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REVELATION PART 4, LESSON 9
QUESTIONS REGARDING THE 144,000, THE 2 WITNESSES, THE MYSTERY OF GOD, AND THE WRATH OF GOD, AS THEY RELATE TO THE DAY OF THE LORD

I. WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE 144,00 AND THE 2 WITNESSES TO THE DAY OF THE LORD?

A. The 144,000--Revelation 7:1-8; 9:4; and 14:1-5 [Homework, pp.99-100]

? What do we learn in these verses about who they are, where they are, etc.?

? What is significant about them?

*The tribe of Dan is missing from the list of tribes and Joseph is named as a tribe instead of Ephraim. With Levi named on this list, the total tribes is 12- Reuben was 1st born but Judah is listed 1st:

[Dan was omitted because of the tribe's idolatry Deut.29:18-21

Ephraim was omitted because it defected from the ruling house of Judah Isaiah 7:17

Reuben forfeited his birthright as punishment for his sexual misconduct with his father's concubine 1 Chronicles 5:1]

*They are sealed-when? What does this seal protect them from?

READ: Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20-believers are sealed with the Holy Spirit who indwells them. Believers are now the temple of God. We are to glorify Him in our bodies.

*They are in heaven before the bowls of wrath are poured out. How do we know?

Revelation 14:1-5

"Purchased from among men"

"First fruits to God and the Lamb"- of a redeemed Israel (the harvest to come)

? Are they the rest of the woman's children, "...who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus?" Revelation 12:17

? Are they the saints mentioned in Revelation 13:7?

"It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him."

? What can we know for sure?

* They serve the Lord Jesus

* They are the first fruits of Israel, indicating a harvest to come

B. The 2 Witnesses--Revelation 11 [Homework pp.100-102]

? What do we know about them?

11:3: *"And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."*

?Will they prophesy before or after the day of the Lord?

? What will they be able to do? Verses 5-6

? What will happen to them when their 1260 days are over? Verses 7-12

? How does the vision of the 2 olive trees in Zechariah 4 relate to Revelation 11?

Revelation 11:4: *“These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.”*

Purpose of the vision:

“...to encourage Zerubbabel to complete the temple rebuilding and to assure him of Divine enablement for that venture, and the endless supply for the future glory of MESSIAH’S kingdom and temple” J. MacArthur study Bible

(see rejoicing over the completed temple in Ezra 3:11-13)

? What is the vision about?

Zechariah asked the angel twice what the 2 olive trees were and finally in v.14 we get the answer:

Zechariah 4:4-6: *“Then I said to the angel who was speaking with me saying, “What are these, my lord?” So the angel who was speaking with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ says the Lord of hosts.”*

What was God’s encouragement to Zerubbabel in v.6?

Zechariah 4:12–14: *“And I answered the second time and said to him, “What are the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves?” So he answered me, saying, “Do you not know what these are?” And I said, “No, my lord.” Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth.”*

? Who might these 2 witnesses be? What do you think about the views given in the lesson?
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?What is the relationship of the 144,00 and the 2 witnesses to the day of the Lord?

II. HOW DO THE FINISHING OF THE MYSTERY OF GOD AND HIS WRATH RELATE TO THE DAY OF THE LORD?

A. The mystery of God [Homework pp.103-104]

? What do we know about the mystery?

Revelation 10:7: *“but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.”*

Defn: mystery-#3466-MUSTERION- In the New Testament, spoken of facts, doctrines, principles, etc., not previously revealed - from Zodiates

Defn: finished-#5505, TELEO--end, goal; to bring something to perfection, or to its intended goal. The verb is aorist indicative, an action that is not continuous.

***What was previously preached to the prophets as hidden is revealed**

?When is the mystery of God finished?

READ: Revelation 11:15-19. What is said about the sounding of the 7th trumpet?

(p.104, #4 in Homework)

Compare this with the 7th trumpet in Revelation 11:15-18; 20:11-15

***the kingdom of the world becomes Christ's. He will reign.**

-the beginning of His reign seems to start at the 7th trumpet

-and the nations are enraged

B. His wrath comes:

Look at the Homework's scripture references in Revelation for the wrath of God, pp.104-106.

? What do we learn about God's wrath in these verses?

Defn: wrath-#3709-ORGE-(in Rev. 6:16,17; 11:18; 16:19; 19:15) wrath, anger, as a state of mind--including the idea of punishment-punitive wrath of God, divine judgments to be inflicted upon the wicked.

"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" Deuteronomy 32:35

Defn: wrath #2372, THUMOS-(in Rev. 14:10,19; 15:1,7) the inward feeling, violent commotion of mind, indignation, anger, wrath. Hot anger, passion- quickly blazes and quickly subsides.

***THUMOS is an outburst of ORGE**

? How do the finishing of the mystery of God and the wrath of God relate to the day of the Lord?

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Application, p. 106, Day 5 #2

"Now, considering all you know at this point:

-Who is in charge of everything

-How does this apply to the details of your life?

