

# A study of Revelation

Lesson 9

## Clues in Revelation – Part 3

### ► Clues:

- are pieces of evidence(s) or **information** used in the detection or solving of something, a mystery, puzzle, ...
- some have **exact order** in which things will take place associated with certain events
- may be defined **markers**
  - E.g. the Feasts of the Lord



## Clues in Revelation – 7s

- ▶ The **seven** spirits of God (Rev 5:6) sent out into all the earth
  - ▶ doesn't mean that there are six more spirits other than the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ **7 = fullest**
  - ▶ perfection, complete, omni...
- ▶ Thus, it means the fullest of the Holy Spirit was sent out after the elders arrived at the throne of God

## Clues in Revelation

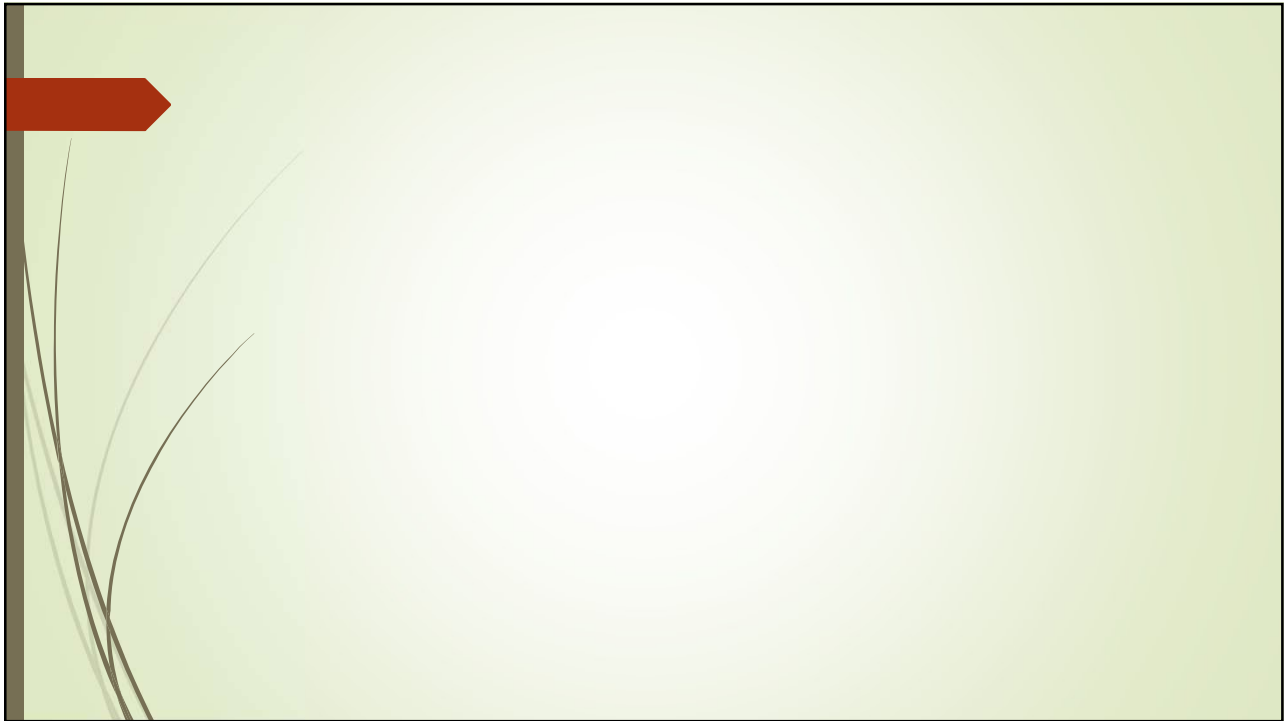
- ▶ **Rev 5:6** "Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had **seven horns** and **seven eyes**, which are the **seven spirits of God** sent out into all the earth."
- ▶ **Isaiah 11:2**
  - ▶ "the **Spirit of the Lord** shall rest upon him,
  - ▶ the **Spirit of wisdom** and **understanding**,
  - ▶ the **Spirit of counsel** and **might**,
  - ▶ the **Spirit of knowledge** and the **fear of the Lord.**"

## Clues in Revelation

- **Revelation 1:4-5**, "John, To the **seven churches** in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the **seven spirits** before his throne, and from Jesus Christ . . ."
- **Revelation 3:1**, "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the **seven spirits of God** . . ."
- **Revelation 4:5**, "From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, **seven lamps** were blazing. These are **the seven spirits of God**."

