

LESSON NINE

Revelation 12 – 15

The book of Revelation can be confusing. There are many different commentaries with different theories about what these chapters mean. Focus on the revelation that God has determined this scenario from the beginning of time, and He is victorious.

1. Chapter 12 seems to be a synopsis of why the wrath of God is being poured out. This chapter has a great deal of symbolism. If the woman is Israel with the 12 stars representing the 12 tribes of Israel, who is the son who will rule with an iron scepter? Compare Revelation 12:1-9 to Isaiah 14:12-14 and Ezekiel 28:15.
2. Revelation 12:10-12 may be answering the question “How can believers stand against the dragon (Satan)?” What is the answer?
3. Read Revelation 13. The Antichrist is the beast. This chapter describes how Satan will make war against God’s people. It coincides with Daniel 7 and Matthew 24:15-27. What strikes you as you read these chapters? Notice the time frame of the Great Tribulation is only 3 ½ years. What do the “saints” need to remember? See Revelation 13:10b.
4. Read Revelation 14. In the midst of treacherous times what do you see as ways God’s people can survive? The answer is in verses 7,12 and 13.
5. Read Revelation 15. Only two songs are mentioned by name in scripture: the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb. See Exodus 15 for the song of Moses. What had just happened to the ancient Israelites when this song was sung?

Prayer Glorious Father, you are the ruler of the universe, abounding in love and mercy. Amidst the violence, terror and fear of these chapters, you promise that those who come to you and your son will be saved. Satan is powerful, but he is no match for you or your Son. Jesus said “In this world we will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33). Give us the patient endurance we need because we are blessed by the blood of Jesus Christ and are ready to give our testimony to the world. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.