

17- It Will Finish With Chapter 11

The Bible is the only book that tells us, accurately, who we are, what we are doing here and where we are going in the future.

Of the 66 different books in the library of books that we call "the Bible", the book of Revelation is **the only book** that promises μακάριος (pronounced "mak-ar'-ee-os" in English) (1) for reading it (ἀναγινώσκω - pronounced "an-ag-in-oc'e'-ko" in English and meaning to know again the things which have been written in it), (2) for hearing it (ἀκούω - pronounced "ak-oo'-o" in English and meaning to understand and comprehend the things which have been written in it) and (3) for observing it (τηρέω - pronounced " tay-reh'-o" in English and meaning to *guard* from *loss* or *injury*, properly by keeping *our eye* upon the things which have been written in it).

The Greek word "μακάριος" (pronounced "mak-ar'-ee-os" in English) means (1) possessing the favor of God, (2) that state of being marked by fullness from God and (3) the state of the believer in Christ, said of one who becomes a partaker of God's nature through faith in Christ.

*"¹ A revelation possessed by Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him for the purpose of making known to His bondslaves things which in the nature of the case necessarily must come to pass in their entirety shortly. And He made them known, having sent them through the agency of His messenger to His bondslave, John, who is now declaring the word of God and the testimony given by Jesus Christ, as many things as he saw. Spiritually prosperous ("μακάριος" - pronounced "mak-ar'-ee-os" in English) is he who reads (ἀναγινώσκω) in the worship assembly of the local church and spiritually prosperous ("μακάριος" - pronounced "mak-ar'-ee-os" in English) are those who hear (ἀκούω) the words of this prophecy and observe (τηρέω) the things which in it have been written and are on record, for the strategic, epochal (**uniquely or highly significant, that is, momentous**) season is imminent." Revelation 1:1 (Wuest New Testament: An Expanded Translation*

We believe that in our present day English of 2019, Revelation 1:1 tells us, "Spiritually prosperous are (1) **those who know again the things which have been written in it**, in the worship assembly of the local church and spiritually prosperous are (2) **those who understand and comprehend the things which have been written in the words of this prophecy and spiritually prosperous** are those who (3) **guard the things which have been written in the words**

of this prophecy from loss or injury by keeping their eye upon the things which have been written in it, for the strategic, highly significant season is imminent. Revelation 1:1

In our study of the book of Revelation, there is a significant fact that we need to recognize in order to understand the book. **The Information In The Book Of Revelation Is Not Recorded In Chronological Order Starting From Chapter One, Verse One And Concluding With The Information Recorded In Chapter Twenty-Two, Verse Twenty-One.** We find in chapter ten, verses 5-7, for instance, " ⁵ *The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to Heaven* ⁶ *and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created Heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that* **there should be delay no longer,** ⁷ *but* **in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel,** *when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets." Revelation 10:5-7 (New King James Version)*

Jesus Christ, in His instructions to His disciples in Matthew 24:45-51, explained what He meant by delay when He told John in Revelation 10:6 that **there should be delay no longer.** " ⁴⁵ *"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?"* ⁴⁶ *Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.* ⁴⁷ *Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods.* ⁴⁸ *But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is **delaying** his coming,'* ⁴⁹ *and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards,* ⁵⁰ *the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of,* ⁵¹ *and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matthew 24:45-51 (New King James Version)*

In regard to the punishment, the Complete Word Study Dictionary says, " Scourging was usually inflicted upon idle and negligent servants among the Jews. In Matthew, the servant must endure great punishment, and in Luke 12:47 the explanation is given that the unfaithful servant should be beaten with many stripes. These parables refer to the Master's rewards and punishments for faithful or unfaithful service by those **who claim to be His servants.** The Lord's words should induce us to awesome thoughtfulness as to what we do with our lives on earth. The evidence that one is a true servant of Jesus Christ is found in how he responds to the duties which his Lord imposes upon him."

This is true. How we live our lives in this life, including the godly language we use or the foul language we use, becomes the basis of reward and lack of rewards in the next life. God's true servants will be rewarded for their faithfulness and good works while hypocrites will be punished for their evil works and unfaithfulness. " ⁷ *For all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and sea creatures can be or have been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue. It is an uncontrollable evil filled with deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in God's likeness. ¹² My brothers, a fig tree cannot produce olives, nor a grapevine figs, can it? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water."* ² *James 3:7-12 (International Standard Version)*

So John is told that when the seventh angel sounds his trumpet, the mystery of the Living God will no longer be delayed but will be finished. Paul taught about this in Ephesians 1:3-10 " ³ *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the Heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect **when** the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in Heaven and on earth under Christ. *Ephesians 1:3-10 (New International Version)**

That is exactly what will happen when the seventh angel sounds his trumpet at the end of Revelation, chapter 11. (1) The times will reach their fulfillment (Ephesians 1:10, written above) and (2) God will bring unity to all things in Heaven and on earth under Christ (Ephesians 1:10, written above).

We find in the latter part of Revelation, chapter 11, that the seventh angel will blow his trumpet. The mystery of God will no longer be delayed but will be finished and all things in Heaven and on earth will be brought under the authority of Christ. Once that happens, Satan, the usurper, will be cast into Gehenna (the Lake of Fire) with the fallen angels and the lost. When the seventh angel blows his trumpet in the latter part of the eleventh chapter of Revelation, the

kingdom of the world will belong to our Lord and to his Anointed, and he will reign forever and ever.

¹⁵ Then **the seventh angel blew his trumpet**. There were loud voices in Heaven, saying, "**The kingdom of the world now belongs to our Lord and to his Anointed, and he will reign forever and ever**." ¹⁶ The twenty-four elders who sat on their thrones before God prostrated themselves and worshiped God ¹⁷ and said: "We give thanks to you, Lord God almighty, who are and who were. For **you have assumed your great power and have established your reign**." ¹⁸ The nations raged, but your wrath has come, and the time for the dead to be judged, and to recompense your servants, the prophets, and the holy ones and those who fear your name, the small and the great alike, and to destroy those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹ Then God's temple in Heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder, an earthquake, and a violent hailstorm." Revelation 11:15-19 (New American Bible-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

If we find that at the end of the 11th chapter of Revelation, all things in Heaven and on earth will be brought under the authority of Christ and He will **begin** to reign forever and ever, why did Christ give us the information in chapters 12 through 22? It is obvious that most of what is revealed in chapters 12 through 22 takes place **before** the seventh angel sounds his trumpet in chapter 11. Again, why did Christ give us the information in chapters 12 through 22? Christ gave the information in chapters 12 through 22 because the information He reveals is extra information.

Please think of it this way. Beginning with Revelation, chapter 1, verse 1, Christ sent His δούλος (pronounced in English, doo' los), His bondservants, a panoramic view of the things **which had already begun with the Church Age** and would culminate with all things in Heaven and on earth being brought under His authority. The information we find from **the beginning** of chapter one to **the end** of the eleventh chapter furnishes a wide sweeping panoramic view. **That information is in chronological order**. Then, beginning with chapter 12, Christ gives His bondservants extra information they are to place in the "cubby holes" of the panoramic view in order to better understand what He has revealed. It is important that we remember that some of the extra information in chapters 12 through 22 **are not** necessarily in chronological order **either**. The fact that the book of Revelation is very confusing if you assume that the book is all in chronological order is one of the reasons why we recorded the paper "A Chronological Study

Of Revelation" on our website, <http://www.bayourouge.net> for those who want to correctly understand what is going to happen in the future.

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