, He could have called forth legions of angels who would have vindicated His cause instantly and have swept the usurper Herod from the throne. But Jesus did not want the throne in that way. He did not want the throne until you and I could share it with Him. To make that possible He would die.

¹⁰ J. Vernon Magee, p. 268.

¹¹ J. M. Boice, *Minor Prophets*, I, 201.

- ✓ Herod said, "What does it profit me?" Jesus said, "What can I do that will be the greatest possible benefit to My brethren?" God vindicated Jesus! Jesus went to the cross. He died. But His death was followed by a resurrection, and today He lives to enable those who believe on Him to behave as He did and bring a true, supernatural brotherhood to this world. For his part, Herod went on with his revelry but soon was banished to Lyons, France, where he died in misery¹². This is the choice before you: to go Herod's way or Jesus' way. You cannot do both!

God: Breaker of Pride Actions that promote the growth of humility:

- ✓ **REFOCUS:** James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (KJV)
- ✓ **REMOVE:** Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; (KJV)
- ✓ **REQUEST:** 1 Peter 5:5-6 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: (KJV)

JONAH OUR GOD OF MERCY

OUR MERCIFUL GOD CHASTENING (1) He is a God **WHO SEEKS** (1:1-2a) Our Lord God Almighty is such a God of Mercy and Grace! Out of the countless lives that have crossed the pages of time we find two small dots, blips on the radar screen of eternity. Seemingly insignificant to all but God. A great storm that swirled around that nameless boat somewhere in the Mediterranean eight centuries before Christ. By all counts it should have swamped that boat and sent the nameless mariners to the black depth of the sea to await Judgment Day. As Criswell said, "The mystery of God is seen in these thousands of years in which sin and death run riot. There is no village and there is no hamlet without its raging, and there is no human heart without its dark, black drop. There is no life without its tears and its sorrows. There is no home that ultimately does not break up, and there is no family that does not see the circle of the home dissolve in the depths of the grave. There is no life that does not end in death. The pages of history, from the time of the first murder until this present hour, are written in blood, tears and death." But this black night a light breaks forth. Amazingly, these

¹² I am indebted for this comparison to a small tract written years ago by Joseph Hoffman Cohn for the American Board of Missions to the Jews, entitled "The Man from Petra," No. 65 in the series "What Every Christian Should Know About the Jews" (revised 1961, no original date of publication).

sinking sailors do not perish. They rather are miraculously rescued from harm by the Master of ocean and earth and skies. Of all things, sleeping in the dark, creaking hold is an evangelist. Shaken awake by the terrified captain, questioned by shouted words over the fury of the storm, he speaks. In Jonah 1:9 the disobedient rebel shows his heart. Asked to go east he turns west. Told to rescue inland Ninevah, he seeks the Sea route to the furthest western city known in his day - Tarshish in western Spain!

THE FOLLY OF RUNNING FROM GOD (1:3)

THE POWER OF SPEAKING FOR GOD (1:4-9) It is almost humorous that, in spite of his persistence in disobeying the Lord and the breach of divine fellowship that must have produced, Jonah gave a powerful testimony. Though Jonah's actions are wrong, his heart can't hide the Word of God for long, it just comes out. And in all His power God will speak to them. You see, the Scriptures are God speaking. When you share them, the Voice of God is unleashed. The Bible is the unsheathed sword of the Spirit. So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." (NKJV) **NINE WORDS** that strike harder than the gale howling about them. It penetrates deeper than the cold sea spraying their faces and stinging their eyes. For you see, the Word can penetrate the very soul of mankind. He may have been endeavoring to resign his commission, but he could not change his heart, which remained that of a true prophet. So he pointed these mariners to the only Lord God.¹³

THE GOD WHO WILL NOT LET GO (1:10) James Boice adds this insight: Logically, he might have been able to tell just the bare facts and let it go at that. Verse 10 says that he rehearsed his story, culminating in his running away. But Jonah could not stop at that point, it seems. So even in his state of disobedience and in the trauma of the moment, Jonah told of his background and indicated that he was a servant of the Creator and covenant-keeping God, Jehovah.¹⁴ An interesting phrase appears here, for, having been told of Jonah's testimony, we are immediately informed that the sailors were "terrified." We have already been told once that the men were afraid; they were afraid of the storm. We will be told once more that as a result of God's act in calming it they "greatly feared [that is, revered] the LORD" (v. 16). But why, we might ask, were the men exceedingly afraid at this point, more afraid apparently than they were of the storm itself? The reason was that they knew about Jonah's God. These were men who had traveled from port to port around the Mediterranean Sea, hearing many stories of other people and their gods. Are we to think they had never

¹³ Gaebelein, *Four Minor Prophets*, p. 78.

