

Palmetto Baptist Church – August 27, 2017

The Rest of the Story – Revelation 12-19

I. Understanding the Setting

- A. Victory Proclaimed (Revelation 11:15)
 - 1. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.
 - 2. Jesus shall reign forever and ever.
- B. Victory Experienced (Revelation 12-19)
 - 1. Impact on Satan and his demonic host (12-13)
 - 2. Impact on the 144,000 witnesses (14:1-5)
 - 3. Impact on the angelic host (14:6-18:24)
 - 4. Impact on the heavenly host (19:1-5)
 - 5. Impact on the redeemed (19:6-10)
 - 6. Impact on all created beings... both good and evil (19:11-21)

II. Unfolding the Story

- A. It is a glorious story.
 - 1. Involving a variety of characters
 - a) *Woman, Dragon, Child, Michael, Antichrist, False Prophet, The Lamb, the 144,000, the Angelic Messengers, the Demonic Messengers, the Great Prostitute, The Host of Heaven, Jesus Christ.*
- B. The story impacts each in a variety of ways.
 - 1. *confrontation (12), humiliation (13), vindication (14-18), and exaltation (19).*
 - 2. Promoting a single agenda (19:1, 6, and 16)
 - a) *Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of lords*
- C. The story is full of symbolism.
 - 1. 7 signs (12:1, 3; 13:13; 13:14; 15:1; 16:14; 19:20)
 - 2. 3 of 4 women (The pregnant woman (Israel – 12:1-6, 13-17); The Scarlet Woman or Prostitute (The Apostate Church – 17:3-6); and the Wife of the Lamb (The Universal Church – 19:7). The only other woman not mentioned in this section is the Woman Jezebel (Representing Paganism – 2:20).
 - 3. Indicating when to take something figuratively (the pregnant woman – Rev. 12:1) and when to take it literally (the dragon – Rev. 12:9)
- D. The story is replete with historical connections
 - 1. Genesis 37:9-11 – Joseph’s dream
 - 2. Genesis 3:15 – The birth of the Messiah
 - 3. Isaiah 27:1 – The description of the Dragon
 - 4. Psalm 2 – The reign of the Messiah
 - 5. Daniel 10:13 – Spiritual battle between Michael and the demonic world

- E. The story is pointing to actual events set to take place in the future
 - 1. During the Great Tribulation Period
 - a) *12:6 – 1260 days*
 - b) *12:14 – time, and times, and half a time*
 - 2. The rise of the Antichrist (13:1-10)
 - 3. The rise of the False Prophet (13:11-18)
 - 4. The vindication of the 144,000 witnesses (14:1-5)
 - 5. The response by the angels (14:6-18)
 - 6. The declaration of victory by the heavenly host (19)
 - 7. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb (19)

III. Application:

- A. Your personal victory over sin has been proclaimed. (Galatians 2:20a)
- B. Your personal experience of victory requires faith. (Galatians 2:20b)
- C. Look for connections to the Grand Story of Redemption every time you read Scripture.
- D. Trust God to accomplish His will through your life.
 - 1. It may involve difficulty, sacrifice, and challenges.
 - 2. It will be worth it all when you see the exalted King.