

66-Revelation – 24-Transcript

and just testing now okay looks like the sound is back um I'll just wait for confirmation before I go further on the sound and just if you can hear me let me know cuz waiting for confirmation on the sound

okay it looks like the sound is back great so what I was saying just as I opened there is that I have mixed feelings about the study tonight on the one hand it's quite an accomplishment that we have gone through all 22 chapters of the book of Revelation on the other is such an interesting book and it felt like such a dense and thick book but it felt like we'd be in this book for a long long time and yet here we are we've finished

God willing what I want to do tonight is to summarize the book I'd like us to just review what what it is we have studied in these 22 chapters and then provide a little bit of an analysis of the book and then at the end pastor Marie is going to join me and we will answer your questions or give any questions I hope you're thinking about that as we go through the summary and analysis and then let's talk about that at the end so let's start of prayer our loving father we come before you once again in this midweek Bible study it's such a privilege at such an honor that we can look into the words of your holy prophets not only your holy prophets but the words of our Lord Jesus Christ we thank you for these words father we pray that we will be nourished by them that we will be inspired by them that we will be strengthened by them and most of all father that we'll be faithful to them we thank you we ask

your blessing now in our study and we ask this in the holy and the mighty name of Jesus the Christ amen all right let's begin what I want to do is start with a summary of the book of the 22 chapters so let's uh let's take a look at that okay and here what I want to do I just go through the story flow with you just give me a moment I want to do I just go through the story flow and let's begin here so it starts with chapter one and in Chapter one what we learned was that this revelation is a gift it's a gift from God he gave it to Jesus Christ Jesus Christ has given it to us through his servant John through his servant the angel who signified it that is he made it symbolic and I think a big confusion in the book of Revelation if people read what is symbolic and they take it literally and they make it mean all kinds of things that it shouldn't may and I think that the key that we've discovered as we've gone through this book is that first of all much of it is symbolic and secondly you cannot understand it without the Old Testament okay so we've been going through and looking at the symbols and going back and finding these symbols in the Old Testament to see what the Old Testament prophets had to say that John is alluding to and calling calling forth into the Book of Revelation so that was chapter 1 in Chapter 2 we read these letters that Christ told John to write to the seven churches which are in Asia and these seven churches are a symbol of the whole church from the first century right up until Christ returns and together they represent the church the body of Christ and and what we saw there is that it's so easy for us to be seduced into thinking that you know

where the Philadelphian Church and we don't have to worry about the letters to the other churches and what we learned was we need to listen to what the Spirit says to all the churches and we need to be informed by the instructions to all the churches and so chapters two and three were the epistles and each one promising the church the reward for the overcomer and what Christ is doing here is he's getting us ready for the tribulation that is coming for for the devil's attacks and the devil seek to remove the Word of God from us but the did that revelation opens with Christ as the faithful witness with John as the faithful witness and with encouragement to us to be faithful witnesses and to see the endgame and so in fact we even jumped ahead two chapters 21 in temperature 22 so that we could see the endgame because that's what Christ wants that that this revelation is for us to be encouraged as we see the world falling apart around us the world becoming more and more sinful the world becoming more and more violent and Christians becoming the the focused target of the devil rather than be discouraged we become encouraged we love his appearing and we see that while all of this is leading to the return of our Lord and so we will be faithful and we will endure unto the end and so we get a glimpse of the end right at the beginning then we went on to chapter 4 where we were introduced to the throne of God and what we saw was as much as all of this chaos and violence and confusion and evil is taking place on the earth everything is orderly in heaven and the father is on his throne and and we see that the glory of the father on his throne and so this is very

encouraging for us to know that what we're about to witness is not God losing control

it's Satan being a puppet for God and that all of this is going to come out in the wash and everything's going to be fine in the end because God is in control in Chapter five we see that God the Father has a scroll and nobody is worthy to open this scroll it has seven seals nobody is worthy to open it and they look in heaven there's nobody they look on the earth there's nobody they look under the earth that is in the graves and there's nobody and so John wept much because the contents of this scroll that will bring about the kingdom of God no one is worthy

Hoagland and then Christ the lamb appears and clearly this is showing us that he was on his way that though the wave sheaf offering which we've just observed during the days the the first Sabbath night of the days of unleavened bread picture the christ ascending to heaven and this is what this time period was and so the lamb is worthy to open the this scroll with the seven seals in chapter six were then introduced to the opening of these seals and so chapter six he opens six of these seals and in the sixth seal we see then this great earthquake and the Sun becoming black and the moon becoming blood and God finally acting you know it's all the way up to the fifth seal God is patient and he's not acting to the point with it when the fifth seal is opened John sees the martyrs those who have been martyred already crying out with a loud clamor begging God how much longer before you act and avenge our blood and God saying not yet and then finally with the sixth seal he answers in the seventh seal were

introduced to the 144,000 these this represents the victorious martyrs and again it's a symbol of all the saints that are victorious through martyrdom in Chapter eight the seven trumpets are introduced at least the first four of the seven trumpets are blown and we see these judgment these judgments on the wicked mankind in Chapter nine the last three trumpets are introduced and they're categorized and introduced as the three woes that when this fifth angels or what by the would-be fifth sorry the fifth sixth and seventh trumpets are introduced as woe woe woe to mankind then in Chapter ten were introduced to another scroll this is a little scroll and this angel stands with one foot upon the earth and one foot upon the sea with this scroll in his in his hand and it's open and he's given it to John to eat and it's it's sweet like honey in John's mouth but then it's bitter in his belly and we realized that this little scroll is the Book of Daniel the the prophecies that Daniel was told to seal up until the time of the end they are unsealed at this point and so now all of that knowledge that Daniel had that has been sealed for thousands of years it is now unsealed and we understand fully how the abomination of desolation and the beast and all of that all of those prophecies that were given to Daniel we're understood now in Chapter 11 were introduced to the two witnesses and these two witnesses prophesy for three and a half years against the beast power then in Chapter 12 there's a rewind so we come all the way up to these two witnesses and then we stop and we do this rewind and we see now that there's this woman which

