46032 ClayTerrace Fri8am Bible-Study

(Wider Context: HamiltonCo Operations)
(Also see Metro Ministries Map - HamiltonCo Map)
(Prayer & Prayer-Networking - Testimonies/Stories)
(Language-barriers) (Zoom room info)

Zoom Room Info & Tips & Schedule
(We open the #Fri8am zoom-room doors 7:45am - come in, say hi, check your technology, and just enjoy being together as always.)
We'll start promptly at 8am (Eastern)

(This is a collaborative document - any of you can help add/edit!)
(If it seems too chaotic *wink* go visit **http://ClayTerrace.org** where we've indexed each week's topic & resulting video --> now posted to YouTube weekly.

Study-time: Pastor Andy:

- **Revelation - Week 1 - Introduction**
  - 05/15/2020 Zoom recording as Andy introduced Revelation, asking about our presuppositions & hermeneutics, which may dictate where our conclusions may fall among the 4 main views.
  - Millennial Views - an Overview - including some good questions. Presuppositions? We all have them. They'll mostly dictate your 'view' of Revelation.
  - Helpful diagram
  - Eschatology - doctrine of last things
  - Rapture - the word comes from the Vulgate (not in English versions)
  - 4 Views
    - Dispensational Pre-Mil - usually 7 dispensations - usually incredibly literal, no matter the genre or other textual clues. And largely they believe all Davidic prophecies --> point to nationalistic fulfillments during the Future Millennium. And they'll see different ways for people to be saved: Ethnic Jews vs. Gentiles. Eg 144,000 Jews during the Millennium. Predisposed toward always taking current events and building those into their Premil timeline.
    - Historic Pre-Mil - Literal, but sometimes nuanced. They see the coming of Christ as a new age, fulfills the Davidic prophesies (so not necessarily having to wait til the Future Millennium). Gospel overcoming even pre-mil.
    - Post-Mil - (does this view have a punctuated start to their millennium?)
    - A-Mil - Millennium started with Christ's initial ministry (the Kingdom of God is at hand), Satan is bound at the cross - Reigns now (and we with Him) -
    - Question: So how do we understand OT Jews to be saved? Through faith. (Rom.4)
      - Heb 11:6 Even pre-Abraham (Abel, Enoch)... by faith... believing God exists and He's a rewarder of those who earnestly seek Him.
    - John is the first mega buster that shows us this future view... from several camera angles.

- **Revelation - Chapter 1**
  - **Zoom-recording for today (5/22/2020)**

- **Andy's handout - an Outline of Revelation**
- **Map of the 7 churches... and the Island of Patmos (Wikipedia)**
- Andy: Read it figuratively unless it's obvious to read it literally... because John tells us outright that it's a prophesy: the OT gives us that prophetic methodology re other books, visions, interpretations. And cyclical, like NFL camera angles on the very same play. 7's, 3's, 4's, 12's (eg 144,000). Trinity symbolized. Interpret difficult passages by first/heaviliy understanding the clearer passages.
- Neil: And the text itself immediately becomes obvious as figurative re the 7's, and personifications, 3's, 4's.
- 3 more ways of defining view:
  - Preterist (almost everything has already happened. They date the book pre-70. We estimate 81-96 AD. (Neil: I don't.)
  - Historic - a concise outline/timeline.
  - Futurist -
- **Andy's Outline of the Book:**
  - **Chap 1 - Prologue and Introduction, sets up the vision.**
  - **Chap 2-3 - Seven churches.**
  - **Chap 4-21 - Body of the Letter, in cycles. "Vantage Point" (movie) - assassination, seen from various angles. .. cycles of the completeness of the act.**
    - **Scroll and 7 Seals.**
    - **7 Angels 7 Trumpets**
    - **7 symbolic history**
    - **7 bowls of wrath from the temple**
    - **Judgment on Babylon - vincations of church.**
    - **Final Battle Armegeddon**
    - **Reign of the Saints and final judgment.**
    - **Conclusion: New Jerusalem**
  - **Final Exhortation and Closing Blessing.**
- Andy: If you're really going to study Revelation, you really need to look at the 1st 8 chapters of Daniel. Then read 8 to 9 chaps of Revelation. Then go back and finish Daniel. Then finish Revelation. Daniel fills up the scroll, and John closes it. Don't get stuck in Western thought: Chronological. That is not the way Greeks do it. (Neil: Perhaps that's why some Rev views pop up first in America.)

- **Revelation 1 (continuing today, 5/29/2020) - The Prologue**
  - 7 beatitudes in Chap 1
  - Power of 3's -
  - Andy: Revelation FROM Jesus Christ
  - Daniel 8
  - Heb 2 (message via angels)
  - In Revelation, John refers to angels 67 times!
  - Angels are impressive: Often you hear: Fear not. Get up.
  - It only took 2 angels to destroy the 2 cities of Sodom & Gomorrah. Powerful.
  - Servants = Believers, contrasted with the unfaithful who serve Satan.
  - v3 "because the time is near" ... John is talking about a current event.
  - v9 John is saying he's a partner in the tribulation... not someday, but now.

- (Neil: Reminds me of Matt24, Mark13, Luke21 - talking about the near events we know is 70AD -- so it makes me think John is talking about that same set of upcoming events -- ie, he wrote it pre-70AD)
- Andy: This is not the Nero persecution (70AD), but rather Domitian's persecution.
- Chap6 "How long, how long? Reply: Hold on a little longer, because there are more to come.
- Robes (we see it referenced at the times of persecution -- which Andy says is current persecution).

- **Revelation 1 (continuing today, 6/4/2020)**
  - As we read it, consider the sacrifices made by the prophets (and you & I) for Christ. Why this pursuit? Christ is worthy -- verse 6. (similarly, see Eph 4:1)
  - We identify this as apocalyptic - so we interpret symbolically unless we are forced to interpret literally. Including the various numbers: 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12 and multiples, and cycles/reiterations.
  - Gen 2:2-3 -
  - "To him who has an ear, let him hear..." (obviously similar to Jesus telling parables calling for discernment re the truth contained therein)
  - (And Jesus often talked about the secrets of the kingdom.)
  - Rev 1 gives us a great insight as to the largeness of God, and we should consider how great it is that He shares ANY knowledge with us, much less as much as He does -- consider the doxologies of scripture, that we should know how wide, and deep etc.
  - LORD refers to the name Yaweh (which Jews wouldn't even pronounce).
  - Lord refers to Adonai -
  - Andy: Amil - 1st resurrection and 2nd resurrection (gotta go back and listen again to the zoom recording).
  - Andy: Literalism vs symbolism - beware, sometimes is literal and symbolic -eg my wedding ring (physical and represents my love for my wife).
  - Jim: Literal vs symbolic.

Revelation 1:4-7 (Fri8am, 6/11/2020)

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube (today's study) - (We'll get the whole series up at... http://IndyChristian.TV
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Revelation 1:7-11 (Fri8am, 6/19/2020)

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link
- "Jim & Gayle" joined us this am, as did Tyrone. (Jim, Dept of Defense, Army...)
- "Son of Man" - several verses, including Daniel 4, Nebechanezer repenting to him.
- Clouds - often associated with _____. (several passages, incl OT cloud of fire.
- Isa. 41:4 first & last, I am. Also 44:6
- 9 times in Revelation, God is called Almighty.
- Rev 1:9 John is currently in 'tribulation' with the brothers/sisters.
- (Neil: We need some more word-study re the word or words translated tribulation, trials, temptations, suffering, etc.)
- Rev 3:10 patient endurance... just like Rev 1:9

- peraizo - testing
- (Robert found a diff word greek...)
- Various places in Rev that John indicates “carried away in the Spirit” (or similar). Should we distinguish between any of them?
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- Next Week: Andy, talk about Jesus coming on a HORSE.

Revelation 1:11-20 (Fri8am, 6/26/2020)

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (always at IndyChristian.TV)
- Lampstands always in the holy places, made of gold, always burning.
- “Like the Son of Man” vs. “Son of Man” (as Jesus used it)
  - Daniel 7:13
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- robe down to his feet - like the parable of the prodigal son, someone in a robe down to their feet clearly didn’t have to do physical work. More often, clergy.
- White hair - ultimate (old) hair, wisdom
- Is 49:2 - mouth like a sword Heb 12 - sharper than 2-edged sword piercing division, Word of God. Eph 6 Sword of the Spirit = Word of God.
- “I am the 1st and last” -- think of ALL the many passages that reference that sort of thing.
- hades hell dif
- mysterion - always been true but never been able to be figured out (fully), so he’s making it known to us.
- V19: Write what you’ve seen, what is now, and what will take place. This is the format for the book.
- Angels? mentioned 67 times in Rev. Are they guardian angels of the churches? (Andy doesn’t think so.) Simply a prevailing spirit, spiritual entity. Other theologians think it’s an earthly revelation - eg bishops, elders, pastors of the churches. (Andy thinks this.)
- Spiritual opposition? (eg Dan 10:13 Michael).
- **Parking Lot:**
- JimK: V.20 7 stars, heads of the churches. shepherds of the churches. (like stars are strewn --> like stars in the universe. Think big. Many more than 7 churches. All churches are in His hand. The churches are the messengers -- eg messenger in all cities. Yes, to the 7 churches, but also to all churches. Each one represents a false gospel to be aware of... ie, a danger to avoid, every congregation, every individual. (Smyrna? Danger is when you’re under persecution, you may have more appreciation for your lives than for the Lord.) Each is an example of how churches might change the gospel to a false substitute. The other (Philedelphia) .. still ends in the same thing, ear let him hear what the Spirit says: What does Philly mean? Brotherly love NOT the gospel.
- Neftali: Every church has some area or danger to fall in. History of 7 phases of the Church. Now in Laodicean age.
- JimK: (No) we’re now in the age of tolerance: Brotherly love. Danger is apathy. Current situation of riots, people are tuning off... apathetic.
- JimK: The Matt ref re hell is not the right greek
- Nef: The word hell... in the original languages, 4 dif words, so a book Nef read divides into 4 chapters... eg Jewish view of hell (no eternity, no resurrection),
- Nef: Service this Sunday 11am. Masks. Sit apart.

- JimK: Teaching Revelation via Zoom now. Not doing Revelation right now per se... but rather, what Jesus said re the end times. (Next up: Luke 16 bosom of Abraham.)