## Clues in Revelation – 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet

- The 7th trumpet is blown
  - after the second coming of Christ,
  - after the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of the Lord and of His Christ.
- When Christ has begun to reign. (Revelation 11: 15-18)
- When we hear the 7th trumpet,
  - we know that we have reached to the happy ending of the seven years.



## Hour

- ▶ “The Hour” is a specific time in the Book of Revelation
- ▶ There **two kinds of “Hour”**
  - ▶ 1. The hour of destruction
  - ▶ 2. The unknown day and hour
    - ▶ The Hour – Revelation 3:3 (The Day of the Lord)

## The Hour of Destruction

- ▶ **'Hour'** – We see this word through the book of Revelation associated with the destruction of the harlot, which is the Mystery of Babylon
- ▶ **Rev. 17: 12**, "And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received royal power, but they are to receive authority as kings for **one hour**, together with the beast." (ESV)
- ▶ **Rev. 3: 10**, "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I will also keep you from **the hour** of testing that is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth." (Berean SB)

## The Hour of Destruction

- ▶ **Rev. 18:17**, "For in **one hour** such great riches came to nothing.<sup>1</sup> Every shipmaster, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance"
- ▶ **Rev. 18:19**, "They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out: "'Woe! Woe to you, great city, where all who had ships on the sea became rich through her wealth! In **one hour** she has been brought to ruin!'"

## The Hour of Destruction

- ▶ **Rev. 9:15**, "So the four angels, who had been prepared for **the hour**, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind." This is a pre-determined day that God has already established. This is the 6th trumpet, also called the 2nd Woe. The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. ESV
- ▶ **Rev. 11:13**, "And at **that hour** there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven." ESV


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- ▶ **Rev. 14:15**, "And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the **hour** to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe."" ESV
- ▶ **Rev. 18: 10**, "They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, "Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single **hour** your judgment has come." ESV




## The Hour of Destruction

- ▶ This is the hour of destruction of the Mystery Babylon.
- ▶ The harlot is going to be destroyed about 6 months after the 1st rapture!
- ▶ This is the Sixth Trumpet Event!