represents Israel who's clothed with the Sun and then she's got the moon under her feet and she's got a crown with 12 stars this is clearly symbolic language and it's symbol symbolic of the nation of Israel that gives birth to Jesus Christ and as soon as the child is born the the dragon tries to devour the child but it's unsuccessful then it goes to after her seed but they are hidden by an earthquake that swallows this this flood that goes after her so then the dragon turns to make war with the rest of her seed the the remnant of her seed that keep the commandments and have the testimony of Christ and so we know these are the faithful Saints that the dragon is now turning his focus and his wrath against the Saints we come to understand how that wrath is turned against the Saints through chapter 13 where we're introduced to the beast from the sea that is a Gentile power and the beast from the earth that's the false prophet that forces everybody are deceived everybody into worshiping the beast from the sea then we come to chapter 14 to see the victory of the Lord so so the Beast has three and a half years so there's basically seven years three and a half years with the two witnesses prophesying and then three and a half years of its glory and then it's it's cut down by Christ and we see the victory again of the 144,000 the introduction of the kingdom of God and that's something we need to understand with this apocalyptic literature is it's not linear it's not a straight line it goes forward it comes back it goes forward it rewinds it goes forward it goes if could rewinds and goes into more detail and so that's what's happened here so up to chapter six it was linear

chapter seven then showed the victory so we see the intervention of Christ in Chapter six in Chapter 7 we see the victory of the Saints and then it rewinds and it goes into more detail on the how the judgment of God comes about with the the seven trumpets and then we see now the victory of God in chapter 14 and then it rewinds again and goes into more detail on the judgment of God with the seven bowl judgments so the kingdom of God has announced God is victorious and then we go back into more detail and now we see the seven bowl judgments and we understand from these plagues that they are targeted to the wicked that this is the second Passover and that while the saints of God were subject to the wrath of Satan we are not subject to the wrath of God and when God pours out his wrath and he is furious when he pours out his fury his fury passes over the Saints but it targets the wicked then there's this rewind again we see you know the seven bowl judgments bring about the kingdom of God but then we see in detail specifically how the horror fell how the harlot of Babylon fell and so chapters 17 and 18 give us detail into how the Babylonian system Falls then chapter 19 again were introduced to the victory of God and the salvation of God and the the triumph of the saints now in chapter 20 we saw there the the arrest and seizure and containment of the devil for a thousand years we saw the introduction of the the Saints even those that were beheaded sitting in seats of honor and glory and judging and ruling with Christ for a thousand years at the end of the thousand years we saw the final judgment and the destruction of the devil and then in chapter 21 were introduced to the new heaven and the new

earth and this has takes us all the way back to Genesis where God created the heavens and the earth and they were intended to be one and that man would fellowship with God on earth with this unity of of the creation and unfortunately Adam failed and allowed the conquest of the devil and this is what we've been dealing with for all these thousands of years and finally the devil's influence is over the the evil nature of man has been conquered all men have decided which way they want to go and now there's only holiness and glory for God and there's a new heaven and a new earth and then finally it ends with the marriage of the lamb and the the coming down of the New Jerusalem so that is a quick summary of the book what I want to do now is just quickly talk about how the book is structured and I just I want to put this in show mode but I'm not a hundred percent sure if you can still see this when it's in show mode so I'm just gonna hang on for a second there's a bit of a delay and I'll just wait for a bit of feedback to confirm that you can still see my screen I'm gonna talk while I wait for this feedback and if you don't see my screen I'll make an adjustment but it's very important when the how the book opens with these seven letters that we take all seven letters very seriously and we put these letters together I like to say that we must read them horizontally not just vertically and if we if we read them only vertically then we get we get kind of lost in the detail to that specific congregation and we tend to ignore the congregation's that we don't resonate with and tend to focus on the congregation's or the congregation that we believe we are a part of but what

Christ is doing in these epistles is he speaking to all the churches he says let him that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches so we need to drink the Word of God and we need to think of these letters horizontally so if you look at who the letter is from if each Church only read their letter they would really have no idea who the letter is from it's only when you read all seven letters and you put the attributes of Christ given to each church together but you see the resurrected and glorified Christ with all of his attributes in the same way when we only read one reward that is or the reward that's described for a particular congregation we don't get to see the full picture of glory that is offered to the Saints we have to look read horizontally and look at the promise of reward to all the saints and put all those promises together it's not like some Saints are going to rule over the nation's but another set of Saints are going to sit on the throne with Christ and yet a different set of saints are going to have a new name no we have to put all these rewards together to see what the reward of the Saints is and so those are the clues that tell us how to read these epistles and what we're looking for what Christ spends a lot of time on is correction so by using these seven churches they to capture through time what the church did the big leaven you know we're here keeping the days of unleavened bread the big leaven that we need to be aware of and and working out getting out of our congregations and we need to be thinking congregationally not just individually we need to be looking at our congregations and removing the leaven of

