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**Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:12**

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## *The Book of Revelation (Chapter 8) (Dr. Thomas Strouse)*

The following is **part 8** 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](http://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 / Revelation 8***

## **CHAPTER EIGHT**

### **Background**

This chapter focuses on the opening of the Seventh Seal Judgment, which Seal contains the Seven Trumpet and Seven Vial Judgments. Chapter eight follows chapter six in sequence, emphasizing subsequent developments concluding with Christ's Second Coming.

### **Exposition**

#### **Rev. 8:1-13**

##### *The Opening of the Seventh Seal (Rev. 8:1)*

The opening of the Seventh Seal Judgment will be a solemn and momentous occasion in world history, giving respite for an additional 30 minutes, as the Lamb will activate the culminating events of His wrath.

##### *The Seven Angels (Rev. 8:2-6)*

The seven angels with the seven trumpets will be God's agents to carry out His judgment on the world when they sound out their respective Trumpet Judgments, as the Lord will respond in vengeance to the saints' prayers.

##### *The First Trumpet Judgment (Rev. 8:7)*

This Judgment will affect nature, sending fire with hail to destroy earth vegetation, similar to the fourth plague against Egypt (Ex. 9:23 ff.)

##### *The Second Trumpet Judgment (Rev. 8:8-9)*

The Second Trumpet will affect the sea waters as a large fiery mountain is thrown into the Mediterranean Sea turning one third of it to blood, and destroying life and ships (cf. Ex. 7:20).

##### *The Third Trumpet Judgment (Rev. 8:10-11)*

A star named Wormwood will fall into the water sources on Earth, making the water bitter (cf. Ex. 15:23-24).

##### *The Fourth Trumpet Judgment (Rev. 8:12-13)*

The Fourth Trumpet Judgment will smite the heavenly bodies and cause darkness on the earth, similar to the ninth plague (Ex. 10:21 ff.). As if these four Trumpet Judgments were not enough, an angel warned of three more woes of the last three Trumpet Judgments which will devastate earth inhabitants.

### **Theological Concerns**

The Lord will avenge His Tribulation elect as they pray for divine judgment on the enemies of the righteous God, as He promised (Lk. 18:7). The “*inhabiters*” (*katoikousin* = *kata oikousin* = *ecumenical*) of the earth will probably be the ecumenical movement (cf. Rev. 3:10).

### **Textual Issues**

Rev. 8:13—the CT substitutes “*eagle*” (*aetou*) for the TR’s word “*angel*” (*angelou*).

### **Summary of Chapter Eight**

The Seventh Seal Judgment will commence in this chapter, beginning the terrible wrath of the Lamb, continuing all the way to the coming of Christ in Rev. 19.

## *Testimonies of Christ's Sinlessness*

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Two thousand years ago a man walked this earth who was like no other man who was ever born. His birthplace was a stable in the tiny town of Bethlehem in Israel. He lived on this earth for about 33 years and was crucified by the Roman government as a criminal. His life was under the microscope of human observation. He did not live in secret. His ministry was public, and his every word and deed was examined by those who lived at that time. And the record of His life has been examined by the world ever since. No man has been as intensely examined as Jesus of Nazareth.

Before His death, Jesus issued an amazing challenge that has never been answered, a challenge that only an insane or a sinless man could offer. He said, “Which of you convinceth me of sin” (John 8:46). The word “convince” means to bring an accusation that can be proven, a charge that can stand.

Though He was accused of wrongdoing by those who hated him and crucified him, the accusations were blatant and obvious lies. The Roman governor himself said that Jesus was innocent of all charges. He wasn’t crucified because of any sin He had committed. He was crucified because of the jealousy of false Jewish teachers and the idolatry of the Roman Empire with its Caesar worship. But far more than that, He was crucified because He came to “seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). He came as the Son of God to make atonement for man’s sins so that men might be reconciled to God.

The fact of Jesus’ sinlessness proves that He was the Son of God. Every man since Adam has been a sinner by nature, by thought, and by deed. Children don’t have to be taught how to sin. We don’t need schools to educate children in how to lie and cheat and dishonor their parents and disobey authority.

