

Morning Sermon May 2, 2021

“People Get Ready, Jesus is Coming!” – Revelation 1:7-8

I. *The coming of Jesus Christ will be dreadfully scary, and rightfully so, for anyone not ready for Him –*

<sup>7</sup> Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7 (NKJV)

1. *Jesus’ second coming will be dramatically different than His first coming –*

“every eye will see Him” “And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.”

*Jesus’ coming with the clouds, is a dramatic entrance –*

A. *Like His ascension, but on a grander scale -*

<sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9–11 (NKJV)

B. *The clouds are Christ’s chariot –*

<sup>3</sup> He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind, Psalm 104:3 (NKJV)

C. *Everyone sees Him, everyone knows Who He is, everyone will know why He is returning, and because He is coming to JUDGE SIN, people, non-believers, all over the world will mourn -*

**And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him.**

D. *This is so different from –*

<sup>7</sup> And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

2. *The mourning will be combined with dreadful and wide-spread terror –*

<sup>12</sup> I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. <sup>13</sup> And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. <sup>14</sup> Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. <sup>15</sup> And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, <sup>16</sup> 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! <sup>17</sup> For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” Revelation 6:12-17

3. *Knowing that our current world will END DRAMATICALLY, should motivate us toward living holy and godly lives –*

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of *persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:10-13

*What thief in the night does and does not mean –*

A. *It does mean suddenly, unexpectedly, without warning, meaning other than the Biblical Warning!*

B. *It does not mean, secretly, quietly ... “no eyes will see Him” is the exact opposite of Revelation 1:7.*

II. *Christ’s second coming is spoken of throughout the Book of Revelation, here it is part of the introduction, it is also featured at the end of the Book –*

<sup>7</sup> “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.” Revelation 22:7

- *And in middle parts – Revelation 6:17 and –*

<sup>15</sup> Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!” **Revelation 11:15** (NKJV)

*Chapter 12 of the Book of Revelation speaks of Christ’s birth –*

<sup>5</sup> She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. ... **Revelation 12:5** (NKJV)

1. *Point, the Book of Revelation is not structured in strict chronological order!*
2. *How is this book structured? As God-given dreams were structured, example –*

<sup>25</sup> Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “The dreams of Pharaoh *are one*; God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do: <sup>26</sup> The seven good cows *are* seven years, and the seven good heads *are* seven years; the dreams *are one*. <sup>27</sup> And the seven thin and ugly cows which came up after them *are* seven years, and the seven empty heads blighted by the east wind *are* seven years of famine. <sup>28</sup> This *is* the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He *is* about to do. <sup>29</sup> Indeed seven years of great plenty will come throughout all the land of Egypt; <sup>30</sup> but after them seven years of famine will arise, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine will deplete the land. <sup>31</sup> So the plenty will not be known in the land because of the famine following, for it *will be* very severe. <sup>32</sup> And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. **Genesis 41:25-32** (NKJV)

3. *Note how Joseph interprets Pharaoh’s dreams:*
  - A. *Two dreams “are one” :25*
  - B. *Because – “God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:” :25*
  - C. *Notice the use of the number 7 in regard to cows, and heads of wheat - :26-27*
  - D. *Notice why the dream was repeated <sup>32</sup> And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:*

4. *Revelation as a vision from God, or visions, is one vision about God’s coming Kingdom:*

- A. *Three parts of this vision: 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets and 7 Bowls are presenting ONE Thing, the coming victory of Christ’s Kingdom and the judgment of this world!*
- B. *This vision is repeated three times “because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.” **Genesis 41:32***

5. *An outline / structure preview (a simplified version):*

*Revelation 1:1-8 Introduction*

*Revelation 1:9-20 John’s spiritual vision of the risen, ascended Christ*

*Revelation 2-3 – A message from Christ to each of the seven churches*

*Revelation 4-5 – John’s spiritual vision of Heavenly Realities*

*Revelation 6 start of prophecy: structured by seven seals prophetic history with an emphasis on normal happenings, but ending with Christ’s coming... **Revelation 6:12-17***

*Revelation 8 begins the seven trumpets, an emphasis on those things which are a warning of nearer judgment, God’s Kingdom comes – **Revelation 11:15!***

*Revelation 16 begins the seven bowls of God’s wrath ... repeated prophecy, God’s Kingdom is coming, but emphasis is on the very end, wrath and judgment ...*

III. *As God, Christ is over it all –*

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” **Revelation 1:8**

1. *The same words applied to God the Father in verse :4 here apply to Christ –*
2. *These words, as well as chapters 4 & 5, portrait Christ as above and outside of time. God is the Creator of time!*

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