

God's Purposes in Creation

Revelation Series #3

Chapters 6-11

I. What We Saw Last Week:

God's-eye view - everything is in His control

- ❖ He is the A&O - The Beginning and End
- ❖ He was, is, will be Almighty
- ❖ He can do what you and I never could do: *make a world where all the freely-taken choices of mankind add up to no more, nor no less, than the end He desires...*

II. Take a Peek at the Outline of the Revelation: A Characterization of the Way History Is (Chapters 6-11)

III. The Seven Seals - Chapter 6

Opening the Seven Seals - *"⁵ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." (Revelation 5)*



The First Horseman:

¹Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!"

² And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer. (Revelation 6)



The Second Horseman:

³ When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" ⁴ And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword. (Revelation 6)



The Third Horseman:

⁵ When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!" (Revelation 6)



The Fourth Horseman:

⁷When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" ⁸ And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth. (Revelation)

A note on "Come!"

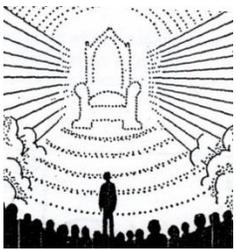


The Fifth Seal: Righteous Blood

¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹ Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been. (Revelation 6)

All the righteous blood on earth:

³⁴ Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, ³⁵ so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. (Matthew 23)



The Sixth Seal: Judgment of the World

¹² When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?" (Revelation 6)

Signs of the End-of-the-world judgment:

⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" (Luke 23)

IV. The Spiral of Intensity (Chapters 8-9)

V. An Interlude of Assurance - God's Plan Surely Accomplished (Chapter 7)

True Israel & The 144,000

Every Tribe, Tongue & Nation

Sevenfold Praise

THE SOVEREIGN GOD WHO REIGNS OVER HISTORY WILL
ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES FOR HISTORY

HE WILL ASSUREDLY GATHER THE FULL NUMBER OF HIS
CHOSEN FROM JEW AND GENTILE

THOUGH CIRCUMSTANCES MAY SEEM CONTRARY TO THIS
TRUTH AT TIMES, GOD WILL BRING HIS CHOSEN ONES TO
FINAL PEACE AND PERFECTION

VI. The Biggest Investment Opportunity in Anyone's Lifetime!

An Outline of the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John

The History & Future of Everything!

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1	The Origin and Hermeneutic of What Follows
1:1-3	Origin, Authenticity & Authority of What Follows
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2-3	The Ethical Mandate of the History of Everything
4-5	God's Reign Over the History of Everything
6-11	Characterization of the (Current) History of Everything
6	Six Seals: #1-4 The Horsemen #5 Martyrdom #6 Earthquake
7	First Interlude - Comfort for the Church a. The 144,000 Chosen out of the Jews b. The Multitude Chosen out of the Nations Seventh Seal (---> Seven Trumpets)
8-9	Six Trumpets: #1-4 Natural Disasters #5 Demonic Forces from the Abyss (<i>First Woe</i>) #6 2,000,000 Calvarymen (<i>Second Woe</i>)
10-11	Second Interlude - Comfort for the Church from Christ Himself The Angel & the Little Scroll: a. Measuring the (True) Temple b. The Two Witnesses Seventh Trumpet (---> Seven (Last) Bowls of Wrath) (<i>Third Woe</i>)
12-14	The Explanation for the History of Everything
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13	The Origin of the Mock Trinity
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15-16	Seven (Last) Bowls: #1-4 Epidemiological and Natural Disasters #5 The Dark Kingdom Cursed #6 Deception leading to Destruction #7 Total Destruction (---> leading to judgment, Final Events)
17-21	The Final Events: a. Judgment of the Great Harlot/Babylon b. Destruction of the Anti-Christ and his Allies c. The Serpent Bound d. The 1000 Year Reign e. The Final Judgment f. The New Heaven and the New Earth
22	Promises Concerning the History of Everything

The Strange Structure of the Revelation:

STRUCTURE OF THE REVELATION TO JOHN