false doctrine which leads to immorality so that we need to be removing the leaven of false behavior false doctrine leads to false behavior and then false behavior leads to discouragement and indifference and so we need to be removing the leaven of indifference and discouragement and then he talks about what pleases him and what pleases him are our works our labor and our faithfulness and so when we read across horizontally we come to see that Christ wants something from us and and we get to see the the mechanism through which we will be successful getting through this period of intense tribulation now there's really three a three-part structure to the book in part one or Act one it's really about the church getting ready and that would take us from chapters 1 to 5 so by reading chapters 1 to 5 what we're given a vision that will sustain us through what's going to come Act two is the tribulation it is it is the glory of the Beast and it is the victory or the the temporal victory of the Beast and then Act three the final act is the victory of Christ and so that's that's the book of that's the book of Revelation that God wants us to know before these things happen what is going to happen the church needs to get through this Christ is writing his personal letters of personal love letters to the church to say if you allow leaven in your congregation a little leaven leavens the whole lump and you will not have the spiritual strength and confidence to get through what's coming so get the leaven out of your congregation so that I will be with you and you will be with me and you be victorious through what's coming even even if it means your death that

everybody will faithfully be faithful to the to death and will receive a crown of life and so we're able to go through at two with a vision and with confidence and as a result of that we're then rewarded in Act three the final act now the letter L come to chapter six and we see these seals we see a white horse and a rider a red horse and a rider a black horse and rider a green horse and a rider and then with the fifth seal we see that through all of this the Christian Saints have been martyred and as the Christian Saints are being martyred we get this symbol of the Saints crying out in heaven to God saying how much longer and God saying we're not quite there yet there are more Saints that are going to be faithful to death and they need to be added to your number because they're going to be rewarded and they're going to marry Christ and so hang on there's a few more that we need to add to come to the full compliment of the 144,000 the symbolism of the hundred and forty-four thousand and then we come to seal number six which is the cosmic signs and this is when the kingdom of God is introduced so this is the whole story of Act two so that middle act of the glory of the the the Beast and how that glory comes to nothing it's told right here and this is the whole the whole story of the book of Revelation is right here and the rest of the book now the rest of Act two of the book that is to take us right up to chapter 19 just goes into more and more detail of seal number six or seal of five and six really how the martyr is how the Saints are martyred but then how God our God acts to to redeem the saints so then the seventh seal announces salvation so after the sixth seal and

the introduction of the kingdom of God
it's all over and so now salvation is
introduced in chapter seven to say
salvation to our God it's over now and
then in verse 15 notice the language
that he will sit on the throne he that
sits on the throne shall dwell among
them so so this this takes us all the
way to chapter 22 when God the Father
comes down on earth to dwell with man
and then verse 17 reinforces this that
he will lead us to living fountains of
waters that's taking us to chapters 21
in chapter 22 and that God shall wipe
away all tears from their eyes that
takes us right to chapters 21 and 22 so
it's all over now

so chap to be the six seals I do it all
and then the seventh seal is salvation
then what the seventh seal does now
actually just before I go into the
seventh seal just a quick review of this
sixth seal what we see we see a great
earthquake we see the Sun becoming black
we see the moon becoming blood we see
stars of heaven falling we see heaven
departing we see mountains moving we see
kings of the earth suffering and we it's
announced as the great day of Israel so
that's important that we understand what
takes place in the sixth seal because
the seventh seal introduces these seven
trumpets and the seven trumpets are not
new the seven trumpets are a detailed
look into the sixth seal but all of
those things that happen in the sixth
seal the seventh seal gives us
visibility as to how they happened so we
see that there's a focus on judging the
earth we see mountains moving and
burning with fire we see stars falling
from heaven we see the Sun darkened we
see the moon darkened we see all of
these things with these trumpets because

they're showing how the wrath of God which is the sixth seal comes about so this the first six trumpets are in detail on the sixth seal and then the seventh trumpet is victory so the seventh trumpet sounds and the kingdom of God is introduced so it's just it's just a rewind going into more detail then the seven bowls are introduced well the seven bowls are not linear each trumpet is an enough and of the plague and the curse associated with God's wrath so when each trumpet blows it eats up a third of whatever the target is as if to introduce the curse and then the curse comes and it destroys everything that the curse is focused upon so each trumpet introduces a bowl judgment trumpet bowl judgment trumpet bowl judgment and we see that by the focus of each element of the trumpet and the actual bowl judgment and then the seventh Bowl is poured and it is done it announces the victory of God so the way to think about the structure of the book of Revelation is to see that the first five seals are the victory of the Beast so there's this you know the four horsemen are riding up and down on the earth and they're taking peace from the earth and they're deceiving mankind so every every nation that we look at there's violence and there's rioting and there's there's deception and and you know quote/unquote fake news all of this sort of the horsemen galloping all around the world and stirring the world up with satanic activity and all of it the focus of it ultimately results in the martyrdom of the Saints and so as you know it's hard to believe but Christians supporting these movements like black lives matter and all these

other different movements which are basically Marxist movements the ultimate end of all these movements is the destruction of Christians and that's why it's deception and then we come to the sixth seal when God says enough and he acts and he avenges his Saints the seventh seal is just detail on how he avenges his Saints and so we see these trumpets that show how the Sun is darkened how the moon is darkened how the mountains fall how the stars fall from heaven why the kings these powerful kings of the earth start running for cover it's it's detail of the sixth seal the seventh trumpet announces the kingdom then we push pause we rewind and we go into the bowls which is a more detailed look of the judgments of God still detail of the sixth seal you know Christ doesn't return three times he returns once but every time he returns we stop we rewind and we go into more detail then he returns again then we stop rewind go into more detail and then he returns and then finally we move on from the return of Christ so that is a structure a structural review of the book of Revelation and what I want to do now is just reinforce this with an analysis of this structure and the key what why this structure is so clear to us is what Christ taught us when he was on earth and this is the Olivet prophecy in Matthew 24 so John is giving more detail of the original prophecy that Christ gave and so he he taught us here in Matthew 24 and if you can't read this don't worry I'll just read it to you and I'll make this available in the chat and on Facebook afterwards but um and if you want to write to me if I if this is if you're looking at the archive down the