Revelation 2:1-7 (Fri8am, 7/3/2020)

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- Neil: 7 churches (near Isle of Patmos) -- Circular sequence, starting with nearest then LH/Clockwise order - Andy says it's like a mail-route.
- Tunji: Q: "Take away your lampstand" - Andy: Their light, their status as a church.
- Christ is the One who's holding the stars and walking among the 7 lampstands. (Rev.1, incl v20) Stars are the angels or whoever's in charge of those churches (eg messenger or pastor, Lampstands are the churches.
- Ephesus: Major seaport, point of commerce, magic and various religions - Acts 19:19 sorcery. And 19:12 handkerchieves.
- Ephesus: Tested False Apostles - 2 Cor 11:12-15 - (apostles may be any messengers, not just official Apostles, per Andy)
- Gal 6:10 - love everyone, give everyone dignity in the imago-dei, but then especially among the body of believers.
- Jer 18: Potters wheel, reworking the clay into something more useful. Then the passage goes onto talking about nations, repenting, tearing down, good that God intends for it. God even is shaping disaster for Jerusalem because of their sins/deeds. Mal.3 - But they followed their own plans and evil hearts.
- Gina: Q: How would we know a good church (and recommend it to a new believer)? Andy: (several comments, but notes the number of times that Rev 2-3 refers to sexual misdeeds within a church.)

- Nef: Wesleyan church wrote 40 (authors) days/chapters re Lent 2020
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- Pergamum was the capital of the area.
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- Q: (soon, re timing and symbolism) Rev 21:3 seems to express shock at something totally new... "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."
    - And yet... He always has, OT and NT. It's His basic covenant with us! So how shall we think about this 21:3 passage? Is Rev.21 describing something new? (NIV uses the term NOW, as if new.) Or characterizing His ongoing relationship with His people throughout all time?

Revelation 2:8-11 (Fri8am, 7/10/2020) - Part 9

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- Actually, Andy backed-up to finish the Ephesian Church section... vs.6 -- talking about the Nicolaitans (also mentioned later in the chapter, to understand the practices).
- Polycarp (a disciple of John, remember Patmos is nearby) became a martyr in Smyrna
- Isa 60:14 - Rev.3:9 - Rev 12 (Satan thrown down) - Isaiah ___ (Satan thrown down) -
- Daniel 1:12 - Ten days of testing. Hmmm.
- Literal 10 days of persecution coming up for Smyrna? Yes per Andy.
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Revelation 2:8-11 (Fri8am, 7/17/2020) - Part 10 - Chap2, Pergamum 447 485

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Brennley. HoosierVillage patients (stir crazy). JimW, GaryB, traveling. Bob (rest). ClayTerrace neighbors.
- Pergamum - 15 miles inland, so not as good a trading post.
- But people came from all over to be healed (by their gods).
- 'Rod of Acliepius' (google-search images)
- Numbers 21 - bronze snake/pole in the desert.
- Rev2 Antipas was martyred, roasted on a grill. Faithful witness.
- hidden manna -- jere allusion re hidden manna that will appear when the messiah appears.
- white stone? puzzling. could be legal practice that an acquittal was rep'd as a white stone being handed you. (temple
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Revelation 2:18-29 (Fri8am, 7/24/2020) - Part 11 - Chap2, Church at Thyratira

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** HoosierVillage patients (stir crazy). Tunji/Felicia 20th Anniversary! ClayTerrace neighbors.
- Remember Lydia? From Thyratira - the smallest, most insignificant town among the others nearby mentioned in Rev.
- Metal-workers was apparently their claim to fame. That'll be significant as we read today's passage: Think metal.
- Ps 2:6-9 making the nations your inheritance, rule with a rod of iron.
- Contrast with Ephesus message: Thyratira does more now than at first. Ephesus, not so much.
- Jezebel - remember her? Wife of Ahab. Wicked.
- Trade guilds: Like unions. Hard for you to work at certain jobs without being a member... attending their banquets... eating meat to idols... disintegrating into orgies.
- We're 'in' this world, but not 'of' this world. So how far do we go with culture?
- Eph - walking in his ways, putting on the new self, the new mind.
- Time to repent! (but she didn't repent) (Rom 2 - patience, repentance, storing away wrath on layaway)
- "deep things of satan" (gnosticism?)
- Acts 15 (Jerusalem Council)
- Only hold fast what you've been given. (mindful of Philppians?)

Revelation 3 (Fri8am, 7/31/2020) - Part 12 - Chap3, Church at Sardis

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:**
- Screen-share: Map of 7 churches. Sardis.
- 294 459
- Temple of Artemis / Diane
- 7 Spirits of God - Holy Spirit (like in Chap 1)
- 7 Stars - (Chap 1) Angels of the Churches (ie, messenger from, or pastor/shepherd of)
- In Sardis, the faulty members were the majority (unlike some other churches) - ie, hypocrites in the church (like the 2 masks representing the arts)
- Wake up! (several passages cited similarly) - Be watchful, take heed. Sardis was known for slackness and lack of preparation - thus their city was twice overrun, both times via enemy surprise, scaling the cliff to their city.
- Andy, is TheChurch asleep today? Yes.
- You won't know what hour I'll come against you? Second coming? No, per Andy. But judgment.
- A few who have not soiled their garments - 'walk' (lifestyle) - defiled clothing was an image of something that could not be worn to worship, eg clothing soiled in debauchery.
- Adam/Eve lost the righteousness of God, thus had to be covered/clothed by God.
- Matthew - marriage feast, but one guest tried to come in improperly dressed (in righteousness), thus not eligible for justification to enter into the 'wedding feast' (with Christ).
- John 6 - many turned back, from Jesus. But the disciples said: Lord where would we go, you have the words of life.

- Rev 3 - book of life. (several refs _____)
- Christ assures us, if your names are written therein, he'll hold you steady to the end. Lk12:8

- RVR1960 - reina valera (authors, in spanish, version) - vosotros (in older versions)
- navigate, how to minister to younger who don't speak spanish enough to understand sermons.
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Revelation 3 (Fri8am, 8/7/2020) - Part 13 - Chap3, Church at Philadelphia

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Bruce,
- **Map of the 7 churches... and the Island of Patmos (Wikipedia)**
- 133 677
- Philadelphia - trade route, volcanic/earthquake area, pagan gods,
- No mention of factions in the church.
- Similar to Smyrna -
- Rev 6:10 - cross-ref re the Who. Applied to God Himself.
- Isa 40:25 -
- 'true' - only applied to Christ
- Isa 22:2 - key of David
- shall - very opposite of anything vague - it's clear - it SHALL be such & such.
- door - who opens? who shuts? (next week!) - Isa 22:22 - 1 Cor 16 door of opportunity - there's no lack of symbolic 'door' in scripture, eg Jesus is the Door (of the sheep, Gospel of John chapter__)
- synagogue of Satan? - (see Chap2) - "claim to be Jews" (Romans 2:28-29)
- isa 16:14 -
- no separate covenant with only the ethnic Jewish people - every knee shall bow - no need to leave a chair for Elijah - Jesus says Elijah has already come -
- John talks about the 'world' as the "heathen world" (in contrast to Christ's kingdom)
- trial - testing - temptation - tribulation - all the same Greek word?
- Rev 19:19-20 - there is a great tribulation that is going to come, but God will be with us for us to persevere in suffering.
- Chap3: I am coming soon, hold fast. - present imperative: get a firm grip.

- Esau forfeited his potential position - so people can fail to persevere (not ever of true faith)
- v12 - the one who conquers -
- victorious - isn't that sometimes used for Christ, and other times used for us?
- (review this section of the video: Andy talking about the temple, no conflict with Rev21)
- Philadelphia was briefly renamed after an earthquake, for their benefit from Rome. So this renaming discussion piques their ears.
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Revelation 3 (Fri8am, 8/14/2020) - Part 14 - Chap3, Church at Laodicea

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Bruce,
- **Map of the 7 churches... and the Island of Patmos (Wikipedia)**
- Light of the World Portrait
- 351 846
- Philemon
- First Timothy - written from Laodicea (Philemon's home stay?)
- 1 Peter 1 - gold valuable
- salve - blind - medical school founded there.
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Revelation 3 (Fri8am, 8/21/2020) - Part 15 - Summary of Chapters 1-3:

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Hoosier Village,
- **Map of the 7 churches... and the Island of Patmos (Wikipedia)**
- 340 151
- **Recording !**
- Compiling Neil thots in advance:
  - Presumably none of the 7 churches survived - Turkey is small % of believers today. Did they 'overcome'? Were their lampstands removed, so to speak? How shall we think about that?
  - Circular route through the 7 churches - does that hint at the iterative set of 7's to come? Btw, since later we'll intimate that 7's are cycles, should we not consider the 7 churches as symbolizing cycles also? (P.S... remember they're clockwise.)
  - (cut-pasted from my Eschatology wiki doc) 'Him Who Overcomes' primarily is talking about Christ... and only in that context can it then also be applied to those of us who are indeed 'in Christ'... ie, little-Christs... and overcome as He overcame & overcomes. (How do I know that? One way is that the Sardis passage describes a human who perseveres, and then likens him to the One that Overcomes = clearly distinguishing humans from the One. Problem: Philadelphia passage then seems to go in the other direction, seemingly describing the overcomers as pillars in the temple of my God, and then using 'they' terminology. Hmmmm. Could be collective 'temple'/they.)
  - Btw notice that each of the 7 churches have a concluding admonition re overcoming. And each has a slightly different nuance re if you do overcome.

        - What, of the 7 churches passage, will we hear from again later in the Book of Revelation?
        - (Too often, we're agreeable re what we should do 'now', but we're so afraid of the slippery slope of our perceived opposition -- eg gun control)
    - Andy: Canon easily. Only later did that passion for it being in Canon, wane. All the early church fathers were onboard with it... til the 3rd Century (Gaius - he was an arch-heretic, ie, chief heretic) - (I need to re-listen to this segment - not sure I got it right.)
    - Andy: Notice in Ephesus & other churches, the sexual revolution that we're in, even today. When asked, Andy says we have out-Romed Romanism re sexual revolution.
    - Andy: Example: "Black Lives Matter"... yes, but the BLM's organization's manifesto is tremendously anti-biblical values.
    - Neil: But couldn't we apply that concept to other forms of sin? (Even, say the 12 of us on-screen, if we try to form an organization... apart from scriptural principles.)
      Andy: Yes, but we're not currently lifting up ax-murderers these days (Neil: Yet). Today, the sexual revolution is getting inculcuated in the organized national structure(s).
    - Andy: Sentimentality is not Love.
    - Polycarp was burned at the stake because he wouldn't say "Caesar is Lord" - they called him an atheist because of that.
    - Neil: So where are these particular 7 churches today? Contact info for them? No? So how shall we think about "removing their lampstand(s)"? Andy: Dunno.
    - Q: It's Friday at ClayTerrace: What shall we do, considering these complimented churches and the admonitions... What shall we do while it's still time?
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Revelation 3 (Fri8am, 8/28/2020) - Part 16 - Continued Summary of Chapters 1-3:

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Hoosier Village,
- **Map of the 7 churches... and the Island of Patmos (Wikipedia)**
- 383 805
- **Recording !**
- Reviewing Smyrna (persecuted, yet will be victorious)
- Polycarp - martyred at the stake
- Is 44:6 First & Last - same as this Rev2 text.
- We see Satan imitating.
- Not reading Rev with the newspaper in the other hand.
- Not conspiracy theorist, but noticing refusals to accept cash. And temperature taking.
- In those Rev2 days, if arrested it was because they wouldn't say: Caesar is Lord.
- Andy says Smyrna is poor BECAUSE of persecution. (Not sure this is borne out in the text, but perhaps a good inference... especially because we know that getting thrown out of the synagogue community is a loss of employment/business.
- Rev13 - beast, buying/selling with the mark of the beast on his right hand? Paying homage to other than Jesus Christ as Lord.
- Rev2 Smyrna: 10 days - symbolic of completion.
- Domitician insisted on being worshipped.
- We're to be good citizens (Rom13)... as long as we're not obligated to do what God has commanded otherwise.
- Daniel 10 days literal.

