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Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:12
“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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The Book of Revelation (Chapter 6) (Dr. Thomas Strouse)

The following is **part 6** of a study on the book of Revelation by Dr. Thomas Strouse who is Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Theological Seminary in Cromwell, CT (www.bbc-cromwell.org). It is a syllabus written by Dr. Strouse. It is the HFT editors desire that this study helps you grasp the deep truths within this incredible book! Please look for a chapter from this syllabus posted in upcoming issues of Hunger For Truth. We trust this will be edifying and convicting as well as a blessing and encouragement to readers. Thank you for reading. We praise God for the privilege of being able to share this study with you. May God richly bless!

The Book of Revelation / Thomas M. Strouse / (Rev. 6)
CHAPTER 6

Background

The vision reveals the opening of six of the Seven Seal Judgments, which begin the world-wide judgments of the Tribulation period, as Christ prophesied (Mt. 24:4-8).

Exposition

Rev. 6:1-17

The First Seal Judgment (Rev. 6:1-2)

The First Judgment was the rider on a white horse bringing false peace, which fits the Anti-Christ's deception.

The Second Seal Judgment (Rev. 6:3-4)

The next Seal Judgment depicted the red horse taking peace from the earth in the form of wars.

The Third Seal Judgment (Rev. 6:5-6)

The Third Seal was the black horse which represented famine.

The Fourth Seal Judgment (Rev. 6:7-8)

The Fourth Seal Judgment was the pale green (*chloros*) horse which represented death and hell.

The Fifth Seal Judgment (Rev. 6:9-11)

The next Seal was the picture of Tribulation saints slain during the Tribulation period.

The Sixth Seal Judgment (Rev. 6:12-17)

The Sixth Judgment resulted in a world-wide earthquake, falling stars, and extreme terror on earth. The Lord will roll back the first and second heavens as a scroll so that man on earth will be able to see the Lamb in heaven.

Theological concerns

The Seal Judgments are indeed judgments, so the white horse does not picture Christ and righteousness, but the judgment of the false peace with which the Antichrist will deceive the world, acting in the place of Christ and against Him.

Textual Issues

Rev. 6:17—CT replaces the TR "*his*" (*autou*) wrath with "*their*" (*auton*) wrath.

Summary of Chapter Six

The six Seal Judgments are world-wide, demonstrating the beginning of God's wrath upon sinful mankind.

Bread and Butter Christianity: Part 2 (By: Bro. Lacroix)

Text: I Thes. 5:20-23

5. **Preservation** (v.20). Prophesying was a necessity in the early church, when Paul wrote this.

-Back then the early church didn't yet have the full revelation of Scripture, as Paul and others had yet to finish epistles. The Scriptures were finally completed when John finish the Revelation of Jesus Christ around the mid 90's AD.

-These were Spirit-driven speakings given to the church to learn and apply to their lives. Paul argued to Corinth that the prophets and their teachings were just as important as an apostle was (I Cor. 12:28).

-However, with the completion of the Scriptures, this once necessary avenue of revelation was no longer necessary and withdrawn by God. Paul also argued that point to Corinth (I Cor. 13:8).

-Any "prophesies" that come today should be tested by the Christian to see if it lines up with Scripture and if it doesn't come to pass, that person is a false prophet (i.e. Camping's nefarious prediction of Christ's return in May 2011).

-During this time, these churches would continue to copy the Scriptures they had over and over again. God divinely preserved the true copies (cf. Ps. 12:6-7) and the bad copies were buried or lost.

-Some of those copies have been discovered and then perverted by unsaved "scholars" to form many of the modern versions that are out there today. Hold true to the 1611 KJB and all faithful translations of the TR.

-Today our verse could be written as for us to not despise the teaching of God's Word and those who rightly teach and live them.

6. **Proving** (v.21). One such way to live the Christian life is to run every thing we do through the Bible's Litmus test.

-Failed 4th grade science experiment to prove whether eggs could stand a three-story drop, and explaining the Litmus test.

-As Christians we have a responsibility to check what we are being taught so that we can spot a potential error.

-The church in Berea was noted for being extremely faithful to search the Scriptures and their example is one to emulate (Acts 17:11).

-Anyone, even the teacher of such Scripture, is capable of being in error, so it is critical you don't just take their word for it-follow up by checking their references and others. Study to show yourself approved (II Tim. 2:15).

-Once it has been proven good, execute what has been taught to you.

-When you study and hold fast, be ready to give an answer. You may just settle disputes or win people to Christ (I Pet. 3:15).

-When in doubt, leave it out. If it has no profit, there are more profitable things to do in our walk.

7. **Positive Promotion** (v.22). We should abstain from evil and choose to promote good.

-The world has its own value systems of good and evil, but even some Christians have different ideas of what is evil and not evil.

-A Christian who partakes of an evil if the Bible has something to say about it should be aware that they could be a stumblingblock.

