



THE BOOK OF REVELATION

INTRODUCTION: SESSIONS 1 & 2

TEACHING NOTES

The Revelation

Notes for Introduction - Session 1

My Introduction:

What leading did I receive to begin this study with you.

1. For some time sensing the urge to do so.
2. Hilton Sutton's Funeral, March 2012

His last sermon at the January KCM Minister's Conference. He stressed the importance of, and urged the ministers to read The Book of Revelation. Told them that it is the only Book which promises a blessing for reading it.

Rev. 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. (KJV)

Rev. 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and blessed are those who listen to the words of this prophecy and lay to heart what is written in it; for the time for its fulfillment is now close at hand. (Weymouth)

3. Drawn by the Spirit to "revelation of Resurrection power"

At Inside Out Conference Melissa Harris took for a text, Acts 5:12. Earlier I had drawn an arrow from this verse, back to Acts 4:33.

Paul writing near the close of his earthwalk wrote: "That I may *know Him and the power (*dunamis*) of His Resurrection" (Phil. 3:10).

*know - ginosko=to know (by experience, or effort); to acquire knowledge, become acquainted with; hence, to come or get to know, learn, perceive

Paul knew that revelation of Resurrection power is granted by God. (Ephesians 1:17-23)

The Book of Revelation is the only N.T. Book exclusively from the Resurrected Jesus.

Let us Claim the blessing.

I. The Book of The Revelation: Verses 1-3

Rev. 1:1 ***The Revelation of Jesus Christ**, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

Rev. 1:2 *Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.*

Rev. 1:3 *Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*

A. The Divine Title of the Book

Hebrew Naming of Books

Ex:	Genesis	BeReishit (Ba-ra-sheet) In theBeginning
	Exodus	Shemot/Names And these are the names of the Children of Israel

Leviticus	Vayikra/He called He called to Moses
Numbers	BaMidbar/in the Wilderness The LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness
Deuteronomy	Devarim/Words These are the Words that Moses spoke to all Israel

II. Revelation:

Greek: *apokalupsis*
Whence our "Apocalypse"

Apokalupsis=Unveiling, revelation, manifestation.
Hence English "Apocalypse."
apo=from
kalupto=to cover
Therefore *apokalupsis*=uncovering, or unveiling.

III. Prophecy

See Eschatology Teaching - "Prophecy in Scripture"

Prophecy in Scripture

Its Place and Importance

I. Prophecy

A. Defined in Jewish Oral Law Talmud, Mishnah

1. *The link between the Creator and His creatures, by means of prophecy, is one of the foundations of the creation of the world.*
(Chazon Ish, Emunah & 'Bitachon, ch. 6).
2. Twice as many prophets arose among the Jews as there were Israelites who left Egypt. *Only such prophecy that was needed for later generations was written down.* (Megillah 14a).
3. Of these millions of Jews...the prophecies of only 48 men and 7 women have been recorded in Scriptures. Of these 55, in many cases very few of their prophecies are recorded, as little as a sentence or two in some cases.
(Artscroll Tanach Series, Tres Asar, p.xviii,xix.)
[Statement applies to the Tanach]
4. God-breathed words became the Holy Scriptures.
(2 Timothy 3:16)
 - a. "Chaggai, Zechariah and Malachi, the last prophets...knew there would be no further prophecies until Elijah would appear to herald the messianic age; hence, together with the other *Men of the Great Assembly*, they closed

the canon of the Sacred Scriptures, selecting which books of the prophets would become part of the eternal Written Torah." (Artscroll Tanach Series, Tres Asar, p.xxxi)

5. Peter Reveals How Prophetic Scripture Came and calls New Testament believers to take heed to the O.T. prophets.

2 Peter 1:19-21

19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise.

20 *In your hearts knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost

*I have taken the liberty to move the last phrase in v.19 to v.20. There is no punctuation in the original Scriptures. An elderly gentleman who did a Finnish translation of the Bible explained to me that it should be so as He has already arisen in our hearts- and it is only to the world that His arising as the Day Star is in the future.

B. Israel - Nation with the Prophetic Anointing

1. Romans 3:1,2
 - 1 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?

2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

2. Psalm 105:14,15

14 He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea,
he reprov'd kings for their sakes;

15 Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my
prophets no harm.

a. Sarah; Genesis 12:17; 20:18
Rebekah, Genesis 26:11

It was only the matriarchs and the patriarchs, yet the nation—who would speak and record the Word of God to the world—was in their wombs.

3. Jesus answered when asked what would be the sign of His parousia and of the end of the age, "Behold the fig tree...."
(Matthew 24:1-3; Luke 21:29.)

Any serious study of Eschatology must include a study of Israel (the Fig Tree.)

C. God has chosen that His Holy written Word be more than one-half prophecy; some say, two-thirds.

Most have been fulfilled.