¹⁴ Boice, *Minor Prophets*, p. 223.

heard of the Hebrew people or of the Hebrew God, Jehovah? Of course, they had heard of Him!

- He was the God who had brought down the plagues on Egypt so that His people might be led out.
- He was the God who had parted the waters of the Red Sea to allow the Israelites to escape into the desert
- He was the God who had then closed the waters on the pursuing Egyptian forces.
- He had led the Hebrews in the wilderness for forty years, protecting them by a cloud that spread out over their encampment during the daytime to give them shade but which turned into a pillar of fire by night to give them light and heat.
- He had provided manna to eat and water to drink.
- He had parted the waters of the Jordan River to enable them to cross over into Canaan.
- He had leveled the walls of Jericho.
- He had caused the sun to stand still at Gibeon so that Joshua would have time to achieve a full victory over the fleeing Amorites.

Why our **DISOBEDIENCE HURTS** God (1:11) The great God of the Hebrews and not a weak god, was pursuing this boat and its hapless mariners for the sake of Jonah. And how they were terrified! "What have you done?" they asked. "What should we do to you to make the sea calm down for us?" was their next question (v. 11).

Our Merciful **GOD WHO SAVES**(1:16) What happens? The same incredible result that 5 words spoken later (3:4) by the same prophet would have on Ninevah. The mariners are gloriously converted! **OUR MERCIFUL GOD RESTORING: A WHALE OF A JOURNEY (2) OUR MERCIFUL GOD REVIVING (3) Our MERCIFUL GOD RESPONDING (4)**

THE DANGER OF ANGER (4:1-4) THE DANGER OF HASTY DECISIONS

(4:5) When we get angry at God we often make the same serious mistakes Jonah made. What were they? He QUIT. He MADE A PRIVATE RETREAT. He BECAME A SPECTATOR. **THE DEPTHS OF GOD'S MERCY (4:9-10)**
THE HEIGHTS OF GOD'S MERCY (4:11) What God is going to do, He will do. If He has determined to save Mary Jones, God will save Mary Jones. If He has determined to save John Smith, God will save John Smith. Moreover, those whom He saves will never perish; neither will anyone pluck them out of Christ's hand (John 10:28). But notice, God can do this through the obedience of His children, as He does later with Nineveh through Jonah, in which case they share in the blessing. Or He can do it through His children's disobedience, as here, in which case they miss the blessing. Either way, God blesses those whom He will bless. But the one case involves happiness for His people while

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the other involves misery. Which will it be in your case? Will you resist Him? Will you refuse His Great Commission? Or will you obey Him in this and in all matters? Perhaps you are not yet a Christian. If not, then learn from God's grace to the sailors. You have not yet perished in your godless state because God, who made the sea around you and the dry land on which you walk, preserves you. Do not remain indifferent to Him. Turn to Him. Approach Him on the basis of the perfect sacrifice for sin made once by His own Son, Jesus Christ, and follow Him throughout your days.

The Danger of Forgetting God : Read the Book of Nahum.

MICAH OUR GOD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Micah was contemporary with the prophet Isaiah¹⁵. But while Isaiah was a court poet, Micah was from a small village. Isaiah was a statesman, a herald to kings. But Micah was an evangelist and social reformer, God's messenger to the misfortunate, oppressed common people. Micah's message, however, like Isaiah's, is one of hope. Both speak of the birth of the coming Messiah and the salvation He would bring. And in two of the most remarkable passages in all of Scripture, both speak, almost word for word, of Israel's future and the coming glorious earthly reign of the Messiah (Isa. 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-3). Only seven chapters long, Micah's message contains some of the most familiar passages in all of Scripture. For example, the prophet announces the place of the Messiah's birth: "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity" (5:2).

WORSHIPPING CHRIST IN MICAH:

- **LESSON ONE: LIVE THE TRUTH.** One deeply impactful truth Micah points out is that as the leaders go, so go the people. He says Jerusalem's leaders "pronounce judgment for a bribe, her priests instruct for a price, and her prophets divine for money" (3:11).
- **LESSON TWO: LOOK TO JESUS.** Micah points to Jesus Christ as the only answer to the world's problems. The poor, the oppressed, and the misfortunate have the "breaker [who] goes up before them" (2:13). The Messiah breaks through the obstacles in the path ahead. In the future He will do this for Israel, when the remnant is gathered into the fold. Today He helps us through our perplexing paths as we trust in Him.
- **LESSON THREE: PARADISE CHRIST'S PROMISED PEACE IS RETURNING.** Messiah's kingdom will come (4:1-8), and Jerusalem will be its center (4:1,2). Peace will reign. Nations "will hammer their swords into

¹⁵ Edgar C. James, *Moody Monthly*, pp. 58ff.

plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for war" (4:3). Prosperity will abound, each will "sit under his vine and ... fig tree" (4:4). God will be central as "we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever and ever" (4:5). The same God who brings Heaven to Earth can bring solutions to our problems today.