road just write to Adrienne at CGI or
Adrian Davis at CGI Canada dot org
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so what Christ taught us is that there
would be deception following deception
there would be Wars following the wars
there would be famine following the
famine there would be martyrdom and then
there would be signs and he said you we
have to endure we have to get through
this Great Tribulation so there's gonna
be this tribulation and then finally
immediately after the tribulation that's
when he will act in fact he has he has
to act in order to shorten the
tribulation because none of his people
would serve there is such hatred for the
people of God that none of them would
survive if he didn't shorten these
so he's gonna pull bring the tribulation
days to an abrupt end and he's gonna do
that by darkening the Sun the moon
darkening the moon letting the stars
fall from heaven and that's when he will
return so they're gonna tell us
oh Christ is here or Christ is there
he's in the desert he's in the secret
chambers and he says don't go because as
long as mankind is in control
I have not acted yet when I act that is
Christ I am going to destroy the wicked
they're going to be running for their
lives they're gonna be begging for an
earthquake to cover them so don't be
fooled we're looking for this end so if
we follow this structure now the seals
follow the exact same structure there's
this one horse and rider of deception
then there's this red horse that takes
peace from the land so there's war then
there's this black horse that causes
famine then there's this green horse
that focuses on martyrdom murdering the
saints slaughtering the saints and

killing with sword and then it's about this Great Tribulation which speaks of the martyrs crying out how much longer though in this slaughter and then the sixth seal we see the very things that Christ told us to look out for a great earthquake the Sun becoming darkened the moon becoming darkened the stars falling from heaven the kings of the earth and the great men running for cover so it just lines up perfectly and then we see then the seventh the seven trumpets which are just detail on this so that you know if we if we look here now with the seven trumpets they follow the exact same structure with these trumpets they're the focus here is on the earth then the sea so this is going into detail of how the sixth seal comes about how the judgment of God comes about this is when God is acting so if there's a focus on the earth and you'll see here with where the focus is then there's the sea becoming blood the rivers and water is becoming blood and these are very similar to the plagues of ancient Egypt that were to bring down the Egyptian Empire this is about bringing down the Babylonian Empire then this focus on the Sun becoming darkened I mean how many times does the Sun become darkened how many times is there a great earthquake once when Christ acts finally it's just that the book is apocalyptic literature so it stops it rewinds it goes into more detail and then there's this focus on this bottomless pit and then you've ever use ease and then finally the kingdom of God is declared and then we could have the seven bowls and it's the same structure there's this focus on the earth then the sea becoming blood then the rivers and fountains and waters becoming blood then this

darkening of the Sun then the bottomless pit or the seed of the devil and the curse that comes upon mankind as a result of this then the river Euphrates focused the air on the angels which were bound in the river Euphrates to now unleash the judgment from God and then finally it is done so we have to be very clear on how the book is structured and so with that that's all I wanted to do today is to just go through the structure of the book a bit of a summary of the book and then how its structured so that as we continue to read this book we would be clear on what it is really saying and what I want to do now is just go back to chapter 1 where we began and I want and again I'll make this analysis available but I want to go back to chapter 1 where we began and just pick up a couple of very key verses in chapter 1 now when we began it says it is the revelation of Jesus Christ it belongs to him and God gave it to him and why what is the purpose of this book to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass the world is going to be confused either they're going to think you know just joyous times ahead and this sort of hollow optimism or they'll be at the other extreme its doom and gloom and there'll be this incredible pessimism because they're blind they're blind you know the rich and the powerful think this is going to go on forever and there's gonna have their way forever and those who are destitute or suffering just think that there's no hope but we understand that we have hope and we can be optimistic and realistic at the same time so basically what the book of Revelation says is it's gonna get bad and then it's gonna get worse and then

it's gonna get really really bad and then it's gonna be horrendous and then it's gonna be glorious and so as evil men wax worse and worse we become more and more encouraged because we understand we're getting closer and closer to the return of our Lord and Savior so he says these things must shortly come to pass and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John so as we study this book we understand that much of it is symbolic and we need to unpack what do these symbols mean now John he introduces as this individual who bare record of what of the Word of God and of the testimony of Jesus Christ this is how we're introduced to John he is a faithful witness he bore a Whitney bore record of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ and of all things that he saw he had backbone he did not back down and and when you have the Word of God it gives you backbone it's like wow you have vision and you will not back down but he did not eat it nothing wrong except preach the Word of God and and proclaim the testimony of Jesus Christ and all things that he saw now we have this blessing here and I just want to spend a little time on this because we've finished the book of Revelation but we haven't we haven't this is a book that we have to be studying for the rest of our lives this is a book that we need to be intimately familiar with that it's not the sort of book on unfortunately many Christians who have no idea what's in the book of evolution isn't that a book there's something about a beast and there's these letters to the churches and you know Philadelphia's promised to be