- Rom 24-25 - passage speaking of Jesus (did he mean Rev?) - martyred under the throne, etc.
- First Resurrection is arising spiritually as we're born again. Jesus gives life.
- Second death is 2nd Advent (when Jesus returns and takes care of business re those who rejected Him).
- Pergamum dealing with an enemy inside - not just outside.
- sword - seen many times in Revelation.
- Tolerance as a foray into evangelistic success? Or does faith come by hearing, and hearing by the word of God? Does God draw us?
- Num 25 - plague stopped when judges did as commanded: kill the leaders who were coopted with idol worship (via women who enticed them).
- Num 31
- Neil's Question re how to apply all this today re our (not Christian) nation leaders? Deut 17?
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Revelation 3 (Fri8am, 9/4/2020) - Part 17 - Continued Summary of Chapters 1-3:

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Hoosier Village,
- **Map of the 7 churches... and the Island of Patmos (Wikipedia)**
- 112 247
- For each church, he lets them know he understands their situation (SitRep).
- And he closes each message to the church(es) with the "He who has ears, let him hear."
- The same issues of these churches in Asia Minor, also tends to present in the church today.
- Thyratira - just the opposite of Ephesus - didn't lose their love; it grew, BUT... endured Jezebel, the prophetess.
- Facing persecution by the Roman govt (beast?) - for not proclaiming Caesar as God.
- If they don't worship him, they lose the ability to participate in community, business,
- Secular Jews fell into that same set of community practices, co-mingled with govt.
- We are called as Christians to love what God loves, and to hate what God hates.
- Longest message went to the least significant city & church.
- Like Pittsburg, Thyratira was a more blue-collar town - belong to guilds.
- Their celebrations and religious ceremonies ended in orgies.
- Remember Lydia from Thyratira - made things from blue/purple.
- Manufacturer of bronze - thus the description of Christ in this passage.
- (Neil: So this is peculiar to Thyratira... but potentially also to churches that need to hear this?) Ps.2, Daniel 7, Daniel 3 (they looked into the furnace and saw the 4th man, like the Son of God).
- "I love the way you love, but I hate the way you tolerate." (Andy's paraphrase)
- Jezebel was the source of witchcraft, etc, during Ahab's reign - when he did so much to offend the Lord (eg, via idols).
- Thyratira apparently also had some version of this.
- Acts 5 Annanias & Sophira - similarly, to protect the sanctity of the church.
- Prevalent in our churches today - we tolerate.
- We should 'welcome', yes, but not 'tolerate' the sins (of any of us).
- Satan offers counterfeit things... eg satanic trinity

- Hold onto the gospel. Do not give in. Overcome.
- Eph 2 - reigning with Christ, even now? Rom 5? 2 Tim 2? To some degree we walk and have authority with Christ even now... not sure if we should call it co-reigning just yet. Study further this week.
- Num 24:17 - star that would crush the Moabites? (morning star?) Where's the passage Andy mentioned re Jesus saying that of himself... ie, calling himself the morning star -- which in this Rev 2 passage, he will give himself to us. (JimK: controversy re Lucifer as the son of the morning. Creation, son of the morning. but now in the new creation, Jesus is the son of the morning.
- JimK: Isa 14:12 morning star - but don't confuse this apparent ref to Lucifer as (one of) the morning star(s) upon original creation - with Jesus' mention of it
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- Q: Beast is secular govt -- all govts? or just Roman govt in future end-times?
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- **Stop Recording !**

Revelation 3 (Fri8am, 9/11/2020) - Part 18 - Continued Summary of Chapters 1-3:

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Remembering 9/11/2001: (I stood out on our deck, looking to the skies, wondering. And cried when I realized that up to 10,000 died in these collapses in a moment.) 3,000 people died as terrorists made their statement against our way of life. 2,400 in military operations in Afghanistan. (Now Corona takes 3,000 every 3 days = 191,000. Over 3,000 Hoosiers among them. HoosierVillage locked down. We're locked-down, so to speak, meeting only via zoom. God's plan in all this? Hasn't changed. He loves us and our neighbors and He wants all to be saved, acknowledging & trusting Him. Revelation encourages us about the end of the story ahead.
- **Map of the 7 churches... and the Island of Patmos (Wikipedia)**
- Participant# 439 113
- **Start Recording !**
- Sardis - "Wake up!" (no commendations, just mention of their 'reputation' as re "being alive", but are not.)
- Mt 24 - stay awake! (Andy: This isn't the rapture - it's the everyday advent of Christ who comes to the door of our hearts -- my paraphrase.)
- Influential - King Midas?
- Cyrus King of Persia invaded, with men who could scale the rocky backside of Sardis.
- Vs. 1 - again reminiscent of Jesus resurrection (in view in Chap 1).
- The ones walking worthy - reminiscent of Exodus... when Moses was up the mountain, and the people were waiting. Leader Aaron succumbs to their request. Moses hears them 'worshipping' (but idols).
- Garments: (JimK) - 2 groups of people, soiled and unsoiled. Early verse re having a great 'name' (as alive) - yet they've left the gospel. Mt parable of 10 virgins, some 'with' and some 'without'.
- 1 Cor 11 - there must be 'factions'... but remaining in the body of Christ albeit recognizable as righteous.
- James 5:19-20 (Holly) - "someone should bring him back"...

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Revelation 3 (Fri8am, 9/18/2020) - Part 19 - Continued Summary of Chapters 1-3:

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Matt's friend Jay, facing prison. PastorNich: Chaplains Conference. Ray: Personal peace. gina linda
- P# 416 519
- Isa 22:22 - pretty much exactly quoted here in Rev.3 - Jesus the Messiah is the key of David... He is the gateway, the door, and he opens & closes.
- The 'Jews'... who are not.
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Revelation 3 (Fri8am, 9/25/2020) - Part 20 - Concluding our Summary of Chaps 1-3:

- Zoom-recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Matt's friend Jay, facing prison. PastorNich: Chaplains Conference. Ray: Personal peace. gina linda
- P# 198 329
- Laodicea - think about Flint Mich (water quality).
- Q: Do you think this Church is addressed as a tri-city church? w Colossae & Hierapolis - I do. (Andy doesn't. Taking it at face value: Laodicea.)
- "Spit you out of my mouth" .. is that the saem as "I will remove your lampstand"?
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- **Jim Wright - 7 Phases?**
- **Chap 1:19 .. what is to come... then immediately launches into the 7 churches section.**
- **The message of the churche sin in between the two visions - 2nd vision is everything forward/future. 24 elders is the current church in heaven.**
- Church at Troas?
- Ignatius: Church at Magnesia and Trella?
- 7 churches route... clockwise.
- Initially the 7 churches, and ultimately all of us.
- Rev22 "what soon must take place"... "for the churchurches".
- Distinct Periods in CHurch History? (how to apply this globally?
- Q: What about removing their lampstand(s)?
- Q: Drill in on the phase of "Clergy Age
- Nef: How about 7 phases of an individual church?
- Tunji: 33 martyred Christians in the middle east - remnant.

Revelation 4 (Fri8am, 09/25/2020) - Part 20 - Chapter 4

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Terry/John, Ray opps, the President's health, Erick/Joyce housing, John/IUPUI/suicides,
- P# 337 413
- Article: "Don't get Left Behind. Why Pastors Should Consider Preaching Through Revelation in Our Cultural Moment"
- Rev Theme: God is great, and greatly to be praised!
- Chap 4 & 5 - John's vision.

- symbolic language, painting word-pictures
- Movie: Vantage Point - various vantage points looking at the same event -- same here. Facets of the same story.
- Rev 11:12 Andy doesn't think this is the rapture, but rather, like Ezekiel going up to God numerous times (?). (Who are the two witnesses? The experience of being called-out.)
- Isaiah 6 - "His train filled the temple"... but we can't get out minds around that, much less, wrapping out mind around God.
- JimK - "Time" - things that he saw (past) or come to pass (future). Chap 1:19

Revelation 4 (Fri8am, 10/02/2020) - Part 21 - Chapter 4 (cont.)