D. God's Litmus Test for being God: Telling the end from the beginning.

Isaiah 41:8,9,11,12, 22,23,26

E. By God's Design: The Jews (Israel) and His fulfilled prophecies concerning that prophetic nation are the witnesses that He is God.

Isaiah 43:1,5,6,8,9,10-12

Isaiah 44:6,7,8

F. Necessary spiritual weapon to the Army of the Lord

1. Jehovah of Hosts

- a. "Lord of all things at whose call all created forces must marshal themselves as if for war."
(Baron, *Zechariah*, p.11)

- b. First Mention: 1 Samuel 1:7

Artscrolls translates "Master of Legions" and gives this note: Hannah was the first human to address God with this Divine name.

Note: She was also the first human to speak "His Anointed One" The Messiah.
1 Samuel 2:10

Artscrolls translates 1 Samuel 2:10
"HASHEM, may those who contend with him be shattered, let the heavens thunder against them. May HASHEM judge to the ends of the earth; may He give power to His King and raise the pride of His anointed one.

According to Targum Yonasan, she (Hannah) prayed for...the future Messiah...Thus, Hannah prayed and sang not only as the mother of Samuel, but as the mother of the Jewish people for all ages.

2. Attribute of the Army of the LORD

1 Chronicles 12:22

For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.

1 Chronicles 12:32

And of the children of Issachar that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...

3. Stability in the Last Days of this Age

Isaiah 33:6

And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times and strength of salvation....

The Ineffable Name of God

יהוה

R to L: Yod, He', Vav, He'

The Ineffable Name of God

Ineffable: Inexpressible, beyond words, unutterable, unspeakable

Mispronounced: Jehovah, Yaweh

No one knows how to pronounce. It was spoken only by the High Priest on the Day of Atonement when there was a Tabernacle, or a Temple.

This Name...represents the eternity of God, for it is composed of the letters that spell יהוה, הוה, ה', *He was, He is, and He will be*, meaning that God's Being is timeless...

It is a proper noun, for it is the actual Name of God, and is known as *Shem HaMeforash*, or the "Ineffable Name." In respect for its great sanctity, it is not pronounced as it is written. Instead, it is pronounced *Adonoy* during prayer or when reading from the Torah; in ordinary speech, the word HaShem [The Name] is substituted for it.

Stone Edition of the Torah, Pages 304, 305

(Brim note: The King James translations carries out this tradition using LORD for the Name יהוה)

The Glorious Name

The "NAME" of God, which is so often spoken of in Scripture, reminds us first of all of the great and glorious fact of His self-revelation...There is much about God which men might learn from nature. The heavens declare His glory, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. But nature, though it testifies of His existence, and of His infinite power and wisdom,

does not reveal to us His character or His moral glory....His moral character, or His special relationship to those whom He has endowed with intelligence and with the sense of moral responsibility.

The Name had to be revealed; God had to make Himself known... "The Name" stands in Scripture as the embodiment of God's character, as He Himself has revealed it.

Moses said, "for it is the Name of יהוה that I proclaim," (Deut 32:3). It is particularly meet that Moses should proclaim "the Name Jehovah," for it is to him first of all that the significance of this particular Name (which is the personal Name of the God of the history of Redemption was first made known (Exodus 3:13-15, 6:1-8).

And not only so, but God Himself first "*proclaimed* the Name יהוה" with all the glorious attributes which appertain to it, to Moses—when, after he was safely in a cleft of the rock, God:

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Ex. 34:5 And Jehovah descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of Jehovah.

Ex. 34:6 And Jehovah passed by before him, and proclaimed, Jehovah, Jehovah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth,

Ex. 34:7 keeping lovingkindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation.

Now all these great foundation attributes of God's character which are summed up in "this glorious and fearful Name Jehovah" (Deut. 28:58)"-His infinite mercy, His marvelous grace and everlasting faithfulness, but also His righteousness, justice, and truth, are displayed.... Baron, *Israel in the Plan of God*, pp31-33

Further Revelations of God

with יהוה

יהוה צבאות

Jehovah Sebaoth

LORD of Hosts (Armies, Legions)

"From the root צבא, wage war...Sebaoth God of the battle array..."

Hebrew English Lexicon, Brown, Driver, Briggs

Jehovah of Hosts, while Lord of all things, at whose call all created forces must marshal themselves as if for war.

Baron, Zechariah, Page 11

(Brim Note: As LORD of hosts, his armies include angelic hosts, stars, hailstones, the elements, etc. as well as Israel and the Church.)

יהוה

שמה

Jehovah Shamah

THE LORD IS THERE

"...And the name of the city (Jerusalem) from that day —

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH. (The LORD is there.)

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Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is **above every name**:

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Phil. 2:9 Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

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The Book of Genesis

Chapter 1, Verse 1

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