

Looking Ahead –
No class – Next Sunday, May 27 – Memorial Day weekend.

June 3 – Class.

June 10 – Class.

June 17 – No class – Father’s Day

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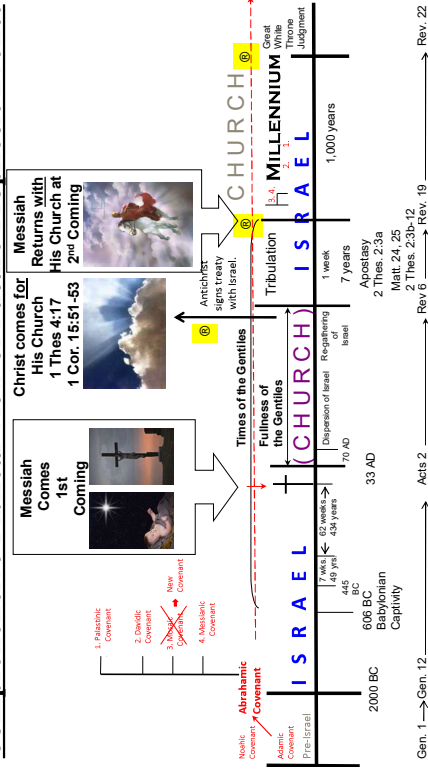
July 8 – Class.

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Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



“A Beast Coming Out Of The Sea”

Part 2

Rev. 13:5-10

May 20, 2018

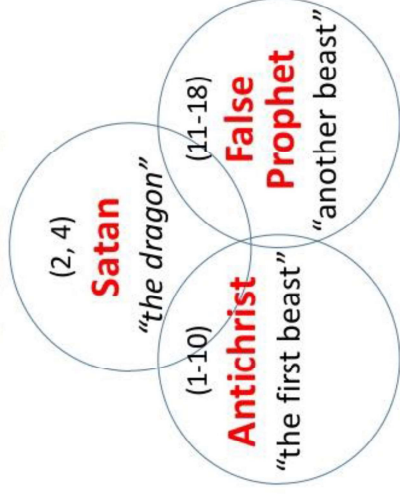
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Rev 13:1-5

- 1 And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore.
Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.
- 2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.
- 3 I saw one of his heads as if it had been slain, and his fatal wound was healed. And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;
- 4 they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

Revelation 13



“There was given to him . . .” (6:4,8; 7:2; 9:5)

- God is the one giving the authority here because there is no way that Satan would want to limit the operation of Antichrist to forty-two months.
- God sets the limits as to how far Satan and the Antichrist can go.
- But God is going to “let out the line” for 42 months.
- This will be the largest “evil expo” the world has ever witnessed.
- Notice the 2 things given to the Antichrist:
 1. **A mouth to speak.**
 - arrogant words
 - blasphemiesThe word “**blaspheme**” means “to harm one’s reputation through defaming speech.”
 2. **Authority to act.**
 - for exactly 42 months (3 ½ years). No less. No more.

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Scripture predicts these very actions-

- he possesses “a mouth uttering great *boasts*” (Dan 7:8)
- “he will speak out against the Most High” (Dan 7:25)
- he will oppose the Prince of princes (Dan 8:25)
- “he will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will speak monstrous things against the God of gods” (Dan 11:36)
- he “opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship” (2 Thess 2:4)

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- against His name (all of His attributes). God's name represents all that He is; it is the summation of His attributes. This is an all-out attack on all that God is.
- against His tabernacle. Represents where God dwells.
- against all those in heaven:
 - *O.T. believers.*
 - *The Church.*
 - *Tribulation saints*
 - *Angels.*
 - *Michael.*

Satan will turn the whole world into a world of blasphemers.

Rev 16:9, 11, 21

9 Men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues, and they did not repent so as to give Him glory.

11 and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

21 And huge hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, came down from heaven upon men; and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, because its plague was extremely severe.

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Ps. 16:11; Ps. 23:6, Job 19:25-27; Matt. 22:23-32, Dan.12:1,2

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Phil. 1:23; 2 Cor. 5:1-8; 1 Cor 15

The Antichrist will be given authority over believers remaining on the earth.

- He will see it as war, and the goal will be to wear them down, conquer, and destroy them.

Dan 7:21-22,25

21 "I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them 22 until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom.

25 "He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

Dan 8:24

24 "His power will be mighty, but not by his own power,

And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree

And prosper and perform his will;

He will destroy mighty men and the holy people.

"mighty men" – 3 kings, 2 witnesses.

Rev 17:6

6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus.

- He sees believers as a threat to his authority.
- He does not have however, the power to destroy their faith, but he does to take their lives.

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“foundation of the world” – a phrase that describes God’s initial work of creating the earth.

Zech 12:1

1 Thus declares the Lord who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him,

Luke 11:50

50 so that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,

Matt 25:34

34 "Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

“before the foundation of the world” – that which happened before God began the creation of the world, in eternity past.

John 17:24

24 "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Eph 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world,

1 Peter 1:20

20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you

Rev 13:8

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Rev 17:8

8 "The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

2 Tim 1:9

9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,

Acts 2:23

23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

“book of life”

- The book of life is the registry in which God inscribed the names of those chosen (the elect) for salvation before the foundation of the world. (This phrase is used as a synonym for eternity past in 17:8; Matt 13:35; 25:34; Luke 11:50; Eph 1:4; Heb 9:26; 1 Peter 1:20; cf. 2 Thess 2:13; and 2 Tim 1:9.)
- Seven times in the New Testament, believers are identified as those whose names are written in the book of life (cf. 3:5; 17:8; 20:12,15; 21:27; Phil 4:3).