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Terry/John, Ray opps, the President's health, Erick/Joyce housing, John/IUPUI/suicides,
- P#
- Article: "Don't get Left Behind. Why Pastors Should Consider Preaching Through Revelation in Our Cultural Moment"

- Comment on our YouTube video last week, from John Gmuer:
  "Concentrate for a minute on Rev 4:3. Read Ez 1 27-28 and Heb 1 3. The emerald is the stone of the tribe of Judah. Jesus is the rainbow in Chapter 4. It is the most beautiful description of the relationship between the Father and the Son. Also it is clear that no one comes to the Father except through the Son. Give this some thought and then read Chapters 10 and 11. Compare the events in Chapters 10 and 11 to 1 Thess 4 16-17. I believe that Jesus is the rainbow, the angel is the archangel, the roar(shout or command) is issued with the voice of the archangel. The seventh trumpet then blows and we have 1 Cor 15 52. By the way the salvation of the Jewish people is in Chapter 11 - seven thousand were killed and the rest gave the glory to God - just the opposite of when God reserved for himself seven thousand who had not bowed their kness to Baal. May God let us be like the bereans."
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Revelation 4 (Fri8am, 10/09/2020) - Part 22 - Finishing Chap 4, then Chap 5

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Terry/John/workchaos, Aaron/newhouse/smallgroupwoman, PastorNichConference, Erick/JoyceEmployment,
- P# 405 667
- **picture demonstrates tranquility contrasted with turmoil on earth.**
- **often sea reps turmoil... now tranquil in heaven - but later when it says the sea will be no more, it means turmoil will be no more.**
- **Four creatures = rep entire created order**
- **worship day & night**
- **mt10:29 - do not fear those who kill the body, but rather the one who can kill soul & body --> hell (That is the God we see in Rev4&5 now.)**

- **Sundays, we add our voices to the heavenly choir, worshiping with departed saints even - we worship He who sits on the throne, and the Lamb. Calvin reminds us of our privileges to worship.**
- **Doxology: 7-fold honor of God: honor, glory, power, lives forever & ever, created us, praise,**
- **Echos from Daniel, Ezekiel, Isaiah, -**
- **We're always going to have to fight the good fight, but know this victorious one as our promise.**
- **Rev5:1 - scroll written on back and front - a major document from the Roman govt (and Last Will & Testaments) ... outsite was a summary of details on the inside... then sealed with ring/wax... authority.**
- **If he sends the prophet to a foreign nation, they would listen, but these people (Israel) won't listen - they're stubborn. (ref_____) Teachers, we are to consume the word of God... kind of like birds that eat then regurgitate for our young to eat.**
- **7-fold spirit (Daniel 12:4 ...seal it til the time of the end).**
- **Ezekiel's scroll had the promises of God for the people of God.**
- **Cov of Works (for Adam) - do this and you will live.**
- **2nd Adam (Last Adam) ...ref_____**
- **Seals are opened... and the people of God can see the purposes of God.**
- **The triump that Christ enjoys... is an accomplished fact at the cross... thru the End.**
- **7 horns - conquest. 7 = fullness. Zach 3 & 4... 7 eyes, blessed Holy Spirit.**
- **Dan7 - one like the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven --> Ancient of Days. John & Daniel are describing the same thing.**
- **bowls of incense, prayers of the saints.**
- **Rev6 saints praying for vindication**
- **no racial distinctions - He died for anyall.**
- **12 & 12 elders are literal**
- **streets of gold literal? sea of glass literal? wedding banquet literally fulfilled someday? 7 eyes, 7 spirits, 4 creatures... likely symbolic.**
- **literal 24 elders? vs. symbols of what?**

Revelation (Fri8am, 10/16/2020) - Part __ (no recording today, Andy's missing) - Read Chapter 5 & 6.

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Terry/John/workchaos, PastorNich:PTL conference. chep/joyce, cru boxes, Freida, Pat's mom too, JimK's devil's noise level, bro moved to mich,
- P# 287 589
- Discussion:
    - Neil: How do each of you approach studying such an apocalyptic book as Revelation?
    - Blessed if we study it.
    - Felicia does BSF
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- Questions for Andy next week:
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Revelation (Fri8am, 10/23/2020) - Part 23 - Read Chapter 6.

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (mentioned offline prior to the call)
- P# 237 249
- Discussion:
    - our curiosity about revelation - the future
    - scrolls - during NT church age, but not chronological. Overlapping even.
    - this chapter is still directed to the 7 churches, and beyond, and also to us by extension.
    - bowl judgment is intensified at the end of the age. (not unlike Paul comparing it to pregnancy labor... getting more intense.
    - lens of ongoing judgments
    - Matt 24:3+
    - Rev 5 - shows the worthiness of the Lamb to open the scroll(s).
    - 7 symbolizes that each/all of these judgments are complete.
    - Rev6:1 directly corresponds to Rev4 and Rev5.
    - Zachariah 6 - Number 4 indicates North, South, East, West -- the entirety of the earth. Btw, the “North country” = babylon and most violent of their enemies. South, Egypt.
    - Neil: Daniel has something similar, right? JimW says Daniel 11. My point: OT fulfillment, or at least partially.
    - Andy: Rider of the White Horse... he doesn’t think this is Christ. Christ conquers, yes, but Christ has many crowns not just one. So andy think it’s an agent of Christ. (but read on, here, re JimW’s thoughts: JimW says Chap19 rider/white horse is different... bow, but no arrows (diplomatic process). JimW says the Chap6 word for crown is temporary crown. Jim thinks it’s even Anti-Christ (counterfeit christ). Andy/Jim seem to agree now... Andy’s backing up and perhaps agreeing that the white horse/rider may be the antiChrist - not agent of Christ.
    - Quart of wheat was average amount of cost of a day’s worth of a soldier.
    - Barley was eaten by the poor - and didn’t have the nutritional value/content of wheat.
    - Ps46 - speaking to us, believers.
    - Neil: Luke 19 - “We will not have this man to rule over us.” - but he vanquishes his enemies.
    - Andy: Genesis gave us authority over beasts. But here, beasts are railing against us, rebelling.
    - Andy: Millennium = between 1st and 2nd advent.
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Revelation (Fri8am, 10/30/2020) - Part 24 - Read Chapter 6:9-17.

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:**
- P#
- Discussion:
    - Mt 24:4-9 - signs
    - (Last wk, judgments (seals) first series of cycles of judgments... which come at the end of the age.)

- Next week or two: Rev 7
- Rev 6... 1/4th of the earth will perish when God removes peace from the earth.
- judgments rep events during the entire period between Christ's advents - first v second.
- Increasing in intensities. not unlike birth-pains.
- symbolism vs. literalism - andy primarily leans into literal if not clearly figurative - so he believes literal horse, and literal sky rolled up as a scroll (albeit opposite his prev stated view of figurative unless literal.).
- (review this section of tunji's question) becomes a discussion of Peter & koinonia.
- then andy moderates a bit - re symbolic v literal
- discussion!
- tyrone: revelation of Christ.
- John literally 'saw' such & such, yes. but what he saw, were those representations... or actuals?
- Did Peter literally 'see' a vision, yes. But the blanket episode was metaphor.
- Both/And?
- OT tabernacle had Two altars - sinful people cannot approach a holy God without a sacrifice. Heb 8:5 also chap9. Souls under the altar... people in heaven still calling for vindication.
- John 5:24 - the first resurrection (immediately with Christ & eternal life when they are born-again! Not just when they die). NOPE, I GOT THAT WRONG.
- (Note: I do need to go study that passage re "reigning with Christ" (even now).
- Friday at ClayTerrace: Tunji: Belief in the supernatural. Neil: Yes, ie, Dr. Williams' context is larger and more knowledgeable than mine... eg virus in my lungs. Do I believe it, or not?
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Revelation (Fri8am, 11/06/2020) - Part 25 - Read Chapters 7 & 8.

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:**
- P#
- Discussion:
    - Angels somewhat restraining God's wrath, and sealing the saints.
    - 144,000 view will be dictated by a person's overall pov of eschatology.
    - Go back to Chap6 - then look at Isaiah 34:4 "sky rolled up like a scroll".
    - Similarly, Isaiah 2:20-21 rocks, caves.
    - Stars falling from heaven? Some say meteor shower, lol.
    - Some see the 144,000 being an exact number, and only Jews... to perform their mission during the 'tribulation'... resulting in a multitude that no one can count.
    - Or... Jehovah Witnesses... 144,000... the complete exact number that will dwell in heaven with God, while others only live forever on the earth.
    - Zach 12:10
    - Rom 11:25-

- But Andy holds a reformed view, ie, an Augustinian view... seeing the millennium between the 2 advents of Christ.. Christ is reigning in heaven and on earth, the devil is limited in power/scope (to deceive).
- So so so much of all this develops from our views re literal/symbolic/allegorical/typology -- and of course, even for the most consistent among us we switch back and forth based on whether we should assume our default position, or see it as an exception to our default position.
- (afterward, today... in parking lot...)
  - Jim & Jim believe the 144,000 are indeed truly Jewish (ethnic? national?) "super-evangelists... resulting in the "great multitude" of believers. Exactly 144,000... and exactly from those tribes -- zero from Tribe of Dan.
  - JimK even goes on to wonder aloud if the 144,000 in Chap14 is the same 144,000 as in Chap7.
  - JimW is writing a paper on Chap20 -- hope to have it completed in time for our discussion when we get there. *smile*
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Revelation (Fri8am, 11/13/2020) - Part 26 - Read Chapters 8.

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Terry HV folks, Covid accelerations, Leaders, Political turmoil & misinformation, Bruce overseas,
- P#
- Discussion:
  - Silence in heaven. After these judgments, Jesus shows up and no more discussion is needed. We're left speechless.
  - Trumpet Judgments: Chap 8-11. It's not historic narrative like (most of) the OT. This book is arranged by Topic.
  - Church Militant on the earth still. Triumphant Church (already run their course, and are in heaven). Through faith, we automatically become part of TheChurch who's true citizenship is in heaven... even if/while on earth. So in a sense, we're part of Christ in heaven... and yet here on earth. It's the already and not yet.
  - Heb 12:26 He will again shake the heavens/earth.
  - Pictures from Exodus, illustrative of the coming freedom from trials, slavery --> Christ.
  - Revelation is like an NFL game viewed from various angles and lenses.
  - Trumpets announced at Sinai. And tent of meeting in Jubilee. Joel 2 Day of the Lord. So immediately Revelation harkens to OT passages. Joshua at Jericho delivered via trumpets.
  - Six of the 8 judgments of Egypts show up here in Revelation.
  - These are general understandings, not specific.
  - Exod 9:23-24 -
  - Using terminology... "something like..." (hints that it's not specific, literal)
  - Ex 15:25 - just the opposite of what we're seeing here in Rev. Water becoming sweet. Wormwood.

- Jer 9:15 Bitterness of food. Poisoning of the water. Bringing on starvation because of the crops.
- 6th Seal - 1/3 of the light, not total darkness.
- Trumpet judgments bring them into submission.
- Eagle gives a warning.
- But we have the seal of God. John 6:27, 2 Tim 2:19, Eph 1 (sealed with the HS).
- So is the seal of God on our foreheads... literal? apparently not. We're already sealed (by the Holy Spirit).
- Trumpet/Seal judgments intensify.
- Bowl judgments ... what?
- Friday at CT: Our prayer life -- praying into His will. See sin the way He sees it. His ways are just. We're silent before His judgments. But we are SEALED by the HS from day 1 when we're saved.
- Q: Are we under any of these judgments NOW? (JimK) Andy says the trib started the moment Jesus ascended.
- JimW: The silence started the GREAT trib.
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- **Parking Lot:** JimW: Matt 24 'elect'... is not the saved, but rather 'Israel' -- and such terminology is often used for Israel (nation). See 2 Tim 2:10 - "so that they also obtain salvation" - so the context, Paul sees Israel as 'the elect'. Point is, it's not a monolithic term. (elect).
- JimK: His understanding is that they (OT) were elected to carry the gospel.
- Temple: Matt 24 it's going to be destroyed. Then v 5-9 (you you you, apostles)... then v 10, he drops the you, and talks of the many (church age). Then v15 comes back to the temple. Means it's has to be coming back... in order for v15 to happen.
- Matt 24 - false messiahs, then switches to prophets (church age), then back to v15 again false messiahs. Silence in heaven is seen in Matt 24. (JimW).
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Revelation (Fri8am, 11/20/2020) - Part 27 - Read Chapters 9.