protected so I know that and then there's all this beastie stuff and all you have the marriage of Christ and they we really don't know what's in the book but Christ is saying here we're blessed if we become intimately familiar with this book he says blessed is he that reads and that verb is in the present continuous tense it means blessed is he that reads and keeps reading and they that hear and keep hearing the words of this prophecy so this prophecy is the buckle on the belt and it brings all the prophets together and structures them so that if we understand this prophecy we understand all prophecy because all prophecy ultimately is about Jesus Christ and so if we keep reading this and keep hearing this words but that's not enough we have to do something and that is to keep those things which are written therein and and so John is our example what Christ is our example and John is our example that they were faithful to death and they held on to the testimony because this is a contest about who is going to give up the testimony of Christ Jesus Christ is God he is the Almighty Jesus Christ is the son of God and the devil hates this knowledge and his children the seed of Satan hate this knowledge and so it's a contest and and Satan is doing everything he can to get us to give up this knowledge but Christ is giving us this revelation so that no matter what we'll be faithful to the end and so we have to keep reading so that we're not lost we're not the deception occurs when we lose the plot and so Christ wants us to keep the plot in mind for the time is at hand and so now the letter begins once he establishes that John to the

seven churches so this is all about the churches this is all about Christ's bride being successful and so now there's going to be a communication that this you know it's for the servants of God so that we can know what's going to happen so it's to be delivered to these seven churches which symbolized the worldly potent
Bride of Christ and the whole church of God John to the seven churches which are in Asia so those seven churches were chosen specifically and wisely by Jesus Christ's grace be unto you and peace this is a love letter this is not Christ angry with the church this is Christ full of hope for the church and this is his sentiment towards the church grace and peace and actually this is from first the father from him which is and which was and which is to come and the seven spirits which are before his throne and when we see in Chapter four he's described as he you know this this God that was and is and is to come and there are seven spirits before his throne so this is the father and from Jesus Christ
and notice how Jesus Christ is introduced to us so John is introduced to us as a faithful witness and he has modeled his behavior on his role model which is Christ and so now Christ is introduced to us as the faithful witness and that faithful witnessing the outcome of that was he's the firstborn of the dead not the only born the firstborn so if we are faithful witnesses like John like Paul like all the other apostles and holy people of God we will also be born from the dead and he's the Prince or the chief of the kings of the earth so all the kingdoms of the earth are going to be belong to Jesus Christ and

then he's going to establish new kings upon the earth and he will always be the highest name above every name unto him that loved us and how much did he love us he washed us from our sins in his own blood so this this book of Revelation is not a scary book it's a love letter it's a plea from God to us to be faithful because He loves us and he's washed our sins away from us so that we can be with him eternally we can be with him forever us us filthy he you know just defiled human beings that we are we can be with God forever how because he's washed our sins away from us because He loves us and in doing that he's made us kings and priests unto God and his father so we this was this is the whole original plan of going to Deuteronomy that Israel was to be a nation of kings and priests and he's done it now he's redeemed Israel and he's established us as this nation of kings and priests unto God and his father to him be glory and Dominion for ever and ever amen he says now behold he comes with clouds and every eye shall see him and they also which pierced him so those which pierced him are called out separately they need to know this is their God and they need to repent and accept him as their God and notice this just as in Egypt when Christ acted with the first Passover that the plagues were targeted unto the Egyptians the unrepentant Egyptians and there was wailing all through the land of Egypt well it's going to be global the second Exodus the second Passover it's gonna be a global wailing he says here all Kindred's of the earth shall wail because of him and then John says even so amen it is what it is because they will have received repeated warnings by faithful witnesses faith

witnesses unto the death and even the Holy Angel will participate in the preaching of this glorious gospel and so those who do not choose to repent oh well let him that is filthy be filthy still let him that is what could be wicked still and let him that is righteous be righteous still because it is what it is and so John says even so amen in fact that the Angels say that God's judgment is righteous and we agree amen we agree with God's judgment we're not more righteous than God we agree with his judgment and then he says this I am Alpha and Omega it begins with Christ it ends with Christ he's the beginning in the end the beginning in the ending says the Lord which is and which was and which is to come and notice Jesus Christ is the Almighty you know some people I can't believe Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is not God he's the Almighty he has God that this God we mean to understand him as he presents himself and it's repeatedly he presents himself not as a Trinity but as God the Father and God the Son and that's in Daniel 7 it's all the way you lived all through Revelation there's no place where the Holy Spirit is sitting on a throne and the book of Revelation is all about Thrones and he says I John who also am your brother he's one of us and he's the companion in tribulation he's been through it he's not asking us to go through something that he hasn't been through so he's our companion in tribulation and the result of that tribulation is he's our companion in the kingdom but also in the patience of Jesus Christ and that's what this book of Revelation is all about how the Saints can find patience in the

wickedness that's going to unfold and be unleashed on all of mankind and on the earth because of this vision of the kingdom so he tells us that he was in the isle that is called Patmos why was he there notice he was there he was being he was being punished they tried to kill him they couldn't kill him I understand legend says they tried to boil him alive and he didn't die so they exiled him and he was basically in this slave camp in Patmos why for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ so he is a faithful witness and he would not give up declaring the word of God nor the testimony of Jesus Christ and so that's why he was being punished and so he's saying I'm your companion I hear you're not going through anything new I've been through it I understand exactly what what God is asking us to go through he says he was in the spirit on the Lord's Day and he heard this great voice behind him like a trumpet saying again this emphasis repeatedly Christ declares himself as Alpha and Omega the first and the last he says what you see write it in a book again if this is important that the church understand and so my plea after doing this study is that we keep studying this book but it doesn't end here it doesn't end here we keep referring to it you know we should see the Bible through the lens of through the lens of Genesis that the whole but for the whole Bible we should view through the lens of Genesis and everything around us today we should be viewing through the lens of Revelation revelation is the lens through which we should see the world and so we should be constantly referring to it because it was very important to Christ that his whole church have access that would be