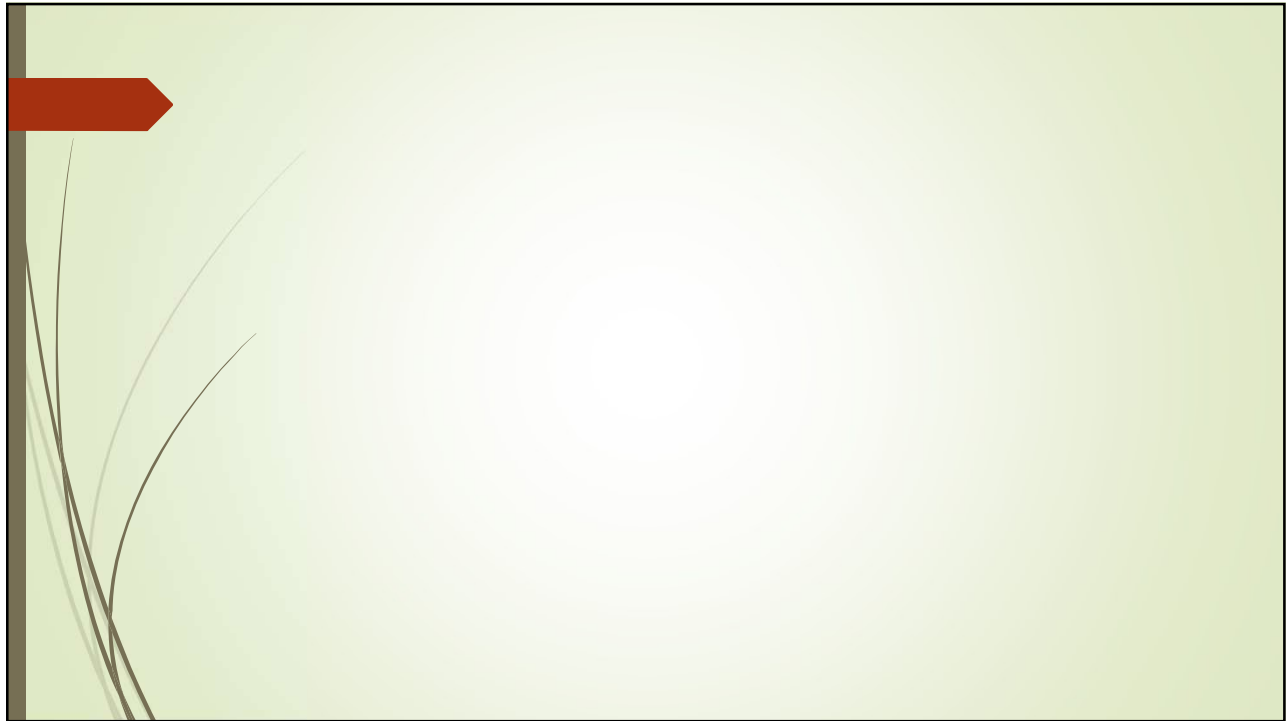
## God Wants us to Know

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 ■ **Amos 3: 6-8**, “When a trumpet sounds in a city, do not the people tremble? When disaster comes to a city, has not the Lord caused it? Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets.”
- **Revelation 1:1-2**, “The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, 2 who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.”
- **Revelation 10: 7**, “But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound His trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as He announced to His servants the prophets.”

## God Wants us to Know

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 ■ God wants us to know to be confident in our faith. He wants us to be sure that we are aware of what the end time events will be. God doesn't want us to be caught unaware and lose heart.
- All of the events that we read about in the book of Revelation are going to be over when the 7th trumpet is sounded (Rev 11), which is at the very end.
- There's only one thing that we can't (exactly) know when
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 ■ **Matthew 24:42**, “Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come,”
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 ■ this day is also known as **The Day of The Lord**, Jesus' Second Coming!





## Word Study

- Dictionary
  - Internet; Merriam-Webster; Dictionary.com; Wikipedia; Britannica; ... ?
- E.g. Rapture
  - Internet Dictionary
    - (according to some millenarian teaching) the transporting of believers to heaven at the Second Coming of Christ [?]
- BibleStudy.org; BibleStudyTools.com; BibleInfo.com; **BibleHub.org**; Eliyah.com; BlueLetterBible.org; etc ...
- Strong's Concordance with Hebrew and Greek Lexicon
- (BDB) Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon
- Thayer's Greek Lexicon

## “Rapture”

- ▶ The common used word “rapture” isn't found in the Bible.
- ▶ Found in the Catholic Vulgate, Latin translation of the Bible
  - ▶ Rapiemur (verb rapio) – to catch up, take away
- ▶ From the Greek “**ἁρπαγησόμεθα**” (harpagēsometha)
  - ▶ will be caught up
  - ▶ Verb - Future Indicative Passive - 1st Person Plural
- ▶ Strong's 726: Greek verb is **harpazō (ἁρπάζω)**
  - ▶ we are caught up, we are taken away
  - ▶ To seize, snatch, obtain by robbery.
  - ▶ To plunder, to seize by force, to snatch up.
  - ▶ It is the idea of an open display of force.

## harpazō (ἁρπάζω)

- ▶ harpazō is 14 times in the NT
  - ▶ Only 2 times refer to “rapture” - catching away, snatched up
- ▶ **1 Thessalonians 4:17**, “After that, we who are still alive and are left **will be caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” NIV
- ▶ **Revelation 12:5**, “She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” [a] And her child **was snatched up** to God and to his throne. ” NIV

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**NAS:** and remain **will be caught** up together

**KJV:** [and] remain **shall be caught up** together

**INT:** with them **will be caught away** in [the] clouds

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**INT:** iron and **was caught away** the child

## harpazō (ἄρπάζω)

- ▶ **MYTH 1:** Many have been taught that the rapture, the harpazō, was a secret quiet nobody knows about this, catching away of believers.
  - ▶ Many perceive this rapture is a secret thing nobody knows the day or the hour and the rapture is going to take people by surprise like a thief in the night and that the rapture is quiet and sudden.
  - ▶ It can be,
    - ▶ but the verb harpazō can be a surprise, **but** it is sudden and quick;
    - ▶ **not** quietly nor in secret

## harpazō (ἄρπάζω)

- ▶ harpazō can be a surprise, but it is sudden (not done in secret) and quick (timing) action!
  - ▶ **John 10:12**, "But a [a]hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them." NKJV
  - ▶ **Acts 23:10**, "Now when there arose a great dissension, the commander, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the barracks." NKJV