I believe that the Bible is the Word of God for many reasons, and one of those is that what it says rings true to what can be observed in life. The Bible says, for example, that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). I can observe that in my own life. I can see it everywhere in the world today and everywhere in human history.

Everywhere except in Jesus.

Following are some of the testimonies to Jesus’ sinlessness:

### **The testimony of Pilate**

Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all*. (Joh 18:38). See also John 19:4, 6.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye *to it*. (Mt 27:24)

### **The testimony of Pilate's wife**

When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. (Mt 27:19)

### **The testimony of the thief on the cross**

But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. (Lu 23:40-41)

### **The testimony of the centurion**

Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man (Lu 23:47)

And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God. (Mr 15:39)

### **The testimony of the apostle Paul**

For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. (2Co 5:21)

### **The testimony of the apostle Peter**

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: (1Pe 2:22)

### **The testimony of the apostle John**

And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. (1Jo 3:5)

### **The testimony of God the Father**

While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. (Mt 17:5)

## *Knowing God's Will For Our Lives (By: Craig Glickman)*

I. Many verses relate to the will of God. God's will is not distant but daily and is never on your own or by feelings. Here are just a few verses:

A. **Proverbs 3:5-6** - Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

- B. **Jeremiah 29:11** - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
- C. **Romans 12:2** - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- D. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** - Rejoice evermore.
- E. **Psalms 37:4** - Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
- F. **Isaiah 55:8-9** - For my thoughts [are] not your thoughts, neither [are] your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
- G. **Ephesians 5:17** - Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord [is].
- H. **James 4:13-15** - Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:
- I. **1 Timothy 2:3-4** - For this [is] good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
- J. **1 Thessalonians 5:18** - In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- K. **1 Peter 2:15** - For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:
- L. **Isaiah 55:11** - So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper [in the thing] whereto I sent it.  
(Salvation, comfort, growth)
- M. **Isaiah 46:10** - Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times [the things] that are not [yet] done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:
- N. **Psalms 40:8** - I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart.
- O. **Amos 3:7** - Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.
- P. **Ecclesiastes 3:11** - He hath made every [thing] beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.
- Q. **Genesis 22:1-18** - And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, [here] I [am].
- R. **John 6:28-29** - Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

## II. 3 steps to Know God's will

1. Be willing - "Thy will be done"
2. Study God's word daily, obey it and trust in it completely
3. Follow the Leading of the Holy Spirit - Rom. 8:14, John 14:26; Phil 2:12; Prov. 20:24; Jer. 10:23; Psalm 32:8; Provo 16:9; Jude 3 (diligence about Spirit led plan)
  - A. Conviction - John 16:7
  - B. Caution w/ Confidence (Step of Faith; NO doubt) - Rom. 14:22-23; 1 John 3:20-22
  - C. Calmness Over situation (Peace of God) - Psalm 46:10; Col 3:15; Phil 4:6-7; Prov. 3:5-6
  - D. If it's the Holy Spirit's leading It will always be:
    1. A Step of Faith
    2. Never against God's Word
    3. Always Lifts up Christ
    4. Against the Flesh
    5. Never a feeling (always confirmed by events/signs/circumstances at end; results may be negative!)

## III. Judges 20

- A. They put themselves in array to fight against the children of Benjamin and lost (20) (vs. 1-21) (18 – didn't seek God 1st) (God answers them according to their own folly!)
- B. They put themselves in array to fight against the children of Benjamin as they did the 1st day and lost (22) (vs. 22-25) (23 - didn't seek God 1st) (Again, God answers them according to their own

folly!)

C. They pray and fast and seek God and His will first and are delivered! (vs. 26-48) (26-28 - They didn't formulate their own plans but sought God and His will first!)