written in a book that through time we would always have access to this and we would keep reading it just jump ahead now to the martyrs they were slaying why were they slain notice for the word of God and the testimony which they held that is the testimony of Jesus Christ so this is all about us being faithful and faithfully declaring the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ that's what Christ is looking for from us notice him in Chapter 12 that the successful Saints overcame the Beast how by the blood of the Lamb so this Passover that we've just observed the idea is for us to fully understand the death of Christ and the power of his blood and so we overcome the beast by the blood of the Lamb and notice and by the word of their testimony so it's all about the testimony of Christ we've got to have this big vision so that we can faithfully declare and be witnesses for Christ and because of this vision they loved not their lives unto the death that all these human beings who just hang on to this life we're not like that because we have this vision of the returning of Jesus Christ and what it means to be married to enter this eternal covenant with him and to live forever with him and it says the dragon was wroth and went to make war with the remnant of her seed and who are they which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ I think I will stop there I wanted to make sure that I have some time to have pastor or Marie join us and to also answer questions that you might have about the book of Revelation and the structure of it so let's just call in past all right and I hope that you're still

there am i yeah yes I can how are you
good how are you good hard to believe
that we've finished the book of
Revelation it's hard to believe we
finished the book of Revelation the hard
to believe we've been through two years
of Bible studies now it's coming up on
may 30 years two years when is that I'm
a man a very good well it's been very
helpful very beneficial for me to do
this and I know for you as well
hopefully for the Brethren who've been
joining us did you want to say a few
words before we go to the Q&A
sure yeah just as well people are
prepared their questions just as someone
who grew up in the Church of God
movement book of Revelation was never
has rarely been presented in such a calm
and rational way it's it's always been
in my in my past it has always been
something that was a little scary to to
hear and and when we consider what Paul
says about God not giving us a spirit of
fear but of power love and a sound mind
that's really what Christ through John
here is trying to get across to us that
I'm going to tell you the whole story so
that there's no reason for you to be
afraid in chapter 1 where you just
weren't reducing everything further on
down he puts his hand on John's shoulder
and says don't be afraid I'm the first
in the last I have the keys to Hades and
death so I'm I'm the type of guy that I
like to know the end of the story before
I get through it and when you do that it
there every moves all fear and I think
that's where the church and the issues
that they're going through is the fear
of the unknown and here right Christ
completely removes the fear of the
unknown and it's a absolutely
fascinating book and I like how you've

presented the structure about it really brings read from Genesis Exodus Daniel all the prophets Matthew it just brings everything together for and it's really the the soil book that is all completely focused on the future then some of the other prophets are have some future-oriented and there's also some past this one here is completely future-oriented and really just gives us a the full story and allows us to have that power of love and the sound that the bold the power which is boldness to to go through this love and we go through this because we love the love for Christ and the love for our brethren room up for mankind and the reason what I really like that you brought out that Christ put his you know John collapsed he fainted passed out and Christ put his hand upon him and said fear not the first words out of his mouth fear not yeah just our older brother older brother with his hand on our shoulder saying it's okay this is gonna be okay just right it's good it's gonna be it's gonna be a scary movie but just let's watch till yet and he shows us these repeated visions of the glory of the saints who wants us to have that end game in mind yeah absolutely and again fascinating how right from from Matthew presents a microcosm and then chapter six expands upon a little bit and then the more layers that peel off it's really just the same expanded story which makes sense God's God's not the author of confusion right exactly and I did promise to share that so I'm just gonna print this off I don't see any questions yet but they'll just purge the folks on there's a bit of a delay right but it's certainly been a fascinating

study and I appreciate all the work you put into the the not just the study but the the they had notes in the the structure and the the the the handle said you've prepared for lot so great thanks and I think I need to do this through Dropbox any other thoughts of Myr in terms of you said when growing up it was always a scary book and now you have a different perspective yeah the revelation has been it's been a way to to market the Bible misused in a way to to to market things and to to to gay members because you need to save your own skin

here it's fascinating that the true partners won't have their skin saved at least in this life but again bringing it all down to that second Passover and second Exodus nothing scary about that when we consider the history of man history of Israel what's really interesting and what you just said there is that using the book of Revelation as let me just give this using the book of Revelation as marketing collateral it's actually the opposite of what Jesus Christ intended this is not evangelical literature or horror material this is inside knowledge it's for the churches for the Saints it's not something we use to bring people into the church it's something we use to encourage the people who are in the church you know there are other there's other material messages that we can preach evangelical a to the world to bring them to Christ but I wouldn't say it's the book of Revelation no this is something that is should be part of baptismal counseling because you need to know what your what you're getting into but it's definitely not the first topic a new new contact should ear for sure we do have a question from the

del ok a pastor a train operator here
for TR the angels to the churches
literal angels or human ministers of
congregations that's interesting what
are your thoughts on that it definitely
seems to be I would say angels if you go
back to revelation 1 he does speak
through it the angels for each of the
churches but to say that there wouldn't
be a human minister in each of the
congregation I think I think there would
be elders each congregation so from a
literal standpoint there probably were
elders in each of those congregations
but you've obviously through this study
it is bigger than those 7 congregations
so

