Introduction to Revelation Part 2:

Lessons from the Seven Churches of the First Century

Notes

Babylon = corporate rebellion against God. Culture of defining “good” and “evil” on our own terms.

Jesus, the slain Lamb who died for the sins of the world, will return one day as King for His Bride (The Church)

What is the Bride’s responsibility? Ephesians 5: 25 – 27

John introduces himself as “brother and companion in the tribulation” we will all face and “in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ” Revelation 1: 9

Our King ruling and reigning from heaven via His Holy Spirit opposing the ongoing presence of evil demands the patience (endurance of things / circumstances) by the Church

Two Present Day Truths:

We are Christ’ redeemed, loved and washed from our sins in His own blood. Hebrews 9:13 -14.

We have been designated as “kings and priests” by God through Christ. (delegated authority and duty) Revelation 1:5-6

Kings: New breed of mankind, the “born again” (“O man of God”) designated by the King of Kings 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Kingdom Domains: Self, Family, Congregation, Community (ordered houses, progressive sanctification)

Kingdom Domain Requirements:

Faithful witness to the gospel via the power of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 2

Loving service to humanity. Mankind can only see God’s love through the born again. John 13:34 – 35, Romans 12:9-13

Confrontation of darkness with warfare prayers Ephesians 6: 10 – 18

Unity of the “born again” John 17: 20 – 22

Priestly Domain Requirements:

Authority only accomplished in the spirit of “praiseful worship” via the office of priests

Rulership (Kingship) executed only when the priestly mission is faithfully attended John 4: 22 – 24

How do we resist Babylon? Titus 2: 11 – 14