

LANDMARKS OF FAITH

SEMINAR III: THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST TO JOHN

Lecture #1: Laying A Solid Foundation: Using the Bible to Interpret the Bible

Fads of interpretation: A quick overview of the history of interpretation of Revelation

The relationship of prophecy to its fulfillment: How does prophecy “work”? How much can we know in advance?

The parallel method of interpretation and the early Jewish Christians: using the Bible to interpret the Bible. Testing the parallel method: The scroll of judgment. The woman clothed with the sun.

Cycles of prophecy and the structure of prophetic writings: evidence for the structure of Revelation.

Rev. 1: The radiant man of Daniel, Ezekiel, and John. Stars and messengers. Lampstands and priestly ministry.

Rev. 4: The heavenly throne room and the earthly Temple. The heavenly court (Beth Din) and Daniel 7.

Rev. 5: The lamb with the eyes of the Spirit: Trinitarian teaching in Revelation.

Lecture #2: The Court of Heaven and the Scroll of Judgment: The Beginning of Birth Pains

Rev. 6: Opening the scroll and Jesus’ prophecy of the “beginning of birth pains.”

Rev. 7: The remnant of Israel: signed, sealed, and delivered. The tribulation “cut short” in Revelation, Daniel, and Isaiah.

Rev. 8,9: Sound the alarm: signs in the heavens, tumults on the earth.

Rev. 10: Clothed in a cloud “so that no prayer can pass through.” The seven thunders and the daughter voice (bat qol). The end of the “mystery of God”: the full number of the saints.

Lecture #3: The Dominion of the Beasts: A Prophetic View of History

Rev. 11: The spiritual Temple: two martyrs but one body.

Rev. 12: The serpent and the woman: an ancient war continues (Gen. 2, 37). “The rest of her seed”: the identification and persecution of Gentile Christians in Revelation.

Rev. 13: How would you know a false Christ if you met one? Tales of empire: Rome, New Rome, and other beastly manifestations. Fire from heaven, moving images, and information technology: what’s the connection?

Rev. 14: The Judgment of Christ in Joel, Matthew, and Revelation. “As in the days of Noah...the flood...destroyed them all.”

Lecture #4: Payback Time: The Mother of Harlots In the Winepress of God’s Fury

Rev. 15,16: The sanctuary in heaven and the priesthood of the Church (1 Peter 2 and 1 Cor. 3). The fury of God: blood for blood. Preparations for Armagedon (Zech. 12, Joel 3, Eze. 38).

Rev. 17, 18: The spirit of prostitution and the death of conscience (Jer. 51 and Nah. 3). The Tower of Babel and other skyscrapers. The seven beasts of history: spiritual and historical connections (Dan. 7). The mistress of the beast: Rome and other harlots. The coming rage against Biblical Christianity.

Lecture #5: The End of Life as We Know It: The Landscape of Eternity

Rev. 19: Priestly robes and bridal preparations. The shepherd with the iron rod, whose clothes are dipped in blood (Psalm 2, Isaiah 63). A grizzly feast and Ezekiel 39. What does it mean that “all the rest are killed”?

Rev. 20: The controversy over the Millennium: Jewish apocalyptic writings and 2 Peter 3. Gog and Magog: a matter of justice (Eze. 38). The revelation of the Father: the awesome climax of the book of Revelation.

Rev. 21: The New Jerusalem and the promise of unity with the Father (John 17, 2 Peter 1). Entrance to the city through the Israel of God (Ezekiel 48 and Ephesians 2). Cubes, the Holy of Holies, and the New Jerusalem.

Rev. 22: The river and tree of life (Zech. 14, 47). Face to face with the Father.

Conclusions: the Parallel Method compared with Dispensationalism.