

THE CHURCH OF *BROTHERLY LOVE*, Part Three Studies in the Revelation

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy,
and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the
words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:7

THE CHURCH THAT CHRIST LOVES – (AD 1750 - Rapture)

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is (1) holy,
who is (2) true, who (3) has the key of David, who (4) opens and no one
will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this...”

Revelation 3:7

THE GOOD STUFF:

First, the four *commendations* from the Lord:

I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no
one can shut, because you have...

- (1) a little power, and
- (2) have kept My word, and
- (3) have not denied My name.
- (4) Because you have kept the word of My perseverance...

Revelation 3:8, 10a

Then, the three *promises* from the Lord:

“I know your deeds. Behold,

- (1) I have put before you an open door which no one can shut...
- (2) Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they
are Jews and are not, but lie— I will make them bow down at your
feet, and make them know that I have loved you.
- (3) I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about
to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. I
am coming quickly.”

Revelation 3:8a, 9-11a

THE THIRD PROMISE, *REVISTED*:

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep
you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the
whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.”

Revelation 3:10

Some facts about the promise:

One, its fulfillment is sometime in the future:

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I (what) also will
keep you from the hour of testing...”

Revelation 3:10a

Two, the test is for a definite period of time:

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep
you from (what) the hour of testing, that hour which is about...”

Revelation 3:10b

Three, the test is designed to test what is true and false:

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep
you from the hour of (what) testing, that hour which is about to come
upon the whole world, to (what) test those who dwell on the earth.”

Revelation 3:10

Finally, the test is *only* for unbelievers, not the church:

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep
you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the
whole world, to test (who) those who dwell on the earth.”

Revelation 3:10

Question:

Who are those “who dwell on the earth?”

From the lips of those slain:

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls
of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of
the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud
voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from
judging and avenging our blood on (who) those who dwell on the earth?”

Revelation 6:9-10

The three woes of lost mankind:

Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to (who) those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"
Revelation 8:13

Those who rejoice at the death of the two prophets:

And (who) those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented (who) those who dwell on the earth.
Revelation 11:10

Those who worship the antichrist and the false prophet:

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. And he makes (who) the earth and those who dwell in it to (what) worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed.

And he deceives (who) those who dwell on the earth because of the signs which it was given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling (who) those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life.

Revelation 13: 8,12,14

The Great Harlot:

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed acts of immorality, and (who) those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her immorality."

Revelation 17:1-2

The Beast from the Abyss:

"The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And (who) those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come."
Revelation 17:8

Question:

What is the outcome of this coming world-wide testing?

First, some people will repent and get saved:

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain (why) because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.
Revelation 6:9-11

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9-10, 13-14

"These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the (1) called and (2) chosen and (3) faithful."
Revelation 17:14

Finally, some people will not repent and will be damned:

Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from (what) the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"
Revelation 6:15-17

The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.
Revelation 9:20-21

Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues because of pain, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they did not repent of their deeds.

Revelation 16:10-11

THE EXPECTED, EMINENT RETURN OF CHRIST:

“Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is (what) about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. I am coming quickly.”

Revelation 3:10-11a

Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; (why) for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

Romans 13:11

The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.

1 Peter 4:7

You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5:8

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOOD NEWS OF HIS RETURN:

The words of Jesus:

“And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:7

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.”

Revelation 22:12

He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.”

Revelation 22:20a

Our response to the words of Jesus:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

Amen.

Revelation 22:20b