Rev 3:5

5 He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

1 John 5:4,5

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.

5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Phil 4:3

3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rev 21:25-27

25 In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;

26 and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

27 and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.



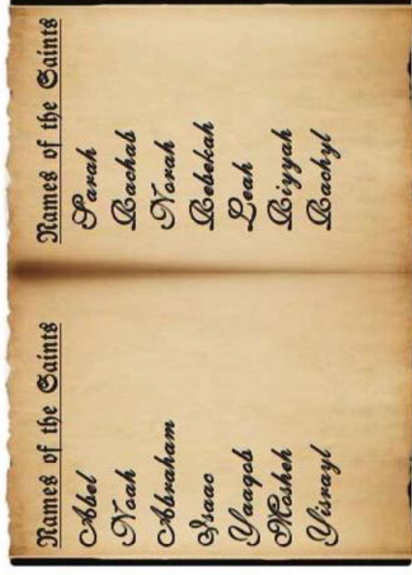
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Your name

IN THE BOOK OF LIFE,

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Toufframa



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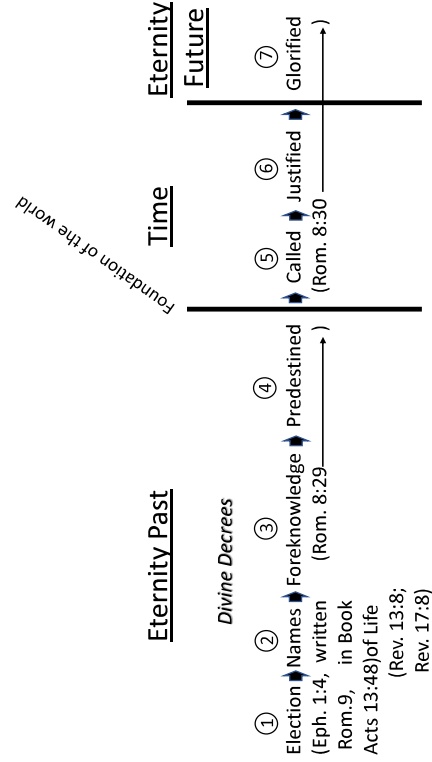
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** Believers are secure because of the Decree by the King of Kings.

Rev 2:7

7 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Rev 2:11

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Rev 2:17

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“Perseverance” ὑπομονή – meaning to remain under, to abide under. It means to remain steadfast and persevere while enduring suffering.

- Perseverance is found in the realization of God’s sovereignty.
- Whatever happens to these Tribulation believers, they must rest in the knowledge that it is according to God’s will and plan for their lives.
- Bottom line: If it is a believer’s God-appointed role to serve as a martyr, so be it!

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“Instead of reacting violently, believers must exemplify the perseverance and the faith of the saints. They must be like the Lord Jesus Christ, who “while being reviled . . . did not revile in return; while suffering . . . uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously” (1 Peter 2:23). When believers follow Christ’s example, noted Peter, “those who revile [their] good behavior in Christ will be put to shame” (1 Peter 3:16). Those who are “reviled for the name of Christ . . . are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on [them]” (1 Peter 4:14).”

- John MacArthur



Walter C. Smith (1824-1908)

• God *will* avenge His elect when the full number has been completed.

Rev 6:10-11

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

- In the meantime, they were not to love their lives.
- They must hold their testimony to the point of martyrdom, knowing their death was but a gateway and stepping stone into the presence of God and His saints in heaven.
- Their perseverance accomplishes 3 things:
 1. It witnesses to the reality of their faith and the glory of God.
 2. It makes them “perfect and complete” (Jas. 1:4).
 3. It allows the cup of God’s wrath toward their persecutors to fill to the brim (Rev. 14:10+; 16:19+).

How do you express the inexpressible mystery of the Creator whose name was unutterable in Hebrew Scriptures, save the self-described "I AM"? How do you put into words what cannot be known? How do you sing about the One who is ineffable -- beyond all words?

Walter Chalmers Smith attempted this in this classic hymn.

A Scottish Free Church minister educated at the Universities of Aberdeen and Edinburgh, Smith served congregations in London, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Perhaps his highest tribute came when he was elected moderator of the General Assembly in 1893 for the church's 50th Jubilee celebration.



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This hymn is the only one of his volumes of poetry that remains in common use. Hymnologist Albert Bailey says composing poetry was for Smith "the retreat of his nature from the burden of his labors." The original version in six stanzas appeared in Smith's *Hymns of Christ and the Christian Life* (1867). After a number of revisions, the four-stanza version was included in the influential *The English Hymnal* (1906), assuring its fame to the present day. The obvious scriptural foundation for stanza one is I Timothy 1:17: "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." The name of his hymn is . . .

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness
and love.
3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth
Thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father
of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling
their sight;
Of all Thy rich graces this grace,
Lord, impart
Take the veil from our faces, the vile
from our heart.
5. All laud we would render; O help
us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth
Thee,
And so let Thy glory, almighty,
impart,
Through Christ in His story, Thy
Christ to the heart.