IV. You Can Know God's will right NOW (1 Sam. 30)

A. If you are very far away from God's will ... you are only one step away from getting back into God's will

B. David in 1 Sam. 30:1-6 (Key: vs. 6); 1 Sam. 27:1)

C. Saul in 1 Sam 28:5-7 - He did the same but did not encourage himself in God.)

**Here are the 5 key steps to knowing God's will right NOW:**

1. **Examine Your Life & Confess Any Sin** - Pray: Dear God, you know I got to make a decision. Lord, if there is anything in my life that I need revealed, that I need taken care of. I want to get it right right now. (i.e. sin like: thoughts, bitterness, etc.); Ultimately the will of God for your life is a relationship with Him. (*His strength made perfect in weakness, Nothing between, Search me O' God*)

2. **Encourage Yourself in the Lord** (i.e. *David*) (Peace about it; Confess sins and center your mind and focus on God - Isa. 26:3; 1 John 1:9; 1 Chron. 29; Rom. 8 (NEVER make a decision when you are distressed and discouraged) (*Lord, do whatever you want to me and help me to do what you want me to do to make me what you've called me to be. Let it be your will and not mine.*) (*Lord, you lead I'll follow*)

3. **Cry out to God in Prayer** (*alone*) (I want your will right now) - Ultimately the decision is yours and you may need to make it right away!; Pray: LORD, all I want is your will right now. Lord please show me! Let it be your will not mine. I encourage myself in you. (Prov. 3:5-6) (*Lord, you lead I'll follow*)

4. **Claim a Promise, a Precept, or a Principle From the Bible** (Ask God to show/help you) - 1 Sam. 30:8; Pray: God give me what I need from your Word that will help me and guide me right now. Please bring it to my mind.; God CAN do this. Hide God's word in your heart. (*Lord, do whatever you want to me and help me to do what you want me to do to make me what you've called me to be. Let it be your will and not mine.*) (*Lord, please mold me into what you've called me to be.*)

5. **Make a Decision and GO Forward By Faith not Feeling!** (*NEVER when discouraged!*)- You've got to be moving in order for the Holy Spirit to lead you! (*His strength made perfect in weakness*)

-Sermon outline by Bro. Craig 7/14

*Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)*

**Jesus Loves You** — By: Bro. Craig Glickman

Jesus loves you because He:

**1. Suffered For You**

A. He was falsely accused – John 18:28-40

B. He was beaten & mocked – Isa. 53, Matt. 27:27-31

C. He was sentenced to die on the cross – John 19:16-17

## 2. Died For You

- A. He gave His only begotten son – John 3:16-17
- B. The wages of sin is death – Rom. 3:23, 5:8, 6:23a
- C. He conquered death & hell (“It is finished”) – John 19:30

## 3. Was Buried For You

- A. He is the Son the God – Matt. 27:50-54 (36)
- B. He was laid in a tomb – Matt. 27:57-60a
- C. The stone was rolled over the door – Matt. 27:60, 66

## 4. Rose Again For You

- A. He said He would rise again – Luke 18:31-34, Mark 10:32-34
- B. The stone was rolled away – Luke 24:1-3
- C. The grave clothes lie alone – John 20:1-10
- D. He conquered the grave (“He Has Risen”) – Luke 24:4-6, Mark 16:1-6, Matt. 28:1-6

## 5. Lives For You

- A. He said handle me and see – Luke 24:33-43
- B. He ascended into heaven – Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53
- C. He is at the right hand of the father – Col. 3:1, Acts 7:55-56 (Stephen)
- D. Salvation is by grace through faith alone – Eph. 2:8-9, John 1:12, Rom. 10:13, 1 John 5:13
- E. He is willing to give you eternal life if you will simply believe in Him – Rom. 6:23b, John 5:24, Rom. 10:9-10

*:) Children For Christ :)*

## **THE ORDER OF THE BOOKS**

**Memory Verse: Psalm 119:2 – Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.**

Please check the ones that are in the correct order of the books (i.e. Genesis then Exodus):

1. Genesis then Numbers \_\_\_\_
2. Jude then Revelation \_\_\_\_
3. Matthew then Mark \_\_\_\_
4. Job then Proverbs \_\_\_\_
5. Ezra then Esther \_\_\_\_
6. Titus then Philemon \_\_\_\_
7. Daniel then Hosea \_\_\_\_
8. Jonah then Nahum \_\_\_\_
9. Hebrews then James \_\_\_\_
10. Romans then 1 Corinthians \_\_\_\_



