

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) The book of the Revelation can be hard to understand.
- b) There is a key to help us unlock and understand this book.
 - i) The book of the Revelation is a blessing book.
 - ii) God says that we will be blessed if we read and heed this book.
- c) The key is found in Revelation 1:19.
 - i) "The things which thou hast seen."
 - (1) John saw a vision of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (a) This shows that Jesus had come.
 - (b) He is the living, risen, resurrected Savior and King of kings.
 - (2) This section is past things.
 - (3) It covers only one chapter: the first chapter.
 - ii) "The things which are."
 - (1) This is the church age.
 - (2) We are living in the church age.
 - (3) This section is present things.
 - (a) Jesus is here now.
 - (b) His is shown in these chapters in the midst of the churches.
 - (c) Jesus is alive and well in the church today.
 - (i) Matthew 18:20
 - (4) This section is found in chapters two and three.
 - iii) "The things which shall be hereafter."
 - (1) This section is prophecy and spans the rest of the book.
 - (2) Prophetic things.
 - (a) Prophetic things.
- d) Only God knows the future.
 - i) The devil does not know prophecy. He does not know the future.
 - ii) Isaiah 46:9-10
- e) One of the ways we know that the Bible is the inspired, inerrant and infallible Word of God is fulfilled prophecy.
- f) The message today will give an overview, a panorama of prophecy, found in the book of the Revelation.

2) THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH AND THE DEPARTURE OF THE SAINTS (Revelation 4:1)

- a) Revelation 4 begins the section on the "things which shall be hereafter."
- b) We no longer find the word "church" beginning in Revelation 4:1.
 - i) The church will be raptured out.
 - (1) The church will be in Heaven going through the judgment seat of Christ and the marriage of the Lamb.
 - (2) At the same time, the Earth will be going through the Great Tribulation.
 - ii) At the end of the church age, a voice like a trumpet will call all believers home.
 - (1) The dead in Christ will rise first.
 - (a) 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
- c) The rapture may take place at any moment.
 - i) We're not looking for a sign or a prophecy to be fulfilled before Jesus can come for His church.

- ii) Matthew 24:44
 - (1) He is coming like a thief in the night.

- 3) THE RISE OF THE BEAST AND THE DECEPTIONS OF THE DEVIL (Revelation 13:1-3)
 - a) The church is the salt of the Earth.
 - i) Salt preserves, heals and restrains.
 - b) Once the church is gone, corruption will set in.
 - i) To lead that corruption will be a man called the Beast.
 - (1) He is also called the man of sin or the Antichrist.
 - c) Revelation 13:1-3
 - i) The Antichrist, the counterfeit-Christ, is coming into this world.
 - ii) He will turn the world into a vast concentration camp with all of the inmates numbered.
 - (1) No one will be able to buy or sell anything unless they have his mark, the mark of the Beast.
 - (a) The Beast will be an attractive and highly intellectual person and will appear as a savior to the world, but will be totally and thoroughly bad.

- 4) THE GREAT TRIBULATION AND THE DEVASTATION OF THE EARTH (Revelation 6:12-17)
 - a) In the Great Tribulation, not only will the Antichrist be in power and deceive the nations, but God will also pour out His wrath upon the world.
 - i) It will be such a terrible time that men will wish to die but will not be able to die.
 - ii) No other time will compare.

- 5) ARMAGEDDON AND THE DEFEAT OF THE BEAST AND HIS ARMIES (Revelation 16:13-16)
 - a) The Great Tribulation period will last for seven years.
 - i) The last three and one half years will be the most horrifying.
 - b) The Great Tribulation will end with the battle of Armageddon.
 - i) Here at this battle, the Beast and his armies will be defeated.
 - c) Demon spirits will draw the world leaders to this place, in the shadow of Mount Megiddo, to come against Jerusalem.
 - d) Revelation 19:11-16
 - i) Jesus comes, not at the rapture, but at the revelation in power and great glory.
 - ii) The battle of Armageddon takes place when Jesus comes again.
 - iii) This time, Jesus comes not for His saints but with His saints.
 - e) The Antichrist and his armies will be defeated, and the Great Tribulation will end.
 - f) The Lord Jesus will fight the battle with only one weapon: the sword in His mouth, which is His word.
 - i) In the Garden of Gethsemane, we see a picture of the Antichrist and the battle of Armageddon.
 - (1) Judas is a picture of the Antichrist.
 - (a) Judas was known as the son of perdition.
 - (b) The Antichrist is also known as the son of perdition.
 - (i) "Anti" means "against" or "instead of."

- (c) The Bible says that Satan entered into Judas.
 - (i) Nowhere else in the Bible does it say that Satan entered into a person.
 - (2) The army of Roman soldiers and priests have their torches, spears and swords.
 - (3) Jesus speaks, "I AM," and they all fell like dead men.
 - (a) Just the word out of His mouth, and they dropped.
 - (b) John 10:18
- 6) THE MILLENNIAL REIGN OF PEACE AND THE DOMINION OF JESUS (Revelation 20:1-6)
- a) Jesus Christ will reign on Earth for 1000 years.
 - b) This will be a peaceful time, when the lamb and the lion will lie down together:
 - i) There will be no war.
 - ii) There will be no disease.
 - c) Habakkuk 2:14
 - d) Isaiah 2:4
 - e) There will only be ultimate peace in the Middle East when Jesus comes to rule and to reign.
- 7) THE FINAL JUDGMENT AND THE DOOM OF THE LOST (Revelation 20:11-15)
- a) The Millennium ends with the final judgment.
 - b) There's coming a time when every unsaved person will stand before the Great White Throne.
 - c) Jesus Christ will be the judge.
 - i) John 5:22
 - d) Judgment comes at the last because the waves of sin have not yet hit the shores of eternity.
 - i) The influence of sin continues on through this life; therefore, when God closes the final book of history, we then see the cumulative judgment.
 - e) At the final judgment, the unsaved will be cast into the lake of fire.
- 8) THE FINAL STATE AND THE DESTINY OF MANKIND (Revelation 21:6-8)
- a) When God created us in His image, He created us a living soul.
 - i) We cannot cease to exist.
 - b) Your soul will be in existence somewhere, either in Heaven or in Hell.
 - c) You have a life to live, a death to die, a judgment to face, and an eternity to endure.
 - d) You must be born again in order to miss hell and reach Heaven.
 - e) Revelation 22:17
 - i) This is the last invitation in the Bible.
- 9) CONCLUSION
- a) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
 - b) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31