

Bible Prophecy and the book of Revelation, Lesson 10

Chapter 5 We are now given a view of the command center of universe; the place where the plans of man, the devil and his minions come to naught!

Verses 1 - 7 - Prior to the 2nd century A.D. all was written on rolls or scrolls

1. Made of papyrus in 8x10 sheets
 2. Joined horizontally
 3. Rolled on wooden dowls.
 - Front side = horizontal grain and easy to write on.
 - Back side = Vertical grain and harder to write on
- ✓ Exception would be in the case of will or another legal document such as a title to land or property of some kind.
- ✓ What's being depicted here is a legal document equivalent to the title deed of the earth and or the last will and testament of God.
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The transaction that is taking place is assumed by the Spirit to be understood by us since we have memorized the old testament!?

- It is assumed here that we understand the Book of Ruth that this alludes to. --- This is our "Boaz" our Kinsman-Redeemer --- Boaz in one transaction takes the Gentile, Ruth, as a Bride and returns the Jew, Naomi, to her land.
- In order to bring Ruth to Boaz, Naomi has to be exiled from her land.

Requirements of a Kinsman-Redeemer:

1. Has to be a Kinsman
2. Has to be Able to purchase.
3. Has to be Willing to purchase
4. Has to Assume all the debts of redeemed.

Verses 2 - 4 – Who was qualified? No one.

- Only one meets all the qualifications
- Jesus has not only redeemed our souls but also the LAND!
- Why not God the Father? Able, willing, can assume all debts.... Not a kinsman=not human!

Verses 1 - 3 – Kinsman served in two roles: Redeemer and Avenger of blood because there were no police.

- I understand why he looks on earth for a man, but why in heaven and under the earth...there must be men there!!
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Verse 4 - Why can't John hold back? Because he understands what's at stake and the role of a kinsman redeemer and that if no one qualifies that we are lost.

Verse 5 – an Elder explains.

- These are very Jewish titles and from here on the book takes on a very Jewish flavor
- Root of David—a root is the source of the plant—but the Bible calls the Messiah the offspring of David as well....so which is He? Both!

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- **Mathew 22:41-46**

Verse 6 - This is of course symbolic of Jesus, but His appearance is quite interesting.

1. "As if slain" – He stills bears the marks of His torture and crucifixion
 - The only manmade thing in Heaven.
 - They are His receipt for the payment He made for our sins.
 2. Seven horns – 7 is the number completeness—Revelation is the book of 7s ---It completes God's revelation.
 - Horns are a symbol of strength== complete strength.
 3. Seven eyes – Seven-fold Spirit of God: **Zechariah 3:8-9, 4:10**
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Verses 7-8 – Incense is a symbol of prayer throughout the Bible

- What would these prayers be? Who prayed them? Have you never heard that we should pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"?

Verses 9-10

- "They shall reign" – We are not just priests but also kings
- Only 3 groups of people who held the title of priests and kings in the Bible: Melchizedek, Jesus, Believers.
- They will reign where? On Earth!

Verses 11-13 –Why is the creation praising Him? It too was redeemed!

Verse 14 – This is the prelude to the beginning of a campaign waged mostly from Heaven but concluded from the earth-- Jesus taking possession of what He's bought.

- You are expected to know that what happens from here on is directly tied to **Dan. 9:24-27.**
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The Trigger that starts the clock ticking: "Decree to Restore and rebuild Jerusalem" If we know when this is decreed we can know when the Messiah comes.

- Artaxerxes 445 B.C. decrees that the walls and city be rebuilt and sends Nehemiah to do it in **Nehemiah 2:1-8.**
 - **We know this exact date: March 14, 445 B.C**
 - The Jews knew this date because it was very significant for their history.
 - So, if they had this date, why weren't they standing waiting for their Messiah 483 years later on the date predicted? They didn't Believe it!
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It's a Mathematical prophecy that requires us to know a number of things in order to pin down the day that is being spoken of:

1. Requires us to be able to add: 7+62 weeks = **69 weeks or 483 years.**
 2. Requires us to know the date it starts: **March 14, 445 B.C.**
 3. Requires us to know the number of days in a year - which is how much? 365? No! -- Biblical year was **360 days always.**
 4. Working the equation: 67+2 (7's)= 69 weeks of years or 483 years
 - 483 @ 360 days/year = The number of days == **173,880 days** until the Messiah
 5. Now we know when to expect the Messiah: March 14, 445 B.C. plus 173,880 days == **April 6, 32 A.D.**
 - This falls within the week of Jesus' last Passover, but which day?
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Jesus spent most of His ministry keeping a secret: He would not let them exalt Him as Messiah.

- ✓ On several occasions the Jews attempted to make Jesus king, but he refused or evaded them: After feeding 5K (He withdrew); Demons "we know that you are the Son of God" (seems counterproductive for them to do this unless they're trying to preempt something God had planned He shushed them.)
 - ✓ Then a day came, 4 days before His crucifixion, that He not only let them, but He orchestrated it.
 - **Verse 30** – Arranges for His **own ride.**
 - **Verse 40** – So important that the **rocks would cry out!**
 - **Verse 41** – **He held them accountable** to know the day!
 - **Verse 42** – "but now"? when? Not His crucifixion! His Fulfillment of the most date-specific-prophecy in the OT!
 - **Verses 43-44** – "didn't recognize the time of their visitation"
 - Resulted in the Destruction of A.D. 70 Jews are without a land for almost 2 thousand years.
 - Not until May of 1948 do they return - one year after the book of Daniel along with the other books of the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered - **suppose that was a coincidence?**
 - Rev. 6 is going to begin with one who makes a covenant and thus begins the final 7 years of 700 years prophesied in Daniel 9.
 - The final 7 years is divided into exactly half 3 ½ years, 42 months, 1260 days, time times and half a time.
 - This is the most specifically enumerated time in all of Scripture...*more said about this interval* than any other time in the Bible.
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