▪ **LESSON FOUR: CLOTHED WITH CHRIST IS GOD'S EXPECTATIONS**

What does God want from us? Micah answers that, too: "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (6:8). No one is exempt.

NAHUM: OUR GOD OF JUDGMENT

There is one inescapable fact of the Universe: the wrath of God may not be evaded. It is so great that it hunted down and sacrificed no less than the Son of God, Christ Jesus! And if God spared not His Son, what will happen to the rebels at the Day of Judgment? The Assyrian monarch¹⁶ may have been checked by God in 701 B.C., but these were still great days for Nineveh. Sennacherib more than doubled the city's size, making it the world's largest city for that time. The inner city was surrounded by a wall eight miles in circumference. It was one hundred feet high and so wide that three chariots could race around it abreast. It had twelve hundred towers and fourteen gates. Beyond this was a much longer, outer wall. There was an inner city, an outer city, and what we would call extensive suburbs beyond that. In Jonah this wide expanse was termed a "three days' " journey (Jonah 3:3).

The Prophecy is in three main parts:

1. Judgment on Nineveh **DETERMINED** (ch. 1)
2. Judgment on Nineveh **DESCRIBED** (ch. 2)
3. Judgment on Nineveh **DESERVED** (ch. 3)

WORSHIPPING THE CHARACTER OF GOD (ch. 1)

- ✓ **HIS VENGEANCE** Nahum 1:2 God is jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and is furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies; (NKJV) Nahum 1:2 The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and maintains his wrath against his enemies. (NIV)
- ✓ **HIS PATIENCE** Nahum 1:3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet. (NKJV)

¹⁶ Boice, p. 59.

- ✓ **HIS OMNIPOTENCE** Nahum 1:6 Who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before him. (NIV)
- ✓ **HIS GOODNESS** Nahum 1:7 The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who trust in Him. (NKJV); Nahum 1:15 Behold, on the mountains The feet of him who brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace! O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, Perform your vows. For the wicked one shall no more pass through you; He is utterly cut off. (NKJV)
- ✓ **HIS JUSTICE** Nahum 1:8-14

HABAKKUK OUR GOD OF SOVEREIGNTY

God watches us tonight as we live in a Nation suffering very much the same disease that ancient Israel suffered. It's a collective societal amnesia about our spiritual heritage. In ancient Israel it had to do with closing the Temple down, hiding the Law of God and neglecting His worship. In America it's found in the growing skepticism about objective truth. It is the dismantling of language, texts and history ... to the point that history is eroded, society has no tradition (and disintegrates)!

Now listen to the mighty prophet Habakkuk: In chapter one he says - God raises up Adversaries; in chapter 2 he says, the righteous live by faith but the wicked have no hiding place; in chapter 3 he says, hope in God despite any hopeless situation. However, when a Nation turns from its spiritual heritage, Judgment is Inevitable and Inescapable.

THE BURDENED PROPHET TALKS TO A SOVEREIGN GOD (ch. 1): Why does God allow evil to continue? Habakkuk asks seven questions:

THE BENDED PROPHET LISTENS TO A SOVEREIGN GOD (ch. 2):

- THE PATIENT WAITING (2:1-4) He took his problem to the Lord, and waited.
- THE PERILED WICKED (2:5-20). Five woes are pronounced against sins.

THE BLESSED PROPHET PRAISES HIS SOVEREIGN GOD (ch. 3):

- GOD'S PERSON (3:1-2) IS **GREAT**.
- GOD'S POWER (3:3-15) IS **GLORIOUS**.
- GOD'S PLAN (3:16-19) IS **GRACIOUS**.

APPLICATION

- **TREMBLE AT HIS WORD** Habakkuk 3:16 When I heard, my body trembled; My lips quivered at the voice; Rottenness entered my bones; And I

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trembled in myself, That I might rest in the day of trouble. When he comes up to the people, He will invade them with his troops. (NKJV)

- **PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME.** The Scriptures teach us to praise God by two special activities:
 - ✓ ECHOING HIS ATTRIBUTES.
 - ✓ ECHOING HIS ACTIONS.

FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF HABAKKUK

- WHEN BURDENED TALK TO GOD.
- WHEN BENDED LISTEN TO GOD.
- WHEN BLESSED PRAISE GOD.

