The Revelation of

Yeshua The Messiah To Yochanan (John)

Study Notes

Chapter One

Please note: The Seven Churches begins next class (Chapter 2: Ephesus Pt. 1. The purpose of this module is to give a deeper foundation before moving forward.

John's Commission Made Clear:

Rev. 1:19 (CJB) - "So write down what you see, both what is now, and what will happen afterwards."

Key:

- First three chapters John writes about the "things that are" presently in the "Church Age."
- > Starting in Chapter 4, pay attention to the first Words, "After these things".

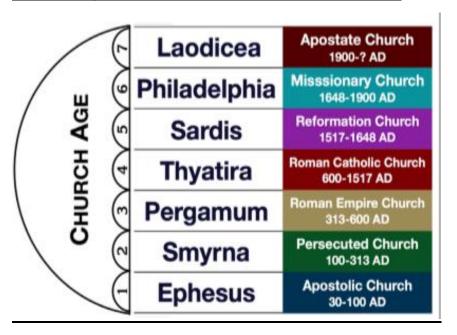
Question: After what things?

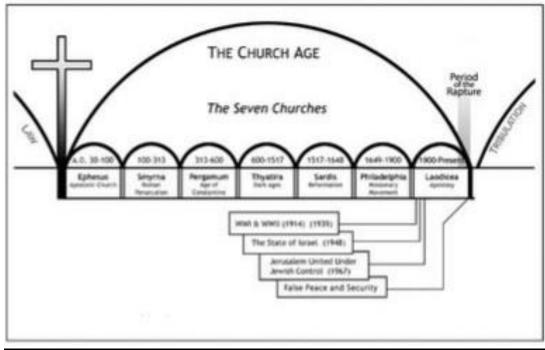
Answer: After the Church age has ended!

Rev 4:1- "After these things"-(Greek)- Meta Tauta -change, afterwards.

Note: The Book of Revelation really was not of much interest to people. Father began to open it up into people's spirit as the time was drawing closer to its unfolding of world events.

Church Age: Predominant Traits Of The Church





Bible Research Studies

- Laodicea Apostate Church: The "Post-Truth" Age (credit: Abdu Murray, author of "Saving Truth")
 - o Current age of the church.

- The Word is known as absolute truth and is not denied as such in this age. However, it is the choice of personal preference OVER truth that takes precedence.
- Apostate to defect or abandon; a revolt against truth.
- o State of the Bible Report (Bible Research Institute/Christianity Today)
 - In a 2022 study, post-COVID roughly **26 million** people have mostly or completely stopped reading their bibles.
 - Only 10% of Americans today report reading their bibles.

Note: Father pulled the covers away on heaven to current and future events for such a time as this. But John was not the first to get a look at the Times of the End.

• The Church was not in its current state to receive the revelation yet.

The Prophet Daniel:

Daniel 12:1-4 (NASB) - "¹ Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt. ³ And those who have insight will shine like the glow of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴ But as for you, Daniel, keep these words secret and seal up the **book until the end of time**; many will roam about, and knowledge will increase."

• Our current learning of this book is evidence that we are in the last days!

The Revelation to John:

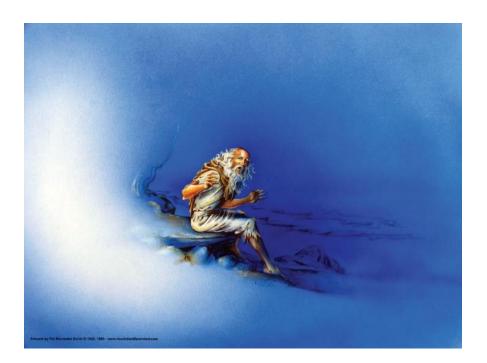
Revelation 1:12-16 (NASB)- " ¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And after turning I saw seven golden lampstands; ¹³ and in the middle of the lampstands *I saw* one **like a son of man**, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and wrapped around the chest with a golden sash. ¹⁴ His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like burnished bronze when it has been heated to a glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. ¹⁶ In His right hand He held seven

stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength."

