

SALVATION IN SYMBOLS & SIGNS

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Corresponds to Program 5

REVIEW STUDY GUIDE

This study is intended to bring us up to date with our understanding of what tools and principles we can use in our study, instead of just leaning on our “own understanding.”

These are major helps that we have learned about so far:

THE SANCTUARY

Outer Court - Justification

Altar of Sacrifice - the lamb (the Cross).

Laver - work of the Holy Spirit to save us and purify us.

Holy Place - Sanctification

Candlestick - Christ present with His people to shed light (knowledge of Himself and the Father) among His people, that we may grow into His likeness.

Table of Showbread - Christ sustaining and growing us by eating the “Bread of Life”, His Word.

Altar of Incense - Christ interceding for us with the Holy Spirit to bring our need of constant forgiveness to the Father as we confess our sins.

Most Holy Place - Glorification

Ark of the Testimony - God’s holy throne

As we grow into the image of Christ, we have the assurance that one day we will see Him face to face on His throne.

Numbers - Numbers often have special meaning in the Bible, and we have learned about some really important principles (see bottom of next page).

“Repeat and Enlarge” - We also have learned about the crucial principle of “repeat and enlarge.” God often gives

a prophecy to his prophets, and gives another, which may be different in symbolism, but covers the same prophetic

ground with more detail. Joseph had two dreams concerning the fact that the family would eventually bow down to him, and pay homage to him. Both dreams were different, but covered the same theme.

The book of Revelation is ultimately a love story about God and His people. “As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.” Revelation 3:19.

“Jesus first.” - We looked at this principle earlier. Since this book is a love letter from God, we need to focus primarily on learning about the Author, the One who loves us. We should always be asking ourselves questions such as, “Where is Jesus in

this passage, and what is He doing for me, the one He loves?” Always look for Jesus, since the book is a “Revelation of Jesus Christ.”

FOUNDATIONAL SUGGESTIONS TO GET THE MOST UNDERSTANDING OUT OF REVELATION

The book of Daniel

Daniel is the key to unlocking Revelation. they are companion books.

Knowledge of the Old Testament

Particularly the first five books, the law of Moses, will be of immense help. In particular, understanding the history of the Exodus gives us insight of the plan of salvation, and the journey of God’s people through history.



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JESUS FIRST

Always look to see what Jesus is saying about His work for us.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

If we search the scriptures, they will instruct us how to search for answers to our questions. There is no secret “code” that we need to know, only what God has already revealed to us in “symbols and signs.”

Special study of Hebrew wedding

This will be very helpful. Jesus is shown to us as the One who is searching for His bride, His faithful Church. Jesus often used the wedding in His parables, and performed His first miracle at a wedding.

The Life of Christ

The book of Revelation is also, in a sense, an outline and repeating of the life of Christ. So you see Christ, in His life, walking through these different areas of Him growing up as a child, being baptized, being led into the wilderness. In Revelation we see the woman being led out into the wilderness. We see the church anointed with the Holy Spirit just as Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit. We see the woman being tempted but remaining faithful to God. The hour of temptation that comes upon the whole world and the mark of the beast is enforced. So the life of Christ is a picture, if you will, of the experience of God's people. That's why it is "Christ in you the hope of glory."

It will help a lot to understand the Biblical principles of prophecy, so here is what the Bible says about this important topic.

PROPHECY, WHY IS IT GIVEN?

1. What has ever been the theme of God's prophets?

"Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you." 1 Peter 1: 9-10.

2. Whose Spirit inspired their utterances?

"Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow." Verse 11.

3. To what time were the prophecies of Daniel, as a whole, to be sealed?

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12: 4.

4. What assurance was given by the angel that these prophecies would be understood in the last days?

"And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Verses 9, 10.

5. What is the last book of the Bible called?

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him." Revelation 1:1.

6. What is said of those who read, hear, and keep the things contained in this book?

"Blessed is he that reads, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein" Revelation 1:3 NKJV. ★

THE SANCTUARY

The Outer Court JUSTIFICATION

The Holy Place SANCTIFICATION

Most Holy Place GLORIFICATION

PROMINENT PROPHECIC NUMBERS

1 - Unity, John 10:30

3 - Completeness, Trinity-Godhead

4 - Inclusiveness-4 directions of the compass- North, South, East and West.

6 - Human weakness, Satanic influence, falling short of divine perfection.

7 - Divine completeness, seven churches, 7 seals, the capping of creation, etc.

12 - Kingdom number, 12 apostles, 12 patriarchs of Jacob, multiples of 12 show the same.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

The book of Daniel is key to understanding the book of Revelation. Understanding Daniel 2 will give a good foundation for understanding the timelines that will be played out.

“REPEAT & ENLARGE”

The book of Daniel is our window into the principle of Repeat and Enlarge. Chapters 2, 7-8, and 9 are a perfect example of this. God gives us an outline of world history in chapter 2, then repeats that prophecy in different symbols and gives us more details in chapters 7-9.

Personal Application

Do you want to see more of Jesus in the book of Revelation? _____

