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Revelation 12-22

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NT #50 He That Overcometh Shall Inherit All Things

Review Ch 1-11

- audience was 7 churches of Asia
- symbol for Christ is the slain lamb

- the scroll representing God's plan of salvation could only be opened by the lamb

The Fall

- God saw his creations were good
- Adam = man Michael = like god
- fruit = substituting man's judgement for God's

Ch. 12 ^{12-14 (signs)}

The dragon attacks woman & her seed - cast to earth

- mainstream interpretation: the dragon is another beast - lesson to show the beasts (corrupt governments) will in the end lose to Christ & his followers

- LDS: war in heaven

- agreement: the "beast" is more than a human enemy. There exists a purer & more spiritual form of evil, and that's what we battle

12:11 overcome by the blood of the Lamb 12:15-16 flood

Ch 13

Two beasts → to Daniel 7 - 1 is military & the other economic?

The mark of the beast: 666 = man man man OR ^{Kaiser} heron OR ^{Kaiser} nero 616

head & hand - in direct comparison with the shemo (Deut. 6:4-8)

can't buy or sell - inability to engage in commerce unless give allegiance to beast - agree in ideology with corrupt governments

The beast/babylon has many manifestations

Ch 14

14:6 everlasting gospel.

- The Lamb's Army in the new Jerusalem praising him & rejoicing in victory

- harvest - grain harvest of righteous, winepress of wicked (wheat/tares)

- flood 200 miles 5 feet deep

Ch 15-16 - 7 vials - judgments of God unleashed

exodus plagues again vials 1-5

6th vial dragon/beast gather Armageddon (similar to battle w/ Gog - Ezek. 38-39)

7th vial victory & judgment

Ch 17-18

harlot of Babylon riding the dragon (composite of OT images of destruction of Israel's enemies Babylon, Tyre, Edom, etc. - Isaiah 13, 23, 34, 47, Jer. 50-51, Ezek. 26-27)

Rome is just one more idolatrous nation - people do this when they fail to put God 1st

Ch. 19-20

final battle - Jesus is bloody before it begins (his own)

- only weapon is sword of his mouth
- not a bloodbath but accountability

millennium - marriage of Lamb

- martyrs reign for 1,000 years

judgment

- God reigns
- final cast-out of the dragon

is this a) chronological? or b) symbolic (i.e. final battle & judgment are one event, and millennium refers to right now)

Ch 21-22 21:4 wipe all tears

Marriage (or reconciliation w/ wife) of Lamb

again, composite of OT references to New Heaven & Earth (Isaiah 65)

New Eden (Gen 12, Ezek. 47)

New Jerusalem (Is. 2, Zeph 3)

No temple = all creation reflects God

Men & women rule as kings & queens, priests & priestesses

City is a
1500 mile cube

Rev. 22:18

~~Pres~~ Elder Jeffrey R. Holland - 2008 April Conference. "My Words Never Cease"

cf. Deut 4:2