-The Bible may not say anything about a specific thing, but weigh its pros and cons and if it even appears to be evil, we are commanded here to abstain.

-Thessalonica's problem was idol worship (Acts 17:1-9; I Thes. 1:9). Paul addressed a similar situation when he first started witnessing in Ephesus (Acts 19).

-Anything can indeed be an idol to the Christian if it replaces worship of the true and living God.

-Some believers actually believe it is okay for them to drink. Their basis is I Tim. 5:23. The Bible says otherwise (I Tim. 3; Prov. 20:1); plus consider the ramifications we hear all too often of drinking.

-Other issues arise too that the Bible may not specifically address. We must consider everything before us, and seek God's face. If it may cause one to not walk with God, we then must steer clear.

-We should promote things of God and eternity over anything that could cause another to question our actions. In other words, instead of questioning whether something is okay or not, let's strive to promote what we know from the Bible is positive and honors Him.

8. **Peace** (v.23a). God offers His peace, but...

-The peace He offers is far different than that of the world.

-Christ promised to leave us His peace in Jn. 14:27.

-Without Christ, a person cannot have peace with God because He is at enmity with them. He is angry at the wicked every day (Ps. 7:11).

-Isaiah (48:22) and Ezekiel (7:25) in their own words concur with the Psalmist and the fact that an unsaved person cannot be at peace with God.

-Once a person repents and receives Christ, they can start the path to peace (Rom. 5:1).

-We are commanded by Paul to be at peace with all, regardless of their spiritual condition and status with us (Rom. 12:19; Heb. 12:14).

-As we put our trust in God day by day, He promises us His peace (Isa. 26:3).

-The peace of God passes all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

9. **Progressive Sanctification** (v.23b). After saving faith, God will work in our lives, and convict us of sin over time. This movement is colloquially referred to as progressive sanctification.

-At the moment of conversion, God blesses the new convert with the Holy Spirit, who immediately starts a work in the life of the believer (Phil. 1:6). No matter what we do, we can't lose salvation (John 10:27-30), but we can indeed have a slow progression in our sanctification.

-We cannot change overnight, but over time we should begin to really take stock as far as what we say, act, and do (changing from bad habits to good habits-an evidence of both saving and sanctifying faith).

-We will not reach the level of complete sanctification until we get to Heaven. As long as we are in these vile, corruptible, sinful bodies we will have to continue to grow in grace (II Pet. 3:18).

-Paul admonished a similar command to Corinth (II Cor. 7:1).

-Sometimes the path of progressive sanctification is like that of a road project. It can be painful,

can take a long time (longer than we desire more often than not), and can be expensive, but the end results cannot be compared. The finished product in Heaven will rejoice with all the saved by grace of all the ages and will be complete-no more work in progress.

Don't Serve In Vain (By: J. Watson) (Sermon outline by Bro. Craig Glickman)

TEXT: Rev. 4:11, Coll. 3:20, Rom. 12:1-2, I Thes 4, I Thes. 5:18

I. Do the will of God

- A. This is the will of God
- B. It is well pleasing

II. Don't waste time

- A. Doing something worthless
- B. Not getting the desired result

III. II Cor. 5:18, 6:1

- A. Receive not the grace of God in vain!
- B. Jesus reconciled you to God the Father and saved you thru His grace. Was it in vain?
- C. If you get saved and don't do anything with it and not listen. Even if you go to church, it is in vain!
- D. Did you miss what was being preached? Did you get something out of the preaching of the word? Do you desire the preaching of the word? Do you desire to share the Gospel with others? Do you have tracts with you always to bring the ministry of reconciliation to people?

IV. Gal. 4:1-11

- A. Ye are sons of Abba Father and an heir of God thru Christ
- B. Paul is afraid he wasted his time laboring for the Galatians!
- C. Keep moving forward for Him at a pace of labor convenient for you
- D. Annanias was sent for Paul
- E. Invest yourself in your church (Service)

V. I Thes 2:1

- A. Imagine being before God and He says, "I wasted my time on you!"
- B. Paul hopes it will not be in vain the time he put into the Thesalonians

- C. I Thes. 2:13,14 - Stay in the word of God, memorize, study it (Be a Berean)
- D. Don't go where temptation is where you may fall. Keep your eyes looking up and in
- E. Are you pleasing God first before men? Living the way the Bible says you should live
- F. Emotion, anger, because your expectation wasn't lived up to.
- G. Make the change and start living right

Are you worth something? Or are you worthless to God?

Who Is An Ambassador?