ZEPHANIAH "OUR GOD OF HOPE"

The Minor prophets often seem to have a despairing tone. Evil appears to run unchecked. The wicked die apparently unaccountable for their deeds of cruelty and greed. God's people fail to obey. Death takes them all away. But there is a light in the distance. Rays of hope stream from the promise that the Righteous Judge will make all things right. And on the horizon is a world brand new. Impossible? No, God has already planned the ending. Zephaniah traces a bit of it in his closing words. Remember, because Zephaniah is a summary of the previous prophets, his content and style are very similar to the other eight. So, no matter what your burden and struggle, come to the perfect Hiding Place in Christ! To best learn from Zephaniah, lets back into his book. Turn to the third chapter and discover with me - **THE LORD IN THE MIDST**. This chapter contains a beautiful lesson, taken spiritually. It describes the sinful condition of a soul apart from Christ (v. 1-2). Those who should have been leaders in righteousness are leaders in iniquity-princes, judges, prophets, priests. Then the Lord Himself takes the place of these leaders, and we see Him "in the midst," fulfilling each office in turn.

WORSHIPPING CHRIST IN ZEPHANIAH

- **CHRIST OUR PERFECT JUDGE.** First He comes to our hearts as judge, and convicts us of all that is sinful there, bringing His judgment to light (5-7).
- **CHRIST OUR PERFECT PROPHET.** Second, He comes as Prophet, teaching us with pure lips to call upon His name-still "in the midst," dealing with the pride of heart, and bringing us low into the place of blessing, in the presence of His holiness (8-13).
- **CHRIST OUR PERFECT KING.** Third, He comes "into our midst" as King, to reign in undisputed sway in the heart that is surrendered to Him. When the Lord reigns thus the song begins (14-16).

- **CHRIST OUR PERFECT HIGH PRIEST.** Fourth, He is "in the midst " as our Great High Priest, bringing us into the place of communion with Himself.

TRUSTING GOD IN ZEPHANIAH. This chapter closes with the six beautiful "I wills" of what the Lord will do for us. Zephaniah 3:18-20

- **GOD LOOKS FOR GENUINE CONTRITION OVER SIN.** (3:18) "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden.
- **GOD DEALS WITH OUR ADVERSARIES IN HIS TIME.** (3:19a) Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you;
- **GOD IS THE DEFENDER OF THE WEAK AND PERFECTS THEIR WEAKNESSES.** (3:19b) I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out;
- **GOD WILL GIVE BACK TO US A THOUSAND-FOLD ALL WE HAVE LOST FOR HIM.** (3:19c) I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame.
- **GOD HAS HIS KINGDOM PLANS ALL IN ORDER - TIMING, SEQUENCE AND ALL.** (3:20a) At that time I will bring you back, Even at the time I gather you;
- **GOD HAS CHOSEN TO RESTORE ISRAEL TO THE HEAD OF THE NATIONS IN THE MILLENNIUM.** (3:20b) For I will give you fame and praise Among all the peoples of the earth, When I return your captives before your eyes," Says the LORD. (NKJV)

HAGGAI "OUR GOD OF SACRIFICE"

There are defining moments that shape the course of history. We remember many of them. When Julius Caesar crossed the Rubicon River (taking his legions inside the line of no crossing) he set the stage for the Roman Empire as we know it. Young Martin Luther's hammer on the Wittenburg church doors rang out a message that altered the course of the church to this day. When Hitler invaded Danzig at the end of August, 1939, it was England's response that has shaped Western history for the past nearly 60 years. Likewise, in redemptive history (the history of God's work in people) the response of the Jews to a message they heard on September 1st, 520 BC shaped the course of Biblical History. In 23 short days what had not happened in 16 long years took place. The Second Temple was started. The First Temple (Solomon's) was destroyed in 586 BC. Herod later would not build a new Temple but expand and embellish the second (Zerubbabel's Temple). So this was the beginning of the Temple of Christ, the Apostles and of AD 70's destruction. A great turning point in history.

MESSAGE ONE: A Present Need of Completing the Temple (1:1-11) 9/1/520 BC. While the people were waiting before the Lord this first of four messages came. Before we examine each division of this book, we need to look at the big picture. There are SEVEN TIMELESS TRUTHS about God we can trace from the pages of Haggai.

