Weekly Study Guide | February 9, 2025

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Text: Revelation 9:20-21; 10:10; 11:3, 7, 11-12; 13:15-18; 14:6-7; 16:16

The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts (Rev 9:20-21).

I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour (Rev 10:10).

And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth (Rev. 11:3). Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them (11:7). But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on (Rev. 11:11-12).

The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666 (Rev 13:15-18).

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7 He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water" (Rev 14:6-7).

Then they (demonic spirits) gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon (Rev 16:16).

Supporting Verses: Ezekiel 2:9-10, 3:3; Zechariah 4:11-14; Malachi 4:5; 1 Kings 17:1; 2 Kings 1:10-12; Exodus 7:20; Matthew 17:1-3; Luke 9:31; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14

Questions:

- 1. What do you notice in the passages above? What stands out to you? What is described? Do you notice any unifying themes?
- 2. What do you think God is trying to accomplish? To whom is this directed?
- 3. What is characteristic of the people who dwell on the earth during this time?
- 4. What can we learn from this lesson? What are a few takeaways? How does it apply to us today? How can it encourage you and help strengthen your relationship with God? What difference will this make to your daily walk with Christ?

For later: Please take time to prayerfully reflect on how this lesson relates to you. What did you learn? What are some personal takeaways and insights you gained? What is a practical way you can apply this to your life? How will this help strengthen your relationship with God? What difference will this make in your life? Is there anything you need to change in light of this lesson?

Summary: We are exploring the book of Revelation in our current series. This past Sunday, we took a quick peek at chapters 8 to 16. Warning! Viewer discretion is advised. This section of Scripture describes a time of great tribulation for those who dwell on the earth. God's wrath is being poured out on the world, its inhabitants, and the system of the antichrist during this time. Aside from the Jewish people who have been sealed as belonging to God, the rest are extremely wicked. Despite the horrific events that unfold, those who remain do not repent of their evil deeds. Two witnesses are killed and then raised back to life. Angels preach the Gospel from the skies. Instead of turning to God, the people give their allegiance to the beast, take its mark, and worship its image. The Gospel is good news, but only for those who receive it. For those who reject it, it becomes a bitter pill. The message of Revelation is clear: Turn to God while you can before it's too late.