## harpazō (ἁρπάζω) is **NOT** parousía (παρουσία)

- ▶ **MYTH 2:** People equate parousia, “the Coming of the Lord,” with the rapture!
- ▶ E.g. 2 Peter 3: 4, “They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? ... ””
- ▶ The scoffers are saying, where's the promise of His coming, His Parousia.
  - ▶ It is not where is the promise of the rapture, the idea of rapture is not here at all. It is not going up! [harpazo]
  - ▶ It is saying, where is the promise of **His second coming**, and all the things that go with it. It is Jesus' 2nd coming back. [**parousia**]

## παρουσία(παρουσίας) 1. The Coming of the Lord

### ▀ παρουσία (παρουσίας)

- ▀ Strong's 3952: coming (22x), presence (2x)
- ▀ A presence, a coming (used in reference to the Lord)
- ▀ παρουσία (from parōn, "be present, arrive to enter into a situation") - properly, coming, especially the arrival of the owner who alone can deal with a situation (cf. LS).
- ▀ παρουσία is a "technical term with reference to the visit of a king or some other official, 'a royal visit' " (Souter)
- ▀ 'harpazō' is about believers going up.
- ▀ 'παρουσία' is about Christ coming down.

## παρουσία (παρουσίας)

- ▀ Satan is going to have a "παρουσία" as well, with all power and false signs and wonders.
- ▀ **2 Thessalonians 2:9**, "The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie."
- ▀ Satan is going to copy and imitate as much of the end times events. Many are going to be fooled into believing the beast, the antichrist, is actually Christ.

παρουσία (παρουσίας)

## 2. The Day of the Lord, 3. A Thief in the Night

- ▶ **1Thessalonians 5: 2**, “for you know very well that **the day of the Lord** will come like a thief in the night.”
- ▶ **Revelation 16: 15**, “Look, **I come like a thief!** Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”
- ▶ **2 Peter 3: 10**, “But the day of the **Lord will come like a thief**, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.”

παρουσία (παρουσίας)

- ▶ **4. The Day of the Lord is going to be a day of darkness**
- ▶ **5. The Day of the Lord is at the Sixth Seal**
- ▶ **6. The Great and Terrible Day of the Lord**

- ▶ **Amos 5:18**, “Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD? It is darkness, and not light.”
- ▶ **Joel 2:30-31**, “I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the LORD arrives.” (NLT).



## παρουσία (παρουσίας)

- ▶ Continued ...
- ▶ **Matthew 24: 29**, "Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory."

## παρουσία (παρουσίας) – 7. Millennium

- ▶ **Rev 20:2-3, 6**
  - ▶ "2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."
  - ▶ "6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."



## παρουσία (παρουσίας) – 7. Millennium

- **2 Peter 3:3**, “you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.”
- **v 8**, “But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and **a thousand years as one day.**”
- **v 10**, “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.[a]”

## παρουσία (παρουσίας)

### 8. The Abomination of Desolation has happened

- **2 Thessalonians 2:3**, “for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.”
- The **Third Rapture** will occur.
- True Christians who are still present during that time will be taken into heaven before that day starts.
- We don't know when will take place.

## παρουσία (παρουσίας)

- ▶ The **sixth seal** is all these signs and
- ▶ then the **seventh seal** is the silence in heaven.
  - ▶ Silence comes before judgement begins, before the wrath of God is poured out.
- ▶ **So sometime**
  - ▶ **after** the Abomination of Desolation and
  - ▶ **before** the visible return of Christ at Armageddon,
    - ▶ the wrath of Christ,
  - ▶ the Day of the Lord, the thousand-year reign of Christ **will begin**.
- ▶ The **Day of the Lord** being the millennial reign of Christ which starts out like a thief and ends with the destruction of the heavens and the earth.

## Quick Review

- ▶ **παρουσία (παρουσίας)**
  - ▶ **Start with:** wrath/darkness/terror
  - ▶ **Comes like:** thief
  - ▶ **Will Signal:** end of this age
  - ▶ **Last:** 1000 years
  - ▶ **Is synonymous:** The Day of the Lord; 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus; the day or the hour that no one knows; The Great and Terrible **Day of the Lord** (Before) Millennium; ...
  - ▶ **Main Point:** Jesus' appearance as King, coming of the Lord (Jesus Christ)

## The Day Of God

- ▶ When the Day of the Lord is over,
  - ▶ after Millennium
  - ▶ We're going to have the Day of God, which is eternal.
  
- ▶ **2 Peter 3: 12-13**, "12 looking for and hastening the coming of **the day of God**, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." NKJV
  
- ▶ The New Heaven and the New Earth
- ▶ God tabernacle with man

You also, be patient.

**ESTABLISH  
YOUR HEARTS,**

for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

**JAMES 5:8**



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