- **THE LORD IS POWERFUL.** The Lord is 14x called by His name of power in this short little book. The Lord of Hosts is Haggai's favorite name for God. In using this name our Lord God Almighty reveals the vastness of His control!
- **THE LORD IS JEALOUS** In Haggai God expects the place of priority no matter what is going on in their lives! Haggai 1:2-3 "Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: 'This people says, "The time has not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built." ' " 3 Then the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, (NKJV). **JEALOUS** is a name the Lord describes Himself by often.
- **THE LORD IS DEMANDING** Haggai 1:9 "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house.
- **THE LORD IS TRUSTWORTHY** Haggai 2:5 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!' (NKJV)
- **THE LORD IS CHANGELESS** Haggai 2:9 'The glory of this latter Temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts." (NKJV). The Lord is the same Hebrews 13:8 . . . yesterday, today, and forever. (NKJV). He is not tied to our museums of past greatness! He wants to live powerfully in and through us TODAY!
- **THE LORD IS LOVING** Haggai 2:19 'Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you.' " (NKJV). Though He had to judge their past sins, there is blessing on the horizon!
- **THE LORD IS PERSONAL** Haggai 2:23 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts." (NKJV). After the word of wrath coming on the nations, the Lord assures an individual named Zerubbabel, he will be specially used of the Lord. God has big plans for each of us. Don't miss them!

ZECHARIAH "OUR JEALOUS GOD"

The second of the final three prophets of the Old Testament is Zechariah. His name means "God remembers". Because each word of God's Word is inspired,

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this presents the theme of the book. Unlike the thunder of Haggai his contemporary, Zechariah gives comforting messages of encouragement! Born as the son of a priest during the Babylonian exile, he seems to have been an orphan. He was called the son of Iddo who was his grandfather.

Returning with the faithful remnant numbering 42,360 individuals under Zerubbabel, he joined those who came to restore the Temple worship of the Lord. His ministry dates to the second year of the King of Persia names Darius Hystaspes (521-520 BC). This dates his ministry to 2 months after Haggai stood at the ruins of the Temple and preached his first prophetic sermon. Just as Haggai, God burdened Zechariah for the neglected repair of the Temple. However, God extends his prophetic view far beyond the Jews of his day. God sends him on a prophetic voyage that travels to the very end of redemptive history. He is given such detailed insights surrounding the events of the coming Messiah, the Tribulation, the Golden Millennial Age of Israel and the Reign of Christ that bible teachers of the magnitude of Martin Luther would not even write on some parts of this Book. They just couldn't figure it out. Of course they believed God was through with the Jews and all of this had to be describing the church . . .

PRACTICAL TRUTHS TO CONSIDER: To maximize our learning, we may begin by gleaning four broad applications from this great Old Testament prophet:

- **SIN WILL BRING GOD'S JUDGMENT.** Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (NKJV)
- **GOD'S PAST DEALINGS WITH SIN SHOULD CAUSE US TO TURN FROM SIN.** Matthew 12:41 "The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah [is] here. (NKJV)
- **TURNING FROM SIN BRINGS BLESSING.** Look at Zechariah 1:3 "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts. (NKJV). Even the most wicked (Ahab) found mercy in turning. Even the wicked Manasseh was forgiven (II Chr. 33:9-13).
- **GOD LIKE HIS WORD CAN NEVER BE EVADED FOR LONG!** See what God said in Zechariah 1:6 Yet surely My words and My statutes, Which I commanded My servants the prophets, Did they not overtake your fathers? "So they returned and said: 'Just as the LORD of hosts determined to do to us, According to our ways and according to our deeds, So He has dealt with us.' " " " (NKJV)

MALACHI **"OUR GOD OF LOVE"**

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Last words are very important. Christ's last words contained His legacy for us, His Body. In Malachi we find the last words from God in the Old Testament. His last words are words of His Love! Our God is a God of LOVE. He has shown His love since He came on a search and rescue mission to the Garden of Eden. As soon as Adam and Eve had fallen God came to the rescue. He is the same today.

Because the Last book of the Old Testament opens with God declaring His LOVE. Malachi is a book about Loving God and what He expects from His special people. In just a glance at the book we can see there were many problems among those special people. The Lord points out and questions them about seven key areas of lacking in their lives.