<p>“The Lord Jesus lived a life of victory over the power of sin, and indeed, His life was perfectly holy. He never looked with lust; He never uttered a hasty, unkind, untrue or frivolous word; and He never entertained an impure thought. He was never accused by conscience, never inflamed by wrongful passion, never out of step with the will of God. His time was never wasted, His talents never debased for selfish ends, His influence never bad, His judgment never wrong. He never had to apologize for anything He did or retract a single word He said. He was never too late or too soon; never upset; never insipid, shallow or afraid. He lived on earth approximately twelve thousand days and every one of them was a marvel of holiness. He was ‘holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners’ (Heb. 7:26)” (John Phillips, commentary on Romans). – <i>Notes, August 8, 2014, <a href="http://www.wayoflife.org">www.wayoflife.org</a>, <a href="mailto:fbs@wayoflife.org">fbs@wayoflife.org</a>, 866-295-4143</i>)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>I Will Be With Thee</u></b>  <b><i>By: Wm. Vander Hoven</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. – Isa. 43:2</i></b></p> <p>Ask any person who thru sickness, bereavement or missionary work has spent much time alone, what companionship means. The answer probably will be given with a tear in the eye. And if human companionship means much, the companionship of God is immeasurably sweeter.</p> <p>And marvelous to say, God has promised to be our constant companion. In our Saviour we have a “friend who sticketh closer than a brother.” Psalm 27 speaks of it in these words: “When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.” This is not because we are so lovable, but because God is so loving. God is no respecter of persons, and in His grace He will always be with His people in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>This means everything to us. God never promised us an easy street to travel. God doesn't put His children in a hot house to shelter them from frost and wind. Our way often leads thru waters and fires. But the promise is that those “waters shall not overflow thee” and the flames “shall not kindle upon thee.” We neither drown nor burn but rather are cleansed and refined in our trials, if God is with us. Look to God with true faith in Christ, and you will hear Him say also in your trials: “I will be with thee.”</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Perfect Trust</u></b></p> <p>I may not always no the way wherein God leads my feet. But this I know, that round my path His love and wisdom meet. And so I rest content to know He guides my feet where'er I go.</p> <p>I may not always understand just why He sends to me some bitter grief, some heavy loss. But though I cannot see I kneel and whisper through my tears a prayer for help and know He hears.</p> <p>My cherished plans and hopes may fail, my idols turn to dust, but this I know: My Father's love is always safe to trust. These things are dear to me, but still above them all I love His will.</p> <p>Oh precious peace within my heart. Oh blessed rest to know a Father's love keeps constant watch amid life's ebb and flow. I ask no more than this: I rest content and know His way is best.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>--Author Unknown</i></p>	<p><b>Praises</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praise God for a successful job transfer for Bro. Craig to a Wal Mart in Naugatuck, CT effective 9/5/14.</li> </ul> <p><b>Prayer Requests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew</li> <li>• Bro. Craig for relocation to CT to go according to His will.</li> <li>• Sarra Family (Missionaries to Zambia Africa) (John – Health needs – back, liver)</li> <li>• Wisdom regarding the new location for Heritage Baptist Church</li> <li>• Sherrie (Sister of Bro. Craig's Fiancee Tash) (Lymph Nodes) (Heart issues)</li> <li>• Wedding for Bro. Craig and Sister Tash on May 2, 2015</li> <li>• Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere, church planter to Fairfield, CT)</li> <li>• Dr. Michael Thompson (Member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA) (Brain cancer)</li> <li>• Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer.</li> <li>• Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA</li> <li>• Needs of Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA</li> <li>• Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development)</li> <li>• Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs)</li> <li>• Those affected by the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines</li> </ul>



**Prayer Requests Continued:**

- 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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,**

**Craig Glickman**

**Andrew Lacroix**

**Prov. 3:5-6**

**1 Thes. 5:18**