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Quentin/Patty/Johnny - Others with covid now - Pat's bro Skip -
- Chatter:
- Discussion:
  - Trumpet judgments, yet men & women do not repent of their sins.
  - Build on the foundation of the OT - comparing scripture with scripture -
  - Not to be taken as literally as CNN on TV. *smile*
  - Judgments are cyclical - we would say between the 2 advents of Christ.
  - Number 7 indicates completeness throughout Revelation.
  - We believers may still be present on earth, but sealed, and (likely) seeing our Leader and the heavenly throne. (9:4 shows that the demonic forces had no power over the believers who were prev sealed.)
  - OT trumpets... blow to announce at Sinai, Jubilee, new king, Day of the Lord, Joshua's 7 blasts then the wall falls, great fall of Babylon someday.
  - Locusts/scorpions - most feared in the 1st Century.

- Interpretative mistakes: eg Late Great Planet Earth, eg helicopters, nerve-gas from the tail of the helicopter, Red Chinese army to invade Israel.
- In John's time, before you went to bed or put on your sandals, you checked for scorpions.
- Bedoins swatted away locusts/scorpions from bodies after Patton went through -- before they could loot the bodies.
- John's audience understood these things.
- Joel 2
- Luke 10 - Jesus compares snakes/scorpions to _____.
- Scripture interprets scripture.
- Neil: Star... Angel... Michael -- But Andy believes otherwise, ie that the keyholder changes later in Revelation, so this one is a bad angel, not a good angel.
- Current (Chap9) is more futuristic on the (cyclical) timeline between the 2 advents. (maybe even ADDING-UP some of the events we've seen, like the Holocaust, described here in a compounded, composite torment.)
- 9:7-10 -- now compare to Joel 2 -- (point? _____). Describing a demonic legion... but without power to harm the Children of God.
- Abaddon - Destroyer - either an angel or Satan himself.
- v16 = 200,000,000 troops!!! (can be a compounded set of armies fighting demonic battles, eg Hitler, Islamic terrorists, etc.)
- Yet people don't repent. v20
- JimW: Satan bound, but deceiving the whole world?
- JimW: Retainer is H.S... working to restrain evil, via TheChurch.

Revelation (Fri8am, 12/04/2020) - Part 28 - Read Chapters 10.

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Covid, hospitals staff, unity wisdom, Gina's mom Linda challenges, Joy, Erick,
- Chatter:
- Discussion:
  - Trumpet judgments, yet men & women do not repent of their sins.
  - What is that Christians are to be doing during this time?
  - Interlude(s) always follow the 6th trumpet (bowls, etc.?).
  - 7 trumpet blasts of Joshua at Jericho (fortified city blocking entry to the Promised Land).
  - Augustine: City of Man, City of God.
  - City of Man = Babylon (blocking entry to _____)
  - Interpreting via the OT. Eg, Destruction of Sodom.
  - 6 of 7 trumpets clearly echo the Plagues. And just as Pharoah and his magicians were exposed, likewise here.
  - This is how John's audience would have known/understood.
  - 80% of the Bible is the OT. NT operates in the understanding of OT as scriptures.
  - Overarching verse: 1:1 The revelation that God gave him to know what must soon take place.
  - Chap10:1 - allusions to Daniel 10 (5-6) and Ezekiel.
  - Bring bitter and sweet words to God's people.

- Daniel 10:5-6 Mighty angel is a messenger of Christ (Andy).
- Dan 10:12-14
- Scroll - literally a book.
- Rev10:2... scroll. Sea & Land = the two areas of the earth impacted by seals judgments.
- John is proclaiming these things to God's people.
- 10:4 "I was about the write, but..." - Do not write it down. The larger principle: The secret things belong to the Lord, but the prophets reveal only thing the God gives them. Deut ___.
- 1 Cor 15:52 Last trumpet
- Game over. No more time to repent. Eternal decrees will finally unfold. 10:7. Vindication & rewards. (Comforting to sufferers in the 1st Century.)
- 10:8 etc - John is doing as instructed.
- **Ezek 2 & 3** - eat what I give you. And behold, a scroll. And go speak to Israel.
- (to eat it = to internalize it so you can proclaim it)
- we also need to hear the bad news (of what can't be accomplished via the law) as well as the Good News, then.
- Ez was sent to Israel.
- John is sent to everyone.
- rom 10:3-4 - they did not submit to Christ's righteousness, for he's the end to the law...
- John's bittersweet message is larger mission than Ezekiel's. Incl mult languages. Our missionary efforts.
- Law & Gospel is the bittersweet message.
- Luther: Devil's is God's devil - created. to do as designed? (eg tough love needed to pull us into the fold)
- Augustine 410AD - City of God. City of Man. Wrote 21 Books.
- Christ reigns even in the midst of darkness. eg 2 Peter "gloomy dungeons". Sodom & Gomorrah. Rescued Lot. Righteous soul. Eph 6:10-18 - finally be strong, put on the full armor of God. For our struggle is against...
- Our resp is to follow the footsteps of John re the little scroll - know & proclaim.
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- Q: Is this John's charge to write the Gospel of John?
- Spiritual help to Medical staff?

Revelation (Fri8am, 12/11/2020) - Part 29 - Read Chapters 11 (& 12).

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Covid, hospitals staff, unity wisdom, Gina's mom Linda challenges, Joy, Erick,
- Chatter:
- Discussion:
    - Trumpet judgments, yet men & women do not repent of their sins.

Fri 12/11/2020 Chap 11

- Ezekiel __
- Measure the temple - the worshippers IN the temple. Later in Chap 15 he'll measure in detail... incl walls. So here the emphasis is on the PEOPLE - crossref Paul's writings.

- Dan 9 - 42 mos 1260 days - symbolic sugfering period
- Isaiah 7 ? Sackcloth
- Jonah - sackcloth Ninevah
- 2 Witnesses - several interpretations
- Moses? Elihah? Enoch? 2 believers?
- Water —> blood? Moses?
- Fire? Elijah
- Moses & Elijah Mt Transfiguration rep OT.
- Based on the powers cited, Andy favors this view.
- Enoch Elijah - the only two never died.
- Zech 4 bowl of oil and okive tree
- 3.5 days. 3.5 years?
- Two prophets died?
- None are dogmatic on this two witnesses.
- Sodom Egypt as rep Jerusalem?
- Left in the streets - ultimate insult.
- Earthquake prefigures upcomg jidgments
- V15 prefigures chap21
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Revelation (Fri8am, 12/18/2020) - Part 30 - Read Chapters 11 (Temple Discussion).

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Covid, Country, TheChurch, Celebrate Citizenship for Erick & Joyce!!!
- Chatter:
- **Special Discussion: "Temple"** (Andy & Jim Wright, disparate views)
    - **Saving Neil's refs here before starting:**
        - **Daniel: Fulfilled by Greek King Antichus IV Epiphanies in 168 BC.**
        - **Matt, Mark, Luke... They had asked Jesus 2 questions. And He answered 2 questions. 1 being in the context of the building/temple. And the next answer was re signs of Jesus coming. Notice that there clearly was a big time-lag between them: "But the end is not yet." (ref_____).**
        - **2 Thess 2 (verse 4): Man of Lawlessness sets himself up in God's Temple. Question: Really, could he really set himself in God's overall temple... eg heavenly temple? No. So depending on your interpretation of 'temple'... you might have to see it as among the people of God... eg, Vatican. Certain the Jewish temple very quickly devolved to NOT being for Christians. So where is this 'God's temple'? Specially keep in mind Paul's frequent allusion to the people of God as His Temple.**
        - **Rev.3:7-13 (Philadelphia) - Overcomers... He will make a pillar in His Temple.**
        - **Rev11 - Go measure the temple of God. (but not the outer court because it's been given to the Gentiles). They will trample the Holy City for 42 mos. The beast will arise from the Abyss. Kill the two witnesses. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city, figuratively called Sodom & Egypt... where the Lord was crucified. (Later...) God's temple in heaven**

was opened, and within the temple was seen the ark of the covenant From it came peals of thunder etc.

- **<u>Rev14</u> - angels came out of God's temple.**
- **<u>Rev13:5-9</u> - The Beast (whom some equate to Man of Lawlessness) blasphemes God, his Name, and his dwelling... "that is, those who dwell in heaven".**
- **<u>Rev 15</u> - "And I saw in heaven the temple, the tabernacle of the covenant law, and it was opened..."And the temple was filled with the smoke of the glory of God". "And no one could enter the temple until the plagues were completed."**
- **<u>Rev.16</u> - a voice from the temple said: "It's done!".**
- **<u>Rev20:7-10</u> - when Satan is loosed from prison and he goes out and his minions (many) "surrounded the camp of God's people, the city He loves".**
- **<u>Rev. 21</u>... "The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple."**
  Verse3: *"God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."*
  Verse22: *"I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple."*

- **Andy Hunt**: Ezekiel - chap 1:3, chaps 3-8 temple - then 37 dry bones rejuvenating Israel (Church) - chap38 - and more chaps... temple
- 40:4 - measuring the layout of the temple -
- 5 questions:
  - Literal? If literal, then future - because it's not shown in Ezekiel's time.
  - Symbolic of future perfection of God's presence among his people?
  - Already?
  - Future?
  - If future, will it be fulfilled in Church Age, Milleniam, or Final State?
- Heb10 - Christ has already accomplished our sacrifice once for all.
- Will Messiah replace the temple?
- In church-age to some degree, then perfection in Final State.
- Covenant with Abraham & David - david's son forever.
- Luke2 - throne of His father David (Matthew) and His kingdom will be forever. Luke's writing in Acts at Pentecost, preaching to Jews who didn't yet believe Jesus as Christ - most effective tool, fulfilled prophesy --> eternal kingdom of David's son, resurrection from the grave. exalted in heaven. david didn't ascend to heaven. Sit at my right hand until i make your enemies under your feet... so i'ts started already.
- Matt 12? One greater than the temple is here.
- Temple as a house of prayer for all nations (Micah?) (and quoted in NT)
- First Century Palestine...with a temple... yet future talk.
- Not one stone will be left on another.
- Destroy this temple and I will raise it in 3 days -- ie, himself.
- (speaking of his own body -- what NT ref_____?)
- River of Life will flow from this temple.
- 2 cor 6:16 - paul affirms - we are the temple, apparently as part of Christ.
- Lords Supper - commemoration of His redemption of our sin.
- If Jesus is the true temple, he alone can give us living water.

