

# **“The Majesty and Authority of the Lord Jesus” 7/22/18**

## **Revelation 1:1-20**

### **Sermon Series- “Jesus’ Message to the Seven Churches of Revelation”**

**What is a Sovereign?** – Someone who has complete authority and power over all things.

*Then Jesus came up and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matt. 28:18)*

*‘Oh, Lord GOD, you did indeed make heaven and earth by your mighty power and great strength. Nothing is too hard for you! (Jer. 32:17)*

#### **LESSON 1-** The sovereignty of the Lord Jesus can be seen in His POWER

- A. The power of the Lord Jesus is shown by being given full REVELATION (Phil 2:5-11; Mark 13:32; Matt 28:19-20; Eph 1:21; 1 Pet 3:22; Col 2:10)
- B. The power of the Lord Jesus is shown by what He has ACCOMPLISHED (Rev 1:5-6; “loved us, freed us... made us kingdom of priests”, Almighty)

#### **LESSON 2-** The sovereignty of the Lord Jesus can be seen in His POSITION

- A. The position of the Lord Jesus is fulfilled in being the SON OF MAN (Daniel 7:13-14- dominion, glory, and everlasting kingdom)
- B. The position of the Lord Jesus is seen by John’s amazing DESCRIPTION (voice of trumpet, golden belt, white head, eyes like fire, brass feet, sun)

#### **LESSON 3-** The sovereignty of the Lord Jesus can be seen in relation to His PEOPLE

- A. The joy of being one of Jesus’ children is that we should have no FEAR (First and Last- Is 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Rev 22:13; alive forever; keys!)
- B. The joy of being one of Jesus’ children is that He is always WITH US (Revelation 1:12, 16, 20- He is in the middle of the churches and holds us)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to see the majesty of His Son and our Savior and KEEP the things written in this book and we will be BLESSED!*

*Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*

## Book of Revelation Introduction

**Author-** John the Apostle

**Date-** written around 95-96 A.D. (see Irenaeus 5.30.3; Eusebius 3.18)

**Themes-** The Revelation (*unveiling*) of JESUS MESSIAH. It also speaks heavily of the REDEMPTION of everything. Some things contrasted between Genesis and Revelation: Earth Created/Destroyed, Sun Created/ No Sun, Darkness/ No darkness, Seas/ No seas, Sin entered/destroyed, Curse/ No more curse, Death/ No more death, Tree of Life guarded/ Access, Sorrow/ No more Sorrow, Babylon started/ Destroyed, Marriage of 1<sup>st</sup> Adam/ Last Adam, Man's dominion ceased/ restored.

**Approaches-** 1) Preterist- fulfilled by 70AD; 2) Historicist- Allegorical method which sweeps entire church history; 3) Idealist- Cosmic struggle of good versus evil; 4) Futurist (will be fulfilled at end)- agrees with book (1:3; 22:7, 10, 18-19).

### **Hermeneutical Principle**

*“When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning, unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise.”* Dr. David Cooper.

### **Book of Sevens (completeness)**

churches, lampstands, spirits, stars, lamps, title-pairs, promises to overcome, seals, horns, eyes, angels, trumpets, thunders, thousand, heads, crowns, plagues, bowls, mountains, kings, divisions of letter, personages, beatitudes, years of judgments, *I AM's of Jesus*, doxologies in heaven, new things, etc.

### **Important Vocabulary**

Amillennialism- no 1000 year reign

Post-Millennialism- Jesus comes after 1000 years of church peace

Pre-Millennialism- Jesus returns and rules for 1000 years on earth from Jerusalem

Pre-Tribulational- Rapture happens before Tribulation

Mid-Tribulational- Rapture happens in middle

Post-Tribulational- Rapture happens after Seven year tribulation

### **Seven Reasons to Study Prophecy**

- 1) Able to see God's entire plan through His perspective (John 5:39)
- 2) Prophecy accuracy brings deeper faith (Isaiah 55:11)
- 3) Fulfilled prophecy proves Divine authorship (Is 46:9-10; 41:21-23)
- 4) ¼ of Bible was prophetic at writing, Jesus chides leaders (Matt 16:1-3)
- 5) Evangelistic opportunities because we KNOW the future (1 Peter 3:15)
- 6) Rev 1:3 promises special blessing as we joyfully wait (2 Tim 4:8)
- 7) Should produce holiness and expectant attitude (1 John 3:2-3; Luke 21:36)

### **Divine Outline**

“which you have seen”

John's vision of ch. 1

“which are”

Churches of 2-3

“after these things”

Chapters 6-19