

MON) December 9**Ch. 7 - Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb**

This chapter is a parenthetical insert section after the sixth seal and before the seventh seal, and contains the answer to the question posed in chapter 6, "Who will be able to stand on the great day of wrath?" (6:17). The number of those who were sealed in this chapter, 144,000 is often understood as a symbolic number that represents all the saints of the Old and New Testament eras. Some people literally interpret the words of this chapter as only 144,000 people, but in verse 9 of this chapter, John records "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, (.....) before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands" (verse 9). Through these words, we may understand that the saved saints are not limited to 144,000 but a great multitude that no one can count.

Ch. 8 - The smoke of the incense ascended before God with the prayers of the saints

When The Lord, likened to a lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour, and then seven angels with seven trumpets appeared (vv. 1-2). But what is it that ascends to God in the center of that worship when another angel is worshiping beside the altar?

* The prayers of the saints who seek God's name, God's kingdom, and God's will ascend to God and will be fulfilled in God's time.

Ch. 9 - They have a king, the angel of the abyss

In chapter 8, the first to fourth trumpets were blown, and the fifth and sixth trumpet judgments follow in chapter 9. When the fifth trumpet was blown, the abyss opened and locusts appeared and tormented people. People sought death, but they could not die. The king of the locusts is called the angel of the abyss. What is his name in Hebrew?

TUE) December 10**Ch. 10 - You Must Prophecy Again**

The section from Chapter 10 to verse 11:14 is another parenthetical insert between the sixth and seventh trumpet judgments, and it contains scenes of world evangelization. John ate the little scroll that the angel was holding, and it was sweet as honey in his mouth, but bitter in his stomach. What was the mission given to John after he ate the scroll?

Ch. 11 - He will reign forever and ever

The seventh trumpet judgment is not a judgment, but rather a vision of Christ's glorious kingdom beyond judgment (verses 15-19). What was the loud voice heard in heaven when the angel blew the seventh trumpet? (verse 15)

Ch. 12 - The old serpent, the devil, Satan, and the deceiver of the whole world

This chapter records the vision of the woman and the dragon. It consists of three scenes: Satan's attempts to kill Christ (1-12), his failed attempts to destroy Christ's church (13-16), and his attacks on individual Christians (v. 17). Why was that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world (v. 9), thrown down to the earth?

WED) December 11**Ch. 13 - If anyone has an ear, let him hear.**

This chapter is a vision of two beasts. The first beast that came out of the sea can be said to be the government of the world, and the second beast that came out of the earth represents the false prophet. Who will the people living on this earth worship if their names are not written in the Lamb's book of life?

* The things that are happening in the world today are frighteningly consistent with the words of the Book of Revelation. People are losing their minds and their entire lives while serving false gods. There are false conversions, false miracles, false healings, false experiences, and false gospels. However, remember that the power of this beast and everything else is destined to eventually perish and fail.

Ch. 14 - They Sing a New Song

This chapter continues with a vision of the church in heaven. Apostle John sees the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, which is a symbolic place name for the kingdom of heaven. Christ standing on Mount Zion represents the victorious Christ, and the 144,000 beside Him represent all the saints who have been redeemed from the earth. Look at verses 4-5 and find out who these saints are.

Ch. 15 - Seven Angels with Seven Plagues

This chapter is an introduction to the seven bowl judgments. The seven angels who appear first are the angels who will now be in charge of the seven plagues that will be the last of the judgments (1). With this, the judgment of God's wrath will be concluded. What is filled in the golden bowls?

THU) December 12**Ch. 16 - They did not repent and did not give glory to the Lord**

The seven bowl judgments are parallel in content to the previous seven trumpet judgments, but they are even stronger. In order, the first to fourth are the same in that they are connected to the land, sea, rivers and water, and the sun (moon, stars). The fifth is related to Satan's throne (the throne of the beast). The sixth is related to the great river Euphrates. The seventh is similar in that they are characterized by a loud voice in the sky, lightning, voices, thunder, earthquake, and hail. The difference is that the trumpet judgments are judgments that affects 1/3, while the bowl judgments affect the whole; and while the trumpet judgments are indirect judgments through the environment, the bowl judgments affect people directly. The verse that we should pay attention to in all judgments is that people do not (.....) even though they see and experience these judgments (v. 9, 11).

Ch. 17 - The Lamb is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings

This chapter is about Babylon (called the harlot) and the beast. The image of Babylon as a prostitute is contrasted with the image of the church as a woman clothed with the sun, as the bride of Christ, the New Jerusalem (described in Chapter 12). "They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and (.....) and (.....)."

Ch. 18 - Babylon, in one hour your judgment has come.

"The woman is the great city that rules over the kings of the earth" (17:18). Chapter 18 records the fall of that "great city" Babylon. The harlot Babylon deceived the nations in two ways: First, she made the inhabitants of the earth drunk with the wine of her fornication (14:8; 17:2; 18:3), and Second, she deceived the nations with her sorcery (18:23). How will this great city Babylon fall?

- 1) V. 8: her plagues will come in a (.....) day.
- 2) Vv. 10,17,19: O mighty city Babylon, For in a single (.....) your judgment has come.

FRI) December 13**Ch. 19 - Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.**

Babylon was destroyed in one hour. (18:10). Now the apostle sees the worship in heaven (1-10), and the scenes of the second coming of Jesus and the final judgment (19:11-21:8). This chapter records the wedding feast of the Lamb, where the worship in heaven takes place. Since the marriage of the Lamb has come and his wife has made herself ready, he was allowed to wear bright and clean fine linen. What does this fine linen garment mean?

Ch. 20 - The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone

The apostle sees Satan bound and confined in the abyss, unable to deceive the nations until the thousand years are over (vv. 1-3). The final battle of Satan, who was imprisoned in the abyss for a thousand years and then temporarily released, begins (vv. 7-10), and after that John sees the scene of the final judgment (vv. 11-15). This passage is consistent with the Lord's words about the final judgment (Matt. 25:31-46), Old Testament prophecies (Dan. 7:9-10), and the words of the Psalms (Ps. 7:6-8; 47:8-9). After the millennium, Satan is released for a while, but where will he be thrown?

Ch. 21 - Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth

The contents of this vision are eschatological salvation (1-8), the glory of the city (11-14) and its size (15-21), and the paradise-like life there. It is said that the holy city in heaven has no need of the sun or moon to shine on it. Why is that?

Ch. 22 - Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

This chapter describes the new heaven and the new earth, and ends with an invitation to the New Jerusalem and the hope of the saints for the Second Coming. When the One who testifies to all these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly," what is our response as prepared saints?

This week, 2024

The Bible reading of "The Tree Planted by the Streams of Water" has been completed. Each and every one of you who have run the race of faith with the Word for a year has worked hard. I am happy and thankful to be with you on this journey of faith. Please submit all Bible readings to the church by Sunday, December 22.

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (Psalm 1:1-3, ESV)