- **Jim Wright** - not necessarily Dispensation, but Historic PreMil -
- Rev - John: What was what is what is to come.
- 70AD - a later written book - temple has long been destroyed.
- NT temple was centerpoint, even Acts15 Christiantiy “be sensitive to Jewish sensibilities”.
- 2 presuppositions: apocalyptic (symbolically, eg replace Israel, Augustine flipped into believing that)... and literally. in historical grammatical context... unless otherwise specially indicated.
- Church has not replaced. Promises to Jewish people still stands. Antioch School believed this.
- Jews still believe it. Rebuild the temple, that will bring the Shekianah Glory.
- Point: Jewish people still wanting to rebuild the temple. And that too was prophesied.
- Zech: My house will be rebuilt. 2nd Temple was rebuilt 4 years later. But never again were the Israel cities prosperous. So it’s yet unfulfilled. Branch. He will build the Lords Temple.
- Prophesy is given to the Jewish people - so that would be their natural understanding that it’s NOT symbolically TheChurch.
- The Last Days - end of the age. The mountain of the Lord’s house. Raised above the hills. All the nations will stream to it -- that hasn’t happened yet.
- How would Acts15 Jews understand re the Temple... especially as they’re increasingly getting kicked out of the temple.
- Rev 11 - dif temple from Ezekiel. Go measure it. Physical things to measure.
- (Neil: So Jim, how would you interpret Paul’s argument re Christians as Temple?)
- Alexandria School started the allegorical approach. Late 2nd Century.
- Rev 11 correlates with Daniel 1,260 days. Anti-christ sit in the temple. So there has to be a literal temple.
- Matt 24 - prophetic timeline - 24:15 abomination that causes desolation.
- Ezekiel’s temple comes in the millennial period.
- Thess - sits in God’s temple. Where is the antichrist going to be sitting in the Church?
- may 14, 1948 - israel reborn. Ezek 47. Can a nation be born in a day? Yes!
- jim put temple videos in the chat window.
- red heifers - two born -
- fig tree is israel (Matt etc)
- hanukkah - tonight. Vladimir Putin visited Israel’s chief rabbi. He’s for the rebuilding of the temple!
- jews still have to come to faith in christ.
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- **Q&A: (just clarifying questions today - then discuss in January 8th)**

  - **Parking-Lot conversation afterward:**
  - JimKomasinski - what is the ‘rod’? chapter 11.
  - scroll is supernatural doc that John has to digest. 7 year covenant? Once he realizes what it’s all about, he’s given a rod to measure: two times lengths/sizes, rod is some sort of measurement of History... because the next chapter starts reviewing that or future history. (2 time-groups: first is when the two witnesses appear.
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  - Nobody mentioned Romans 11 - fulfillment of ‘Israel’.
  - Paradoxes?

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Revelation (Fri8am, 1/08/2021) - Part 31 - Q&A from prev Temple Discussion

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** New Year together & individuals (goals)... and our country.
- Chatter:
- **Special Discussion: "Temple"** (Andy & Jim Wright, disparate views)
    - Notes:
    - Q: Andy, Jim: When was Daniel's prophesy re antichrist / abomination fulfilled?
    - Q: Jim, talk about Rev21.
    - Q: Jim, talk about the 'temple' as Paul applied it to TheChurch (us).
    - Jim: There can be both literal & allegorical 'temples'... ie, these are two dif things, at the same time. Not necessarily running "parallel". So yes, Peter & Paul taught the temple as Christ and His People... but also there's a literal temple to be rebuilt, and it's in process even now.
    - Andy: Yes, I agree there can be two at the same time. I'm just arguing that these prophesies are not about a literal rebuilding. (Neil: Eg, Rev3 Philadelphia: Overcomers will become a pillar in the temple.)
    - Jim: Rev11 temple is not ezek temple.
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    - **Neil: We'll take more questions next time at the front end of our time together... then proceed in Chap 12.**

Revelation (Fri8am, 1/15/2021) - Part 32 - Chapter 12

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** Ray (covid protection - re teams weekly), Erick/Joyce (PTL, PTL, prayer for city ministry), Pat (travels), AaronS (new home in Fishers!), BruceBoyd (planning getaway, moving DC son to Indy), PastorNich (funerals), Neil (Feb6 Boxes of Love outreach at LP), our country, disillusionment,
- Chatter:
- **Any remaining Q&A?** (Andy & Jim Wright, disparate views)
    - Notes:
- **Chapter 12:**
    - Woman: Catholics say Mary, Queen of Heaven.
    - Gen37:9-10 (Joseph's dream) - 12 stars, Jacob and wife and 12 tribes.
    - Isa54:1-6 -
    - DAn8 - great kingdom so powerful that it _____. AntichusIV Ephiphanes.
    - Gen3 - serpent satan
    - Andy says this is about Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension... as well as Israel / TheChurch.
    - Isa 14:12 (fallen daystar)
    - Luke10:18 (I saw satan fall like lightning from heaven.)

- Rev20 - and I saw an angel coming down out of heaven... seizing the dragon, bound him for 1000 yrs, threw him into the abyss, to keep him from deceiving the nations.
- Numbers - earth opened its mouth and swallowed them. (is this like the river being spewed in Rev12... river of satanic lies (Andy).
- Isa 43:2 - pass thru the waters. thru the rivers.
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Revelation (Fri8am, 1/22/2021) - Part 33 - Chapter 13

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Terry (Hoosier Village, John), BruceBoyd (covid), Boxes of Love Feb6, (CT neighbor stretcher last night), (Rick sleep), Ray (covid-protection), country under new leadership, Chaplain Nich (sciatica), Tunji (Orlando w Ayinde, soccer tourney), Gina (working at her mom's, Linda), Aaron (new home, wall repair, ha), Erick/Joyce (new assignment, city mission),
- Chatter:
- **Chapter 12 leftovers:**
  - Q: Woman fleeing to the desert: Mary/Joseph/Jesus? (Yes and symbolic for True Israel)
  - Q: Satan's "short time" -- From ___ year til _____ year? LOL. And is this the same as Rev20 refs Satan being loosed for a short time?
- **Chapter 13:**
  - Reminder: several camera angles.
  - Dragon (chap12) - Satan -
  - Dualism concept - false - not "two equal forces" (Gen1:1 God created all things, incl the devil.... no match for God.
  - How short a 'time'? Spurgeon: In proportion to his shortness of time, his energy increases... great wrath.
  - Satan (and counterfeit antichrists... father of lies...)
  - The earth opens up and swallows the stream satanic lies - not unless Korah's Rebellion (Numbers)
  - short-time? same as Rev20?
  - jim chap 12 kicked out of heaven - jim says satan still has access to heaven right now.
  - Andy: Ask ourselves What OT lesson is in play?
  - Andy: Cross is final victory - so chap12 apparently refers to that event.
  - Andy says some Rome-effect yet to come. And America is the Babylon effect. (out on a limb, admittedly, he says)
  - jim and andy both concur re 10 horns 10 regions.
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Revelation (Fri8am, 1/29/2021) - Part 34 - Chapter 13/14

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Terry (Hoosier Village, John), BruceBoyd (covid), Boxes of Love Feb6, (CT neighbor stretcher last night), (Rick sleep), Ray (covid-protection), country under new

leadership, Chaplain Nich (sciatica), Tunji (Orlando w Ayinde, soccer tourney), Gina (working at her mom's, Linda), Aaron (new home, wall repair, ha), Erick/Joyce (new assignment, city mission),

- Chatter:
- **Chapter 13 leftovers:**
    - Andy: The Beast is the state... of Nero etal, burned Rome and blamed Christians, and committed suicide, setting up for a false resurrection.
    - 2nd Beast, a messianci pretender lamb. 2 horn lamb is imitating the 7 horn messiah-lamb. Maybe 2horn version is like the 2 witnesses. Btw, Dan8:20 2horn lamb.
    - Like Satan in the wilderness, this 2nd Beast is trying to tap into WORSHIP.
    - 2nd Beast is any 'resurrection' of Nero/State type ideas... incl Hitler, using the Church.
    - Roman Catholic Church - Andy & JimW both agree.
    - Mt24 - false messiahs within the church. they went out from among us.
    - Andy: 666 had meaning in First Century... AND will have application somehow in the very end.
    - Andy: Take the word Beast adn Antichrist (or something to that effect) and figure out its value... it's 666.
    - Andy: News reels of Hitler times... chiuldren singing Hitler is our Savior, Hitler is our Lord.
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    - **Next Week:** (a leftover) - AntiChrist, Man-of-Lawlessness, 2Thess2 setting himself up in God's "temple". Also the Catch-22... of the Rebellion & the Revealing of Man-of-Lawlessness... to set off Christ's coming, but no man knows the day & hour of His coming. How can both be reconciled as true?
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Revelation (Fri8am, 2/5/2021) - Part 35 - Antichrist / Man of Lawlessness / Beast

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Terry (Hoosier Village, John), BruceBoyd (covid), Boxes of Love Feb6, (CT neighbor stretcher last night), (Rick sleep), Ray (covid-protection), country under new leadership, Chaplain Nich (sciatica), Tunji (Orlando w Ayinde, soccer tourney), Gina (working at her mom's, Linda), Aaron (new home, wall repair, ha), Erick/Joyce (new assignment, city mission),
- Chatter:
- **Special Topic Today:**
    - **Man-of-Lawlessness = AntiChrist?**
    - 2Thess2:1-12 setting himself up in God's "temple". Also the Catch-22... of the Rebellion & the Revealing of Man-of-Lawlessness... to set off Christ's coming, but no man knows the day & hour of His coming. How can both be reconciled as true?
    - Btw, 2 Thes 2 sure sounds like Paul concurs with the thought process that evil is already at work, albeit restrained -- not unlike Satan being 'bound'/chained... on a long-chain. (And you know who/what that restraining power is.)
    - (It's a pretty natural jump from Paul's Man-of-Lawlessness and John's Antichrist.)
    - (I see no reason to have to make each piece of Daniel's prophecies fit into one time-slice. Seems to me some can/should fit Antiochus. Some 70AD. Some Second Coming. Example: Restoring the temple & sacrifices... easily Antiochus' days & Judas Maccabaeus -- there's no need for it to be an end-times Temple3.)
    - **Andy**: I John 2, 1 John 4 -
    - 2 Thes 2 -
    - Paul is focused on something happening right now in the Church (and yes, later too).
    - Judaism (Paul renounces it)
    - Rev 13 - Beast - 10 horns - 7 heads (7 hills of Rome) - 10 horns = might & power of Rome's military complex. Mortal wound...
    - Candidates? Nero (60ADs)? Nero was a young young guy... came to power at age 17, suicide at 31 in 64AD. (Some math re his name = 666). Calvin & Luther both saw the Pope as Antichrist - "vicar of rome". Stalin. Musolini. Hitler. "Today I have made a covenant with Satan" written in his own handwriting.
    - Josephus says... Roman image brought into the temple.
    - Daniel 9:17 - temple desecrated - AntiochusIV Epiphanes sacrificed a pig in the temple (the abomination of desolation). Jesus referred to it -- in Matthew.