FIRST LESSON: **RESPONDING TO THE LOVE OF GOD** (1:1-5)

SECOND LESSON: **HONORING THE LOVE OF GOD** (1:6-2:9)

THIRD LESSON: **EXPOSING GOD'S UNLOVING PEOPLE** (2:10-16)

FOURTH LESSON: **TRUSTING THE LOVE OF GOD** (2:17-3:6)

- God promises blessing (3:10-12). Note the elements of a blessing from Numbers 6:24-27. Be sure to often seek ways to ask God's Divine Favor to rest upon those you come upon in Christ. Sharing a blessing helps others, shows love and models true Christian love!
 - ✓ **HIS SHELTERING BLESSING** v. 24 "The LORD bless you and keep you; (this is God's favor and protection.)
 - ✓ **HIS SHINING BLESSING** v. 25a The LORD make His face shine upon you, (this is showing His pleasure at their actions.)
 - ✓ **HIS SHOWERING BLESSING** v. 25b And be gracious to you; (this is God showing His compassionate mercy.)
 - ✓ **HIS SMILING BLESSING** v. 26a The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, (this was a way of saying He approves of their way.)
 - ✓ **HIS SANCTIFYING BLESSING** v. 26b And give you peace." ' (this is the gift of God for the righteous only.) Isaiah 57:20 But the wicked [are] like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. (NKJV).
 - ✓ **HIS SIGNING (OUR SOULS) BLESSING** v. 27a "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, (this is Divine Ownership, see II Cor. 1.)
 - ✓ **HIS SECURING BLESSING** v. 27b and I will bless them." (this is a promise.)

FIFTH LESSON: **ACKNOWLEDGING GOD'S LOVING OWNERSHIP** (3:7-12)

- God calls it Theft (3:8-9). **WHY ARE YOU DISREGARDING GOD'S OWNERSHIP?** Malachi 3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. (NKJV) The whole tithe was an expression of God's ownership. Anything less would be denying His complete title deed to us. Because He bought us

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at such a high price (I Cor. 6.19-20) we should give all of ourselves back to Him! The Lord is saying if you give all and hold nothing back (unlike Annanias and Saphira of Acts 5) He will pour out such blessings as we could never have experienced. He will shower us with blessings from Heaven. We will not be able to contain all that He has to pour upon us! Think about some of the words we have said to God:

All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts and words and doings,
All my days and all my hours.
Let my hands perform His bidding,
Let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only,
Let my lips speak forth His praise.
Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,
I've lost sight of all beside,
So enchained my spirit's vision,
Looking at the Crucified.
what wonder! how amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved,
Lets me rest beneath His wings.

SIXTH LESSON: **FEARING OUR LOVING GOD** (3:13-4:3)
CONCLUSION: **GOD IS COMING** (4:4-6)

LESSON 6 EXPERIENCING JESUS REVELATION 21:9-22:5

God invites us to the greatest event of all time. The ultimate communication from God has arrived. It is a beautiful work of art, a picture of vivid color and radiance. It is a full color portrait of His Son, Jesus. God presents this photograph as a gift to us. We can do with it what we want, but He promises an unusual blessing to all those who take the time to look at this picture.

What is the picture? It is the Unveiled Jesus of Revelation. It is the uncovered glory of the Image of God in Jesus. It is a gift from God for us to share ! Have you experienced the irresistible attraction and the incomparable satisfaction of experiencing God? Our Lord proposes to all that will try, that experiencing His Son Jesus is the highest pleasure and greatest treasure to be found. What do you think? God and His Word have fallen on hard times in our world. There are far more exciting pleasures and captivating treasures than Him aren't there?

Worshipping God is the highest calling we can have as His creation. We were created to worship God. Yet I find more resistance in my life to worship than anything else. Distractions pour in, doubts arise and the constant downward tug of the world, the flesh and the devil all make it hard. On the positive side, we can all agree that the most precious moments in our life are those few that we know were spent standing consciously in the very presence of God. May I ask you to rise to this moment?

This is a worship time. We are to worship the sacrificial death of Christ always. We should desire to worship God the Father's plan. Would you lay aside all the plans, imaginations and distracting thoughts of other things and give the gift of your total attention to God? Will you follow along in the Scriptures and in a spirit of continual prayerfulness ask the Lord to open your heart more and more to Him? Its the hardest and yet most rewarding exercise I can think of!

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Please read Revelation 4:8-11; 5:8-14.

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, 2:1 “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 3:22 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ” 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.” 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 6:1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, “Come and see.” 7:1 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. 8:1

When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. 10:1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. 11:1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, “Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 13:1 Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. 14:1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. 15:1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. 16:1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.” 17:1

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, 18:1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 19:1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven,

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saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Worship Jesus with me . Discover what it means to be Experiencing Jesus. He is wonderful, He is glorious and He is our Beloved Bridegroom for Whom is all our desires. As we start the process of trying to worship Him as we startledly sit still in front of His awesome Majesty: Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (NIV); Habakkuk 2:20 But the LORD is in his Holy Temple; let all the earth be silent before him." (NIV)

Then as we comprehend even a fraction of Who He is and how utterly magnificent He is we stop again in awe, wondrous reverence and sheer delight at the magnitude of His power, might and infinitude: Psalm 33:8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him. (NIV)