it's the church as a whole it would have
to be little angels in my opinion I
totally agree that's the way that I read
it as well and again I'm not gonna take
a hard line on this but my perspective
is that we have God the Father and we
have these seven angels that are before
his throne and John is on this island
Patmos and there are these letters that
need to be delivered and so I kind of
take a vision where these angels are
waiting for the message to each church
to be delivered to them for them to take
to the church while he's on the Isle of
Patmos they're gonna take that message
that correspondence to each of the
churches so I did see it as seven angels
that are taking the seven letters to the
churches yeah I agree I agree and again
as you said we can't be hardline about
this this is a revelation you you've
repeatedly said it's a Moloch but it
does seem to indicate that way to me as
well our friend Joel from Michigan has a
question here I had people ask me what
happens to Satan after the Millennium
can Satan die and that's something

actually we covered yes sure Ben do you know starter yeah yeah I'll start there the there is indication in where we were in Revelation I'll go if you can grab that one I'm going to go back to Ezekiel that scripture you want me to look up Ezekiel 28 this is where we had I believe it was verse 17 I think what we found no verse 16 verse 16 again this is talking about Satan Lucifer see that back in the earlier part of his equal at 28 and he says by the abundance of your training you became filled with violence within and you sinned therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God and I destroyed you O covering cherub for from the midst of the fiery stones and that really lines up with I don't have the passage in Revelation where we were last week but it's I believe it's not 19 or 20 that also talks about who is 20 it was to one with the end of his lineage let's just go there and grab that kind of thing yes yes they went up from the breadth of the earth that's verse nine it says surrounded the camp of the saints of the beloved city and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them the devil who deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are and they will be tormented day and night forever and then Oh also this is the other part here verse 15 and anyone not found in the written book of life was cast into the lake of fire so it seems that only those who are in the book of life will live on passes right and I think it's beyond our pay grade to say that God can't destroy spirit he created spirit he should be able to destroy the 17 I think that also goes all the way back to

Genesis 3 when the judgment on Satan was that he would bruise so he would bruise the heel of Christ but Christ would crush his head right in the blow to the head is a fatal blow it up swear it as a heel the heel is an injury but the blow to that is a fatal fall and so this is duck ultimately what you just read in Revelation 20 is the ultimate fulfillment of this and Satan has served his purpose he no longer has a purpose mm-hmm so Lina has a related question the Bible tells us the pain of the Beast the false prophet and Satan are there any scriptures that tell what happens to Satan Satan's demons and Jonas has a quick comment so he will be destroyed yet Jonah that's what we believe he will be that based on those scriptures in Ezekiel 28 in Revelation 20 that Satan will be destroyed based on those scriptures specifically Adrienne she asks are there any scriptures that tell what happens to Satan's demons and I would go ahead

I was just going to say the same the same scriptures that's let's say only those found in the book of life seem to seem to live on forever samer yeah a new world is absence of darkness is it we go back to the way things were originally and Satan is not original Satan is a later innovation you know so we have to go back to the original state of righteousness so there'll be no darkness in the in the your whole universe this new heavens and new earth there's no place for the devil and his demons and those who follow them no I absolutely agree absolutely agree looking for more questions so here's one from JD does the curse of revelation 22 verses 18 and 19 refer only to the book of Revelation or to the entire Bible

revelation what is the scripture 22
verses 18 and 19 I believe that has to
do with the adding to and taking away
from and what's the question right does
it refer just to the book of Revelation
or does it refer to the entire Bible
okay so for I testify unto every man
that hears the words of the prophecy of
this book so there's the operative word
right into this book If any man shall
add unto these things God shall add unto
Him the plagues that are written in this
book and if any man shall take away from
the words of the book of this prophecy
God shall take away his part out of the
book of life and out of the holy city
and from the things that are written in
this book so I think about three or four
times it's very clear that he's talking
specifically about this book that he
asked John to write and delivered to the
churches and it even shows you this is
not for everybody it's for the churches
and who Christ is concerned of the
corruption of this book from those in
the churches so there are tears in the
churches that are going to receive this
book because it's not a book for the
world it's an internal document and yet
there's gonna be people who want to
tamper with it and then as I said before
it's the buckle on the belt it brings
all of the other prophecies together and
puts them in a structured way framework
so that we can understand what Ezekiel
was talking about what Jeremiah was
talking about what Isaiah was talking
but all the profits all of them even the
Minor Prophets
they all feed into this so by preserving
this book we preserve all the profits
and we cannot tamper with what the other
prophets taught right
no I've completely agree absolutely and

the wording in verses 18 and 19 are clear but as you point out it is a it is a encapsulation of the rest of Scripture pointing forward to to what we need to be paying attention to as as the this age comes to it to a close is the language of so here's what we got one from Deb well we as the Bride of Christ be taken away before or after the Great Tribulation or will we be here on the earth to rule and reign with Christ and also the 144,000 are the saints of God who are martyred so we'll break this down a little bit here well we as well we as the Bride of Christ be taken before or after the Great Tribulation why don't we start there yeah so I think it's very clear as we read the book that the whole point of God giving us this encouragement is that we can go through the Great Tribulation faithfully if it costs us our life it cost us our life is no it's not necessary that everybody dies all the saints die in the tribulation but certainly we're all willing to pay the ultimate price and if we have to we have to we love not our lives to the death it's not until the end of the tribulation that Christ finally acts and so we don't see Christ acting in during the tribulation yes and then when he comes down on earth the Saints are resurrected first resurrection and we reign and rule with him for a thousand years and then ultimately on into eternity and the second part of her question and I think this was answered pretty clearly near Rican in thing around chapter 14 when you were doing this are the 144,000 the saints of God who are martyred and you had a very good recap of that how they are symbolic of all of the those who have been martyred for Christ and

you know the Bible says the dead in Christ rise first so Christ has always given honor to those who died in Christ I faithfully those who are alive and remain we will rise after dead in Christ rise first