Revelation (Fri8am, 2/12/2021) - Part 36 - Chapter 14 (cont.)

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Ray Marsh (2 salvations, after death at a factory location), Boxes of Love debrief, Lakeside Pointe Neighborhood prognosis, Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce (loss of client), moved in next to Quentin. Tunji (Clinic)
- Chatter:
- **Chapter 14:**
    - But first...
    - Mt Zion - (Andy) Heavenly Zion.
    - Andy: Angels announcements... were in John's time, announcing "Fallen fallen is Babylon..." ...symbolic of what's soon to happen re Rome, but also with yet ongoing or future fulfillment, etc.
    - The 144,000 in this chapter (same as prev Chap7) is all saints, under the protective care of the Father. While Andy believes in a future something-special re ethnic Israel, this isn't (just) them.
    - (Neil of course dissents re the special-something for ethnic Israel.)

Revelation (Fri8am, 2/19/2021) - Part 37 - Chapter 14-15

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce - AaronS update - BobHuhta (covid-free) - BruceBoyd (Florida) - Terry HV -
- **Chapter 14:**
    - 3 angels - 1 is proclaiming the gospel, 2nd is ____, 3rd announcing the fate of the unrepentant.
    - joel 3:12-13
    - winepress passage - go see Isa 63
    - Peter: Next time, fire. Purifies. So now, Rev15, every trace of sin must be removed.
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Revelation (Fri8am, 2/26/2021) - Part 38 - Chapter 16

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce - AaronS clients - BruceBoyd (Florida) - Terry HV - Lakeside Pointe PTABOA outcome - Gina/mom
- **Chapter 16:**
    - Neil: If this blood wrath is on those who shed blood... are we speaking literally... ie, only on the very few who physically shed martyrs blood? Or rather, if it's symbolic, then shouldn't we also apply as symbolic the actual wrath itself... ie, not get labored down in 'blood', etc... but rather: Horrible wrath of God. (Andy & Jim both agree that it's symbolic re the martyrdom, but literal in the retribution of God. Actual blood... filling the earth to some measurable levels.)
    - Neil: Since your position (Andy) is that these are retellings of cycles much like camera angles of the same events, distinguish if this wrath is falling only on those alive at the

very end... or is it final wrath of all unbelievers past present future. Else, if only the few, then future chapters are not a retelling of the final wrath, but rather a continued timeline... later speaking of wrath on all unrepentant sinners past present future. (You're taking a historical premil view, it seems.)
    - BUT... Andy does not believe it's a physical battle on the plains of Megiddo.
    - jimw zech 9
    - jimk daniel 8:23
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Revelation (Fri8am, 3/5/2021) - Part 39 - Chapter 17

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce - AaronS clients - BruceBoyd (Florida) - Terry HV - Lakeside Pointe PTABOA outcome - Gina/mom
- **Chapter 17:**
    - Beast: The authority... ie, the govt authority of the time -- in John's time, Rome. (But don't get too comfy, this occurs in every generation.) Like spirit of antichrist in every generalion - but one spectacular outworking at the very end.
    - v1 "Come and I will show you the prostitute" -- a contrast with Chap21 "Come and I will show you the Bride."
    - Her pimp, the Beast.
    - Easily understood by readers who knew of temple prostitutes.
    - So we're seeing a broad timeline from Christ's 1st advent to his 2nd.
    - Andy says 7 kings are not specific kings, but rather a number o fcompleteness, referring to the kings of every age.
    - How short is the short-time? Perhaps 2000 years?
    - 8th king is directly related to the release from the abyss.
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Revelation (Fri8am, 3/12/2021) - Part 40 - Chapter 18

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce - AaronS clients - BruceBoyd (Florida) - Terry HV - Lakeside Pointe PTABOA outcome - Gina/mom
- **Chapter 18:**
    - Recurring announcement we saw in Rev14 - Fallen fallen is Babylong the Great.
    - Next week: Neil, use pencil/paper for list of readers. And read along using YouVersion, while leaving Zoom on screen.
    - Andy (waffling a bit): Rev18 is a future collection of people/conditions at the very end -- not symbolic of all ages, but a lesson among all ages/cultures. It's a hermeneutic puzzlement, complicated further by John using the language of his day (horses and carriages) while talking about future state of things. But Andy also waffles by saying John is also writing of Rome in his day.
    - (I'm puzzled -- and thinking it's a lesson for all of us but not directly talking about 2021 conditions & judgments.)

- Is it the same judgment as in Rev20? (JimW asserts that Andy is teaching it's the same -- but Jim believes it's different: Rev18 is one group (particularly certain cities and countries) at the very end, but Rev20 is for individuals of all times.

Revelation (Fri8am, 3/19/2021) - Part 41 - Chapter 19

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce - Gina - AaronS clients - Terry HV -
- **Chapter 19:**
  - (See my matrix in ClayTerrace Workbook)
  - Looking ahead to Chap20 we realize that at some point soon we (amil position) must move into the figurative/symbolic. And since Andy has been literal in Chap18 re a future state... we must ask ourselves at what point literal shifts to symbolic? (Of course, I'm leaning toward that already happened many chapters ago -- maybe.) But will Andy say that shift happens in Chap 19 somewhere?

Revelation (Fri8am, 3/26/2021) - Part 42 - Chapter 19 (cont.)

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce - AaronS clients - BruceBoyd (Florida) - Terry HV - Lakeside Pointe PTABOA outcome - Gina/mom
- **Chapter 19:**
  - Recurring

(Friday, 4/2/2021) was Good Friday / Easter Week Off)

Revelation (Fri8am, 4/9/2021) - Part 43 - Chapter 20 Overview

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce - AaronS clients - BruceBoyd (Florida) - Terry HV - Lakeside Pointe PTABOA outcome - Gina/mom
- **Chapter 20:**
  - Key references to look up: Shows John's recapitulations
    - Rev.12:7-11 - War in heaven, Michael & angels, dragon thrown down, Devil/Satan & angels thrown down with him. Now the kingdom has come, and the accuser (deceiver) has been thrown down, and they have conquered him by the word of the Lamb and their testimony.
    - Rev.20:1-6 - Then an angel from heaven, and the key to the bottomless pit, and a great chain, and he seized the dragon/devil/satan and bound him and ___ and threw him into a pit and sealed it over him... etc etc. Then I saw the thrones and those to whom the authority to judge, etc... They came to life and reigned 1,000 years. First resurrection. Priests fo God & Christ.
    - Rev 19:11-21 - Then I saw heaven opened and a white horse, faithful and true, many diadems on his head, robe dipped in blood, and the armies of heaven

arrayed in white linen following him. And he will rule with rod of iron, and tread... Then I saw an angel in the sun calling the birds to eat the flesh of kings, horses, mighty men, small & great, and the armies of the earth gathered to make war against him... deceiver, etc... thrown into the lake of fire...
        - Rev 20:7-10 - When the 1,000 years ended, Satan will be released, 4 corners of the earth gathered in battle, surrounding the camp of the saints, beloved city, devil was thrown into the lake of fire, tormented day and night forever.
- Premil envision 1,000 years of Jesus rule, giving universal peace on earth... but question is: How does it suddenly go bad? John's describing a time Jesus 2nd coming, raptures before the 1,000 years begins... literal 1,000 yrs, first resurrection is thought to be bodily resurrection when Christ returns, the binding of Satan is AFTER Christ returns, thrown into a pit -- a binding of satan that determines the 1,000 yrs of peace.
- Amil -- "no milineum" -- should really be millineum re Christ's reign in heaven, none on earth. (between advents of Christ)
- Listen with a fresh mind if you can.
- 4 questions:
    - Where does John describe universal peace on earth?
    - Where does John describe Jesus reigning over all earth's citizens, from Jerusalem?
    - If you associate judgment with the coming of Christ on the natural bodies, how do people repopulate the earth, escape the judgment and co-exist with resurrected and glorified Saints that have been given resurrected bodies? Where does John describe resurrected believers live together with unregenerate sinners?
    - What happens at the end of 1,000 years, Satan released, revolts, leading to massive apostasy, even with those who have reigned (and lived under His reign) with Christ 1,000 years... yet fall (a 2nd Fall)?
- The events of Chap 20 do not follow Chap 19 in any chronological sequence.
- It depicts another vision, a recapitulation that happens between the 1st and 2nd advents.
- Context is everything.
- Rev17, 18 - destruction of harlot,
- Rev19 - heaven's reaction to destruction of harlot, and the marriage supper of the Lamb.
- Rev19 - fate of beast, false prophet, thrown into the lake of fire at Christ's return...
- If all enemies are destroyed, and birds prey on them -- how do they reappear? It has to be a recapitulation, a retelling of the final judgment from another perspective.
- Rev20 describes waging war, cast down -- rev 12:7-9 -- until the end depicted in chap20.
- Understand: Jesus dies for our sins, raised from dead, he is consider propitiation for our sins -- satisfying the wrath of God -- this act crushes Satan though His own heel is bruised.
- Paul: Having canceled the written code... He took it away, nailing, disarming powers & authorities, making a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them on the cross. So Jesus defeats him during public ministry. Apocalyptic symbolism - losing, cast down. Bound... by the preaching of the gospel.
- Bound: Rev20 cast down to the abyss - bound (by the preaching of the gospel?)
- John is not predicting a future mil in which the earth is partially restored.
- Rather, it's a symbol of Christ's reign, including all those coming out of the tribulation.
- Saints come alive to reign in heaven with Christ for a 1,000 years. (?) Describing present age from perspective of the final Fate of Satan. John wraps up by depicting all enemies of Christ.

