Message One The Revelation of the Christ and His Church

Scriptures: Rev 1:1~6 , 7~11 , 12~16 , 17~20

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, 2 who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near. 4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood? 6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father? to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Rev $1:1\sim6$)

I. The Revelation of Jesus Christ and the Things Which Must Soon Take Place

1. The Theme of The Revelation: "the Revelation of Jesus Christ"

A. <u>The Revelation</u> is comprised of eight revelations

- B. A commission once for all to His bond-servants
- C. The importance of witnesses
- 2. Blessed are those who hear and heed the words of prophecy
- 3. The Triune God
 - A. The God who is and who was and who is to come
 - B. The Lord is the first faithful witness
 - C. The seven spirits before the throne
- 4. The Lord's rank
 - A. Resurrection from death life characteristic
 - B. The King supreme state characteristic
 - C. Atoning sins work characteristic
- 5. The dual status of the saints citizen and priest

BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen. 8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." (Rev 1:7~8)

II. The Close of All Things and the End of the Nations

- 1. The Lord's return: "Behold, He is coming with the clouds!"
- 2. All the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him
- 3. "I Am the Alpha, I Am the Omega"

I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet, 11 saying, "Write in a book what you see, and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea. (Rev1:9~11)

III. The Witnesses and the Calling of Witnesses – to be fellow partakers in the tribulation, and kingdom and perseverance

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned 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 girded

across His 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 made to 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. (Rev 1:12~16)

IV. The Vision of the Christ and His Church

- 1. The mystery of the lampstands 7 stars
- 2. The 7 lampstands the perfect life and ministry of the churches
- 3. The Son of Man among the lampstands the Son of Man dictates the significance of the lampstands and the lampstands shines on the glory of the Son of Man
 - A. Clothed in a robe reaching to the feet
 - i. The priesthood
 - ii. Christ's righteousness
 - iii. The oneness of His life covers the entire body
 - B. Girded across His chest with a golden sash the constraint of love and the eternal purpose of God
 - C. His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow Christ is God's eternity and holiness
 - D. His eyes were like a flame of fire the enlightenment, revelation and burning
 - E. His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace Christ is God's judgment and execution
 - F. His voice was like the sound of many waters the voice irresistible
 - G. In His right hand He held seven stars
 - H. Out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword His words pierce through and cut apart everything

His face was like the sun shining in its strength – His glory fills all things

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, 18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. 19 "Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. 20 "As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. (Rev 1:17~20)

V. The Revelation of the Witnesses and the Messengers

- 1. The relationship of the Lord and His churches
- 2. The messengers of His message
- 3. The mystery of the lampstands depends on the messengers

Message Two The Christ's Ascension And The Church's Revelation

Scriptures: Rev 4:9-11, 5:1-14, 7:9-17, 8:3-6

Preface - The Revelation of Christ Ascension

- 1. Ps 68:18, "You have ascended on high, You have led captive Your captives; You have received gifts among men, even among the rebellious also, that the LORD God may dwell there"; Eph 4:8, 'Therefore it says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." '
- 2. Dan 7:9, "I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire.

And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 " Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created." (Rev 4:9-11)

- I. The Triune God the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
 - 1. The triune God
 - A. The growth of New Jerusalem in the image of the Son of God
 - B. The rainbow (faithful covenant) around the throne
 - C. The seven spirits (fullness being sent) before the throne

2. The twenty-four elders representing all creations - the four living creatures representing all new creations and their characteristics are life and revelation

- A. The praise of the four living creatures
 - i. Who is and who was and who is to come
 - ii. The Almighty
- B. The praise of the twenty-four elders all things are created for your purpose

I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book or to look into it. 4 Then I began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book or to look into it; 5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals." 6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. 7 And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. 8 When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. 10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth." 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice, " Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." 13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever." 14 And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped. Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was (Rev 5:1-14) given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed

peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake. 6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them. (Rev 8:3-6)