Revealed By: The <u>angel</u> of the Lord (a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor:

Location: <u>Island of Patmos</u>-This Isle was used as a place of exile for convicts. This is how Apostle John came to Patmos, exiled by the Roman Emperor Titus Flavius Domitianus in 95 AD.

Key to Understand: "like a" is used as a **descriptor**, **not** a literal state of being. How could a 1st Century man see these things and then explain them? John was commanded to do the impossible!





Revelation 1:12-16 (KJV) Imagery Explained:

- Verse 13
 - o "Garment down to the foot"- (Greek)- 4158-a long robe worn by people of rank, as a mark of distinction.
 - o "Golden Girdle"- (Greek)-2223 root-2218-A coupling, figuratively meaning servitude (a law or obligation)

Note: Most theologians believe this to represent to coupling of Priest and Judge. Some also believe it represents Him being clothed in Righteousness. (**Read Acts 17:29-31**)

• Verse 14

- o "His head and hairs were white like wool, as white as snow..."- (Greek)-3022-leukos-brilliant whiteness, (dazzling), garments of angels and those exalted to the splendor of the heavenly state.
- o "...eyes were as a flame of fire." (Greek)-4442-pyr-fire, literally lightening, at its root, "to purify".

Note: There is no darkness found in Him and His ability to see all things, nothing can be hidden from Him. Everything He looks at, He purifies. Everything He sees, He judges.

• Verse 15

- o "...His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace..."(Greek)-5474-in the implied mean of whiteness or brilliancy.
- o "and His voice as the sound of <u>many</u> waters."- (Greek)-5204- water, waters in river, waves of the sea.

Note: When Yeshua comes, He is not just coming to Judge, but also to refine. A voice of grace **and** power.

Verse 16

- o "... and out of his mouth went a <u>sharp two-edged</u>..." (Greek)-1366-distomos-two edges, having a double mouth as a river. "...sword" (Greek)-4501- a Sabre, i.e., a long and broad cutlas (any weapon of the kind).
- o "...His <u>countenance</u> was as the sun<u>shineth...</u>"- (Greek)-3799-the external show, appearance, face (Greek)-5316-to lighten, to shine, to illuminate.



Note: The sword in scripture coming out of Yeshua's mouth represents the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus. A sword that goes deep enough to see the thoughts and the intents of our hearts. With a face shining like the sun representing His Glory.

• Let His Word cut away the bad skin so the wound can heal. The Word is a mirror designed to show who we really are to make corrections.

Beginning of the Revealing:

Rev. 1: 17-(CJB)- "When I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand upon me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last,"

Important:

Daniel's Vison of the end times had to remain sealed! (Daniel Written in 165 BC)

Daniel 12:8-9-(CJB)- "8 I heard this, but I couldn't understand what it meant; so I asked, "Lord, what will be the outcome of all this?" 9 But he said, 'Go your way, Daniel; for these words are to remain secret and sealed until the time of the end.""

Key: John's Revealing of the end times was commanded to keep unsealed! **(95-96 AD)**

Why?

Revelation 22:10-(CJB)- "Then he said to me, '<u>Don't seal up the words of the</u> prophecy in this book, because the time of their fulfillment is near."

Understanding:

There is a 260-year time span between Daniel and Revelation...It is Time! This is the message of the hour!

- The Holy Spirit is showing this truth to those who will teach it!
- Other than Salvation, this is the message everyone needs to hear because the time is nearer than it has ever been!

In Chapters 2 and 3, John is experiencing things current to the Church Age.

Rev. 4:1 (CJB)

<u>After these things</u>, I looked; and there before me was <u>a door standing open</u> in heaven; and the voice like a trumpet which I had heard speaking with me before said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must happen <u>after these things</u>."



Key: This is where the revealing shifts to the **future** and John is caught up! One day we too shall hear the words, "Come up here"!

Things that are- "Church Age"!

After he was caught up in the spirit, he saw the future!

Things to come after- "After the Church leaves this earth."

IT'S ALMOST TIME!

Are you Ready...Selah