- Rev20 - begins a new vision, a replay of events began in chap16 (6 & 7 bowls judgment) and 19:11-19 God's final judgment on people & nations.
- Tipoff: Chap20:1 - new vision "I saw". Every time we see "I saw" (adon) introduces a new vision, a new camera angle. In this case, an angel coming down holding a chain. Apocalyptic - John never intends us to understand this literally -- how can an angel bind a spiritual being with a real chain... or locked away in a pit? 2nd matter: Identification of angel by key to the abyss... (eg Rev 1:18 -- Christ holds the key to death and Hades in his hand. Rev3 Holy One holds the key of David, etc. - Rev9:1-2 Fifth Angel... Star (Satan?) has the key to the abyss (?). Sun & sky darkened by smoke from the abyss. "Key" (pun intended) - "abyss" refers to death and Hades. Angel is either an Angel or Christ's authority represented. (Confined to the realm of the dead.) Satan had been making accusation day & night in heaven. v2-3. Angel seized him. Threw him into the abyss, and sealed it... to keep him from Deceiving the nations.
- Issues: Satan bound... for a specific time... and specific purpose. Does *not* mean his that his evil activities are completely thwarted. Rev 12:12 Woe to the earth/sea because the devil has gone down to you. (Anything more dangerous than wounded animal?) Truth of the gospel exposes his lies. (victory over the cross... etc.)
- Peter: roams around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- 2 Cor 4:4 - god of this age blinding the minds of...
- Vicious dog can still be "bound" -- confined to an area.
- (Neil: Other scriptures re bound angels _____ and _____)
- Devil's rage increases because his time is short. Prevented from organizing against the Church... until the end of the 1,000 years.
- When released he will organize against the Church... only to be crushed on the day of judgment.
- John never intends us to understand it's a literal 1,000 years. Throughout Rev, numbers are symbolic, eg 4 corners of the earth, 4 winds, 10(N3) = 1,000 years of total peace. Rev2:10 (Smyrna) 10 days of suffering -- almost assuredly rep'ing a short period of time, especially by contrast to eternal life.
- 1,000 years, by numerical contrast, an 'ideal' time.
- 2 Cor 4:15-18 - do not lose heart as our outer self is wasting away - this light & momentary affliction is preparing us for (eternity) - things seen and unseen.
- Rev is already but not yet (model). (This age and the age to come - used by Paul, Peter, John.)
- Sends the 72, twobytwo - satan fall like lightning.
- Rev4:6 - John shifting to heavenly vision - thrones, judgers, First resurrection. John did not see 'people' -- he saw 'souls' (disembodied spirits). Not at all a picture of an eartly millennium. Not a reference to bodily resurrection at the end of the age. Rather, believers regeneration at conversion and manifested as we enter to heaven at death. John 5:24-25 - crossed over from death to life. Dead will hear the voice of the son of God and live.
- Rev20:7 - John shifts back down to earth near the end.
- Rev19:21 - Ezekiel 39:1-8 - (New Testament always has the final say, as it interprets the OT.) - Only other mention of God & Magog.
- Btw, Gog & Magog (Wikipedia) -

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Revelation (Fri8am, 4/16/2021) - Part 44 - Chapter 20 Amil Biblical Support

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce - AaronS clients - Gina - BruceBoyd - Terry (FL vacation, then...)
- **Chapter 20:**
    - Andy (see prev Overview from last week) - Now, biblical support for Amil position. (Next week, Jim Wright, PreMil position. Then Q&A the following Friday.)
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    - Neil Comment for next week: Hey I saw a composite video combining events of January 6th from several perspectives and communication channels. Hmmm. Same here in Revelation.

Revelation (Fri8am, 4/23/2021) - Part 45 - Chapter 20 Premil Perspective

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?) Pastor Chepkwony/Joyce - AaronS clients - Gina - BruceBoyd - Terry (FL vacation, then...)
- **Chapter 20:**
    - Jim Wright - Now, biblical support for Premil position. (Next week Jim can finish and we can all do Q&A.)
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    - Neil Comment for next week: Hey I saw a composite video combining events of January 6th from several perspectives and communication channels. Hmmm. Same here in Revelation.

Revelation (Fri8am, 4/30/2021) - Part 46 - Chapter 20 Premil Wrap-up & Q&A

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?)
- **Chapter 20:**
    - Jim Wright - Wrapping up Rev20 Premil presentation.
        - 1 John 5:19 - Satan in control of the whole world?
        - (Jim has a single slide with many Deceptions passages.)
        - Thrones? Some are in heaven, and some with ‘people’ on them - could be on earth.
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- **Q:** Andy, then Jim: What are **the most *compelling*** few pieces of biblical evidence that shape your view of Chap20 ?
  - Andy:
  - Jim:
  - eg Wayne Grudem: I simply cannot conceive of the devil currently being chained. Period.
- **Q:** Andy/Jim: (Apart from saying John, in Revelation...) What evidences are there that any of the Apostles/NTwriters hold your pov?
- **Q:** Andy/Jim: Where in Revelation specifically, do we read about Christ's 'coming' (in the sense of 1 Thes 4, eg on the clouds with trumpet sound, angels, and we'll be caught up with him on the clouds? And how does that fit on a timeline of end-time events?
- **Q:** Jim: Who is this special ethnic group which you say is to finally inherit the promises of God?" For instance, in your video's Jeremiah section, you mention it's the house of Israel and the house of Judah -- the former *not* being a thing at that time because they've been exiled and redistributed among the nations. So, in the end-times, presumably all those watered-down genetically speaking people... will be included in your term 'Israel', right? Further, what about the Rahab's of the world? Rahab as a part of 'Israel' by FAITH, right? So any of us who are Israel by faith, yes? Oh wait!!!
  - P.S... Who's this Remnant spoken of, eg in Jer34?
  - P.S... Is every single ethnic child of Abraham going to be in heaven (of course, via faith)? Of course not. So define just how 'special' an ethnic Jewish person is, simply based on their genetics? (And of course there are outliers - nongenetic cultural Jews based on their culture of circumcision, etc.)
- **Q:** Jim... In your view, what will be the *purpose* of a future temple? (Godly purpose? If so, what? Or will it simply be a predicted fulfillment of yet-another OT superficial mechanism -- which according to Hebrews is fully insufficient to forgive sins?
- **Q:** Jim, you're leaning into literal fulfillment (of symbolic visions) --
  - Q1: Are you at all intimating that there were no surprising fulfillments of OT prophecies? eg, a Messiah that's greatly dif than literally expected? A reconciling of Jews & Gentiles (eg TheChurch)? (Point: If prophecies can fulfilled in a manner dif than expected, then what's your point of loading up all the illustrations of literally-fulfilled OT prophecies? Yes, we agree that so many of these will be fulfilled in a literal manner -- but not at all in the literal way that you expect them. Eg... say during New Heaven & New Earth. Or eg already fulfilled in 70AD. Or in a very expanded understanding of 'land', and 'nations'.
  - Q2: Will it be ok with you if your OT prophecies are literally fulfilled during New Heaven & New Earth? Point is: Which of your prophecies *must only* be fulfilled during a literal, interim 1,000 year millennium?
  - Q3: Similarly, will it be ok, Jim, if "Abraham's Descendents" are a much much larger set of people than you envision, ie, if it ends up being TheChurch?
    - Q3A - Jim, your Daniel 12:1 ref "every person written in the book will be saved out of it" -- who all does that entail?
  - Q4: (ref Ezek 8:7-8 Return to Jerusalem mentioned last week) - Btw, is 'Jerusalem' symbolic for all of the land-area you refer to as future land of Israel, eg Gilead & Lebanon, mentioned in Zech 10? How shall we think of NewJerusalem (Rev21), if not the Bride of Christ?
- **Q:** Jim/Andy... War in heaven passages. _____ Which of these refer to the same event as Rev.20 'thrown down'?

- **Q:** Similar to my “Who is Israel?” question... “What is ‘Nation’? Or ‘TheNations’?” Must we interpret only in a nationistic sense? Did Israel, for instance, cease to be a nation when in captivity? Or when spread throughout the world before 1948?

Revelation (Fri8am, 5/7/2021) - Part 47 - Chapter 20 Wrap-up

- Zoom-meeting - recording --> YouTube link (via ClayTerrace.org or seen at IndyChristian.TV)
- **Prayer:** (any in the room?)
- **Chapter 20:**
  - Andy summarized how we got to Chap.20 -
  - Gina’s question about loved ones who die without having confessed Christ as Lord?

- **#FridayAtClayTerrace -**
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  - Pray / Close
- **Stop Recording!**
- **Parking-lot:**
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- **Archiving some related links:**
  - **Article...**
    https://www.express.co.uk/news/weird/1280755/bible-book-revelation-seven-seals-four-horsemen-end-world-second-coming-jesus-christ-spt
    “Revelation is the story of the Devil trying to conquer the church, but the church overcomes the Devil and the world because she belongs to the Lord who has won for us the victory (Rev. 5:5; 17:14). The book of Revelation gives instruction for the believer on how to conquer instead of being conquered, how to triumph instead of being trampled, and how to be an overcomer instead of a succumber. That’s why each of the seven letters to the seven churches concludes with “to the one who conquers . . .” If we cave and give in to persecution and give into worldliness and give into the Devil’s temptations, we will lose. But if we overcome through trial and suffering and seeming irrelevance, we will win (Rev. 21:6-7). That’s where history is heading, and that’s the big idea of Revelation.” Kevin DeYoung, in Part One of Three articles.
  - **New article this week (thanks Aaron)...**
    https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/revelation-coronavirus-and-the-mark-of-the-beast-part-2/
  - **Video overview - Dr. Godfrey, Ligonier Ministries**
  - **Video Introduction to Revelation - Dr. Godfrey, Ligonier Ministries**
  - **Video Series re Revelation - Dr. Godfrey, Ligonier Ministries (free, thru June)**
    - **Some notes as I (Neil) am watching the series.**

    - **Chap 1: "Soon". Also seen in Rev22. So we're bookended by this expression.**
    - **2 John: "last hour"... certainly did not mean last physical hour. Symbolic. So we need to be careful not to get too literal about 'soon'.**
    - **Revelation is about an encouragement to faithfulness.**
    - **7 times John says: Blessed are... - So ask yourself about ways that you and your church are blessed as you read/study this book.**
    - **Overcome. Jesus said "I have overcome the world." (Same word as conqueror. What are we called to conquer? Our fears and anxieties.)**
    - **Cycle 1: with an Introduction: (a benediction/blessing) Immediately as we hear "from the 7 spirits" (and realize it's the Holy Spirit), thus we realize we are reading a symbolic book. Symbol is not against a literal reading - eg Jesus the Good Shepherd - was he ever literally a shepherd, but we know exactly what the author meant by using that term. It's as good as literal.**
    - **Jesus is the King today!**
    - **7 churches - be faithful in suffering.**
    - **Cycle 2: Christian suffering.**
    - **Cycle 3: (chaps 8-11) Suffering of the wicked in this world.**
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- **Save these related links:**
    - **"King of Kings" - (Pre-Mil) paper on Revelation, by Frank Abelard**

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