- **II.** The Revelation of Christ Ascension the situation at the time
 - 1. The book that is sealed up with 7 seals no one can open this eternal purpose of God
 - 2. It is a matter of worthiness, not a matter of ability
 - 3. The manifestation of Jesus Christ
 - A. He can break the 7 seals to open the book 7 seals includes The Revelation
 - B. His three manifestations: the Lion of Judah, the Lamb that was slain and the root of David (Gen 49:8-12)
 - C. His dual-humanity Lion/Lamb and King/Savior
 - 4. The seven horns and seven eyes of the Lamb
 - 5. A Lamb standing as if slain the newness of death and resurrection
 - 6. Open seven seals (God's eternal purpose, the greatest mystery of the universe)
 - 7. A harp and golden bowls full of incense
 - A. The great ministry of prayer and praise
 - B. The golden censer the prayers of the saints
 - C. The prayer of the golden censer
 - i. According to God's nature
 - ii. Ascending prayers
 - iii. The prayers full of the Holy Spirit
 - D. The completion of the golden bowls of incense obliteration of all evil powers
 - 8. The new song of the new creations
 - A. Open seven seals
 - B. Purchase the people with His own blood
 - C. Bring the people back to God
 - D. Establish the people as citizens and priests
 - E. Reign on earth

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen." 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. 16 " They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." (Rev 7:9-17)

III. The Praise of the Throng in Heaven

- A. The praise of new creations
- B. The Lamb slain is the center of praises

Message Three The Revelation and the Calling of Overcomers

Scriptures: Rev 6:1~8 , 9-17, 1:6, 20 , 2:1 , 7:9~17 , 8:1~5 , 10:1~11 , 12:1~12 , 14:1~5

Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. 3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." 4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him. 5 When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine." 7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." 8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth. (Rev 6:1-8)

- I. The Era of Overcomers the time of the four running horses
 - 1. The time of a racing white horse evangelizing to the ends of the earth
 - A. The rider is given a power; the appearing as the first sign of those who receive all powers of the heaven and the earth (Mt 28:18-20)
 - B. He carries a bow without an arrow; the arrow was shot out as their trust in the Cross for complete victory (Ps 45:5)
 - C. A crown was given to him; the greatest attraction and the ultimate reward
 - 2. The time of a running red horse the world is covered with wars
 - A. Power was given to it to snatch away peace
 - B. Causing battles between the same kind the characteristic of people's battles
 - C. A great sword was given to him a murderous weapon
 - The time of a racing black horse famines will run through all the earth
 - A. Handle a scale

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- B. A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius
- C. "Do not damage the oil and the wine
- 4. The time of a racing ashen horse death shall overrun the earth
 - A. He had the name Death
 - B. Hades was following with him
 - C. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, " How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also. 12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Rev 6:9-17)

II. The Outcry of the Martyrs And Their Numbers Fulfilled

- 1. Underneath the altar are the souls of the slain because of the word of God, and because of their testimony, and they cried out with a loud voice
- 2. How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?
- 3. Each of them was given a white robe
- 4. They were told
 - A. That they should rest a little longer

B. Until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also

He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father? to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Rev 1:6) "As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: (Rev 1:20-2:1)

III. The Calling of Overcomers, (or Representative), For the First Time – the Lord holds 7 stars in His right hand

- 1. Those who stand in the heavenly place
 - A. Their life is heavenly
 - B. Their living is heavenly
 - C. Their position is heavenly
 - D. Their word is heavenly
- 2. Their influential strength they display it on high to shine on the earth
- 3. Their secret of victory they are controlled and kept by His authority
- 4. Their services they preach the Lord's living message of today
- 5. Their worth they represent the church before the Lord
- 6. They manifest the reality of the church

The Overcomers listed in chapters 2 & 3 of The Revelation

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen." 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. 16 " They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." (Rev 7:9-17)

IV. The Calling of Overcomers For the Second Time – a people come out of the great tribulation; they are overcomers chosen from every nation and all tribes and people and tongues

1. They are the redeemed and the resurrected people

- A. Stand by the Lamb and His throne, clothed in white with palm branches in hand
- 2. