

Worship Service Duties

TODAY	October 9 2016
GREETER	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Josh Lee
SONG LEADER	Kevin Thomas
OPENING PRAYER	Steve Stamper
SERMON TITLE	
PREACHING	Josh Lee
COMMUNION	Andrew Rainwaters
CLOSING PRAYER	Ray Hatfield
TUESDAY EVENING	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
CLASS TOPIC	Muscle & A Shovel
TEACHER	Josh Lee
CLOSING PRAYER	Various

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

TUESDAY SERVICES:

Bible Classes 6:30 p.m.

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THE PLAN OF SALVATION: WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

- ♥ HEAR the gospel (Rom. 1:16; 10:14,17)
- ♥ BELIEVE the gospel (John 8:24; Mark 16:16; Heb. 11:6)
- ♥ REPENT of past sins (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:31)
- ♥ CONFESS Jesus (Rom. 10:9-10; Mt. 10:32-33)
- ♥ BE BAPTIZED for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Mk. 16:16)
- ♥ LIVE FAITHFULLY unto death (Rev. 2:10; Mt. 6:33; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:58).

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1000 YEAR REIGN AND REVELATION 20

By E.R. Hall

Revelation 20 is a "hot bed" for all types of ideas and beliefs: (1) Thousand year reign of Christ on earth (2) The Rapture (3) The Battle Of Armageddon (4) More than one resurrection at Christ's return, etc. Many of these ideas are contained in the theory of "Pre-millennialism". If there is ever a verse quoted from the book of Revelation in support of these theories, chances are it will be from chapter 20.

There are some things we need to remember about the book of Revelation: (1) It uses signs and symbols to reveal its message. The reason for this is John wrote during troublesome times. The personal safety of both the writer and reader were in danger if the enemy understood the true meaning of the book. The proper way to understand symbols is like that of understanding parables: find the main point and let the details fit in the most natural way. (2) Revelation **CONCEALS** and **REVEALS**; Conceals the message from the enemy and reveals the message to the people it was intend for. (3) No interpretation of Revelation is correct if it is meaningless and fails to bring practical help and comfort to the Christian's of John's day. (4) The main point of Revelation is: Despite persecution and oppression, from whatever it's source, if we will remain true and faithful to the Lord, the victory will ultimately be ours through Christ. "*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.*" (Rev. 5:12)

The Bible is the best commentary we can use. So, let's allow the Scriptures to interpret themselves. Revelation 20 is similar to Ezekiel 37-39:6. In Ezekiel 37 we have the restoration of Israel out of Babylonian captivity being compared to the resurrection of a valley of dry bones. However, neither passage is talking about a bodily resurrection. It is symbolical: As God resurrected Israel from the captivity of Babylon, He would resurrect the martyred saints who had been killed by the beast.

Gog of the land of Magog were ancient enemies of God's people. (Ezek. 38:17). Thus, the Holy Spirit could have no better way to describe enemies against Christians in John's day than to describe them as "*Gog and Magog*" in Rev. 20:8. The battle of Armageddon was not a final "war to end all wars" in Ezekiel and neither is it here in Revelation 20. No sooner than Satan is "*bound*" by defeat until he is "*loosed*" to begin his work of deceiving again. No sooner is Satan defeated than he is out again to "*make war*" against God's people. It was true in Old Testament times and it continues to be true of Christians in the past as well as present. This will continue to be so until the final and ultimate destruction of the Devil in "*the lake of fire and brimstone*". (Rev. 20:10; Matthew 25:41.)

Revelation 20 says nothing about: (1) Christ setting up a kingdom (2) Christ reigning on earth a thousand years. (Does not mention anything about a reign of Christ but instead it speaks of a "reign of souls with Christ" (3) A rapture (4) A bodily resurrection (5) All Christians reigning. (6) Second coming of Christ (7) Throne of David, or any other throne on earth (8) Jerusalem or Palestine (9) Us.

There is a reign which the inspired apostle Paul wrote about in 1 Corinthians 15. Let us examine the contrast in this reign and the one in Revelation 20:

Revelation 20

- A. Christ reigns with beheaded saints.
- B. Christ reigns where souls are.
- C. Reign began when souls beheaded and Satan was bound.
- D. Reign continued until Satan loose out of prison.

1 Corinthians 15

- A. Christ reign with all saints.
- B. B. Christ reigns on David's throne.
- C. . Reign began on Pentecost. (Acts 2:30-35)
- D. Reign continued until last enemy is destroyed.

The book of Revelation stands to assure us that if we are "*faithful unto death*", we will be given a "*crown of life*" (2:10). If we "*do His commandments*", we can have the "*right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*" (22:14).

Prayer Requests:

—Stewart Hatfield (brother of Sis. Stephanie Thomas). Eck and Myrtle Gabbard. Ray Hatfield. Shelby Barnhart. Lainey Lee. Daryle Banks. Melissa Robinson. Vivian Hatfield.

General Announcements:

—Please check the bulletin board for gospel meetings in the area, and support these efforts if you can.

—The DVD's on the back table are free and are there for the taking. Even VISITORS are welcome to take them. In fact, we encourage you to take them!

—Remember, our website is now updated. The addresses are <http://www.Franklin-church.org>.

—A note to the men who lead in prayer: It has been requested that, if physically possible, you stand while delivering the opening/closing prayer as it will help some to hear you better.