As we linger in the glow of His presence we find our lack of holiness becomes painfully revealed: Isaiah 57:15 For this is what the high and lofty One says -- he who lives forever, whose name is holy: "I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. (NIV)

Then it hits, a pang of hunger. We want to know Him, love and adore Him. We begin to fill up with wonder and gratitude for even the chance to have this moment. Psalm 63:1 O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. (NIV);

Awash with wonder we feel the sheer delight of a new hope. Joyously He begins to flood our souls with His response of bearing away the deadening load of our sin. We feel the burden lifted, the stains removed, the coldness warmed and the emptiness filled. We are experiencing our God. Psalm 27:4 One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. (NIV).

We find in His Revelation we can:

- Worship Jesus' **MAJESTY** Revelation 1

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- Revelation 1:4: Worship the **PEACE OF JESUS** Revealing His rest
- Revelation 1:5: Worship the **BLOOD OF JESUS** Revealing His Life
- Revelation 1:7-8, 19-20: Worship the **PLAN OF JESUS** Revealing His Heart
- Revelation 1:14: Worship the **EYES OF JESUS** Revealing His omniscience
- Revelation 1:15: Worship the **VOICE OF JESUS** Revealing His Omnipotence
- Revelation 1:16-18: Worship the **TOUCH OF JESUS** Revealing His Humanity
- Revelation 1:9-20: Worship the **GLORY OF JESUS** Revealing His character

Imagine hearing a voice like a trumpet and seeing these **SEVEN PERFECTIONS OF HIS DIVINITY**:

1. **THE PERFECT MAN**: As identified with us, Hebrews 2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. Hebrews 4:15 but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. NKJV SON OF MAN: (84 times He calls himself this, no one else does.) He came to seek and save the lost of Adam's fallen race. One like the Son of Man, **THE CONQUEROR OF ADAM'S FALLEN RACE**,
2. **THE PERFECT SACRIFICE** He is robed to the feet as **THE PERFECT PRIEST**,: All other priests carried around sacrifices, this priest was the sacrifice, He gave Himself for me Paul says and so should we! As priest: Robe to Feet , Hebrews pictures Him ever living to intercede for us.
3. **THE PERFECT JUDGE**: as Judge: Girded around breast was ancient symbol of restrained emotions. He judges rightly. He is sinless, He is full of love and wisdom. No one can make decisions perfectly except Him!
4. **THE PERFECT IMAGE OF GOD** He is white haired as **THE ANCIENT OF DAYS**,: As Ancient of Days, White hair = sign of maturity, absolute holiness; Ancient of Days – Daniel 7:9 –same description. As Hebrews 1:3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had

by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, NKJV

5. **THE PERFECT TRUTH:** With His eyes of fire, **THE SEER OF ALL SECRETS**, As penetrating scrutinizer: those eyes of fire discover and with consuming light reveal secrets
6. **THE PERFECT DEFENDER:** As trampler of foes, those feet of military bronze will crush His enemies, even those who cry, "Lord, Lord...but He never knew." With His brazen feet, **THE ULTIMATE JUDGE** crushing all foes,
7. **THE PERFECT COMMUNICATOR:** With a voice, **THE VOICE OF GOD** as thunderous as the 12 million cubic feet of water crashing at Niagara's base, commanding all to pay attention, the deaf and the dead can hear it, and so should we!

DISCOVER THE MESSAGE OF JESUS REVELATION 2-3

1. **TRUE BELIEVERS HAVE AN ABUNDANT LIFE** Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. (KJV) = Has infinite life in paradise regained - John 3:16
✓ **AN OVERFLOWING LIFE:** John 7:38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." (NIV)
2. **TRUE BELIEVERS HAVE AN INDESTRUCTIBLE LIFE** Revelation 2:11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death. (KJV)
✓ **SECURE FROM ANY PHYSICAL ADVERSARY:** John 10:28-29 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any [man] pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave [them] me, is greater than all; and no [man] is able to pluck [them] out of my Father's hand. (KJV)
3. **JESUS CAME TO GIVE HIS OVERCOMERS AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY** Revelation 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth [it]. (KJV)
4. **TRUE BELIEVERS HAVE AN INEXPRESSIBLE FUTURE** Revelation 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: (KJV)
✓ **GOD WILL OVERWHELM US WITH UNBELIEVABLE PLEASURES:** Second Corinthians 12:4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. (KJV)