I believe the martyred in Christ rise first you know before you know those right I naturally in Christ I don't think they get the same level of honor as those who have died martyrs and in fact the first martyrs to be raised are the two witnesses so the dead in Christ rise first the two witnesses rise first then I believe all those hundreds symbolized by the hundred and forty-four thousand and then the rest of the Saints yes agree instant revelation 20 verses 4 and 5 they really point out the special place God has for mark for the martyrs and then and it's understandable as we can see the world going where it's going and those who have the opportunity to stand for Christ during those times and and die for Christ there are many faithful folks that have lived and died over the years but lived relatively easy and peaceful lives that's not to take away their any any reward that they'll have but God holds a special place for those who are willing to give give this life for him sure and I think the way the book opens with this focus on works I know your works I know your works I know your works that we should be zealous for good works and if martyrdom is a part of that good works of that that testimony were happy to do that for Christ he loved us and so we loved him

Olivia pointed out a scripture for Lena's question on demons knowing they will be destroyed being mark chapter 1 verse 24

Flores 104 mark 1 verse 24 maybe just go there quickly and I appreciate Olivia pointing that out
yeah very good to Olivia
very good I don't have it up here I'm looking real quick says saying let us alone what have we to do with you you Jesus of Nazareth are you come to destroy us I know you who you are the Holy One of God so they clearly had the knowledge that Christ had the ability to destroy them absolute substr a question from Lena is the language of Revelation 21 and 22 and symbolic 21 22 so this is the new heaven and the new her new earth the holy site Jerusalem coming down I would say a lot of this is literal you know this dude is mostly symbolic the book of Revelation is mostly symbolic but there are things that are literal and there's a lot of literal language in here I think in 22 when it talks about no sorry it isn't 21 the New Jerusalem coming down from having this new city compared as a bride adorned for her husband I think this is symbolic language that the city is like a bride adorned for her husband that we will be clothed with this city right Christ said that in my father's house are many offices if it were not so I would have told you
and so we will be populating this new city and we will have many offices in this new city and so it's like a bride adorned for her husband we will be clothed with this new city as we're presented to Christ so that is symbolic but the fact that there is going to be a new heavens and a new earth and no more sea and the old heaven and Arthur passed away and God is gonna dwell with us and he's gonna wipe away all tears from our eyes there's gonna be a throne this is

all a very river of the water of life
just like pointing radioactive Genesis
in the middle of its street with the
tree at the Tree of Life into 12th
fruits yeah yeah so combination oh yeah
for sure it is how we have to read
revelation is some things are literal
some things are symbolic but most write
symbolic right whereas most of the other
texts in the Bible
most of it is literal sometimes it's
symbolic
but you default so interesting yes you
interested
yep yep and again makes sense because
most of this is futuristic so right
right
don't see any more questions at this
point okay well maybe we could wrap up
there this has been wonderful we will
continue next week God willing and kind
of went back and forth we were looking
at Isaiah we were looking at Hebrews
praying about it listening to the
Brethren and we are gonna continue next
week with the book of Hebrews I was kind
of leaning one way and then there
finally it's kind of settled it's gonna
be the book of Hebrews so God willing
next week we'll begin we won't pause
here we'll get right into the book of
Hebrews and I think it'll be a good
follow on from revelation and we're not
stopped with revelation you know for the
rest of our lives we'll be studying
Revelation so we'll be having a
callbacks to the prophets callbacks to
revelation and then after Hebrews which
will probably take about four months
five months then God willing we'll we'll
go into Isaiah which could be anywhere
from a year and a half maybe two years
that's gonna be a long book but that is
a fascinating book and throughout

revelation the prophet Isaiah has featured quite a bit and so when we go back to Isaiah again they'll be this echoing from Revelation so hopefully everyone will be able to make it next week

yeah great we're looking forward to that but I wonder Postum or if you close this out with prayer sure father and haven't we just paused before you at this time thank you so very very much for the technology that allows us to connect your people through this we'll study we thank you for the ability to keep these in the archives we ask you to bless those who hear it we asked you to help us to read and keep reading and here and keep hearing and follow the directives in this book we are so grateful that you've shown a light into the future that removes any fear and gives us the boldness and the soundness of mind to to walk forward we ask you to give us that courage and and fill us with your Holy Spirit to walk through whatever you may ask us to walk through we look forward to the fulfillment of these times and just ask you to bless your people we thank you for the work that a straightener has put into this thank you for blessing him with this knowledge and revealing it to him and allowing him the opportunity to to give it to your people and to record it for those who will hear it later again we thank you for all of this we thank you for your word we thank you for your son who sacrificed on our behalf and we thank you so very much for the plan that - to reproduce yourself and to share your glory with those who will follow you we thank you we ask for you to be with your brethren as we finish out these two beasts these days of

unleavened bread open the next few days
we'll have a double Sabbath here on
Friday Sabbath please be with everyone
who travels and thank you so very much
for this opportunity to be your children
we asked us all in Jesus Christ most
holy and righteous name amen amen
playing so much pastor Murray Thank You
brethren thank you god bless
good night god willing we'll see you
next week goodbye Jesus Lord