1. An ambassador is one sent to represent officially a sovereign king. *“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ”* (II Cor. 5:20a).
2. An ambassador derives authority from his sovereign. *“As though god did beseech you by us”* (II Cor. 5:20b).
3. An ambassador is one who is carrying a special message. *“We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God”* (II Cor. 5:20c).
4. Bible believing Christians then are bearing the message of reconciliation to a lost and dying world. *“For he [God] hath made him [Christ] to be sin for us, who knew know sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”* (II Cor. 5:21).
5. Because God is Holy and men are sinners, we all need to be reconciled to God by His means—the Lord Jesus Christ. *“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ”* (II Cor. 5:18a).
6. The certainty of this is confirmed by Scripture. *“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation”* (II Cor. 5:19).
7. Believers, who have been reconciled to God through Christ by repenting of personal sins and receiving the precious Lord as Saviour, are now ambassadors. *“And hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation”* (II Cor. 5:18b)

--Based on a Gospel postcard by Bible Baptist Church of Cromwell, CT

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Spiritual Fruit

YOU CAN HAVE A FRUITFUL LIFE!

God wants you to have an abundant fruitful life

“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10)

Sadly many people live for themselves

“...an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself...” (Hosea 10:1)

“For he that soweth to his flesh shall reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall reap life everlasting.” (Galatians 6:8)

Are you in search of a Fruitful Life?

Only as you believe the Gospel will you discover the meaning of a fruitful life.

“...the truth of the gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth...” (Colossians 1:5,6)

What is the Gospel?

“...I declare unto you the gospel...which also ye have received...by which also ye are saved...that Christ died for our sins...and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

“...Repent ye, and believe the gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

Only after you've received the Gospel will you discover the meaning of a Fruitful Life.

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

Only as you plant yourself in the house of God will you experience a fruitful life.

“Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.” (Psalm 92:13,14)

Cultivating a Fruitful Life

“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.” (Hosea 10:12)

HAVE YOU TRUSTED JESUS CHRIST?

Admit that I am a lost sinner

Believe that Christ died for my sins

Repent of my sins.

Call upon the Lord Jesus Christ.

Trust Him as my Lord and Saviour.

Are you in search of a fruitful life?

---Based on a gospel tract printed by Community Baptist Church of Quakertown, PA

:) Children For Christ :)

The Body in the Bible

Memory Verse: Job 19:26 – “and *though* after my skin *worms* destroy this *body*, yet in my flesh shall I see God.”

Please use your Bible and match these 10 of many passages using the word 'body':

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ...absent from the body... 2. ...thy flesh and thy body... 3. ...own body on the tree... 4. ...The light of the body... 5. ...nor yet for your body... 6. ...Body of sin might be... 7. ...neither for the body... 8. ...Wheresoever the body is... 9. ...present your bodies a living... 10. ...body is the temple... | <p style="text-align: center;">Passages</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. 1 Cor. 6:19 B. Luke 17:37 C. Rom. 6:6 D. Matt. 6:22 E. Prov. 5:11 F. 2 Cor. 5:8 G. 1 Pet. 2:24 H. Matt. 6:25 I. Luke 12:22 J. Rom. 12:1 |
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“We need revival all across this land!”	“In the middle of <u>pride</u> is 'I'!”
<p style="text-align: center;">God's Refining --- Isaiah 48:10, Ps. 50:15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Art thou passing thro' deep waters? <i>Isa. 43:2</i> Just look up, see Him above Reaching out to hold thee safely To His tender heart of love. <i>Isa. 46:4</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hear Him as He gently tells you, I have not forgotten thee: <i>Isa. 49:15</i> This is all my plan and purpose, <i>Rom. 8:29</i> That thy gold might purer be. <i>Job 23:10</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Doubt not that I love thee, dear one. <i>Jer. 31:3</i> I so long to draw thee near. In eternity I'll show thee. <i>1 Cor. 2:9</i> Why the tear drops fall down here. <i>II Cor. 4:17</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes, the trials that seem endless, <i>Peter 1:7</i> Shall some day my praises tell. <i>Isa. 43:7</i> Just be patient, trust thy Saviour, <i>Ps. 62:8</i> Knowing He do'th all things well.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>--Cornell K. Wilmoth</i></p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for all He has provided Bro.Craig and Sister Tash so far for their upcoming wedding 5/2/15 <p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew • Bro. Craig who is looking for work in CT and for possible move to Plainville, CT area. • Wisdom regarding the new location for Heritage Baptist Church • Sherrie (Sister of Bro. Craig's Fiancee Tash) (Lymph Nodes) (Heart issues) • Wedding for Bro. Craig and Sister Tash on May 2, 2015 • Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere, church planter to Fairfield, CT) • Dr. Michael Thompson (Member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA) (Brain cancer) • Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer. • Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA • Needs of Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA • Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development)

PRAYER REQUESTS CONTINUED:

- Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs)
- Those affected by the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines
- The condition of this nation following the abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision.
- Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church
- Salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th 2013
- Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family
- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)

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Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

His Servants,

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Prov. 3:5-6

1 Thes. 5:18