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5. **TRUE BELIEVERS HAVE INCREDIBLE COVERAGE** Revelation 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels. (KJV) WE have Christ as our garment, Advocate and our relative:
- ✓ **CHRIST AS OUR GARMENT!** Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfill] the lusts [thereof]. (KJV)
 - ✓ **CHRIST AS OUR ADVOCATE!** Hebrews 7:24-25 But this [man], because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (KJV)
6. **TRUE BELIEVERS HAVE AN INESCAPABLE DESTINATION** Revelation 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, [which is] new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my new name. (KJV)
- ✓ **A PILLAR, BECAUSE WE ARE SECURE:** John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if [it were] not [so,] I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, [there] you may be also. (NKJV)
 - ✓ **A NAME, BECAUSE WE ARE A LOVE GIFT FROM THE FATHER TO THE SON!** John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. (KJV)
7. **TRUE BELIEVERS HAVE INTIMACY WITH GOD** Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (KJV)
- ✓ **INTIMACY IS A PROMISE:** John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." (NKJV)
 - ✓ **INTIMACY IS A PERSON:** John 17:3 "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (NKJV)
 - ✓ **INTIMACY IS PERMANENT:** Revelation 21:7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. (NKJV)

DISCOVER THE MISSION OF JESUS REVELATION 4-20

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- Worship the **LOVELINESS OF JESUS** as He is at the center and focus of my worship (4)
- Worship the **SACRIFICE OF JESUS** at the Throne of the Universe as the Lamb of God (5)
- Worship the **WRATH OF JESUS** as He displays His Holy Wrath against Sin (6)
- Worship the **LOVE OF JESUS** as He sends His Witnesses to Rescue lost and helpless sinners (7)
- Worship the **PATIENCE OF JESUS** as He controls His wrath and waits, Listens and Responds (8)
- Worship the **JUDGMENT OF JESUS** as He Judges hardened and unrepentant sinners (9)
- Worship the **MYSTERY OF JESUS** as Judge (10)
- Worship the **WITNESS OF JESUS** by trusting His Word (11)!
- Worship the **VICTORY OF JESUS** as He shows His people His Ultimate Triumph (12)
- Worship the **GENUINENESS OF JESUS** as He exposes the LIES of the Counterfeit Christ (13)
- Worship the **COMPASSION OF JESUS** in sending the everlasting gospel (14).
- Worship the **BEAUTY OF JESUS** as we worship Him in the splendor of His Redeeming Love (15)
- Worship the **POWER OF JESUS** as He judges the horror of locked hearts (16).
- Worship the **TRUE BRIDE OF JESUS** unmasking the apostasy and revealing His own saints (17)
- Worship the **AUTHORITY OF JESUS** judging materialism and acclaiming true values (18) .
- Worship the **MARRIAGE OF JESUS** (19:1-10) as He celebrates union with His bride.
- Worship the **RE-ENTRY OF JESUS** (19:11-21) conquering the rebellion (19).

DISCOVER THE MANSIONS OF JESUS REVELATION 20-22

- Worship the **TRIUMPH OF JESUS** vanquishing the devil (20:1-10) and renewing the earth.
- Worship the **LAST WORD OF JESUS** damning the rebels (20:11-15).
- Worship the **HONEYMOON OF JESUS** unveiling Paradise for His Bride (21:1-8).
- Worship the **WONDERS OF JESUS** revealing Paradise to His bride. (21:9-27)

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- Worship the **EXTRAVAGENCE OF JESUS** offering salvation to all who come to Him (22:1-21).
- Worship the **EXPERIENCE OF JESUS** opening and closing the Revelation of Himself (1-22)

Step with me into the worship center of the universe. Through His Word, gaze at the One who is seated on the Eternal Throne. As we watch, exalt God in your spirit as the endless praise is ascending around His Throne. Let us be still and know who it is before whom we stand. And then Adore the LOVELINESS OF JESUS as He is at the center and focus of our worship.

To worship Him Who is worthy of all worship and praise is our duty and purpose of existence. The Father seeks only one thing, and that is that we might worship Him. To truly worship Him is to ascribe to Him that honor, praise, glory, and majesty that He is worthy of – a true “worthship.” This day, join me as we stand in the vestibule and peer through the door into the chambers of the Most High.

Through the eyes of that faithful and true disciple of love who alone remained, heir of the apostolic band-and with his pen, tried to capture that which when Paul saw it, said it was inexpressible.

- Let us listen to the choirs of angels in numberless circles about the glassy sea and its throne as they say His worthy praise.
- Let us listen to those eternal creatures chant “Holy, holy...holy,” and by faith’s eye let us see with John that band which no man could number and listen to their songs of adoration and praise. Do you know Him, Christ the Lord, Who merits such praise.
- Let us see Him now—worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to be praised this day by us who owe Him our all!