Bible Study 40

Wednesday May 18, 2022

The Book of Revelation (continued)

Last week we read of the “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.” It is a passage in chapter six that is often quoted. The Four Horsemen appearing is always a depiction of the end of the world or the so called ‘Apocalypse.’ Down the centuries this is how the Book of Revelation has been seen as eschatology or the ‘end times.’

However, is this true? That is the question we should be asking ourselves. It is certainly written in an Apocalyptic style. Was the author attempting to scare his audience? Was he expecting the imminent ‘second coming of Christ? Was this an attempt to lift the spirits of a church under persecution?

Chapter 8. “The Seventh seal.” Seven Angels with seven trumpets, rain destruction upon the earth.

“Woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth,” cries the eagle.

The destruction of the Seven trumpets is almost like the Creation of Genesis in reverse. Chapter 9 takes on a cosmic character when the stars start to fall from the sky. The Plagues that sweep down upon mankind reminiscent of the plague visited upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians in Exodus.

and 10.The description of The Four Horsemen in 9:17f is truly awesome and terrible.

John the author does repeat that ‘this is a vision the vision that I saw.’

The Seven Angel in chapter 10 announces the words of a ‘little scroll.’ The author is given it and told to eat it and prophesy.

Read chapter 8, 9, 10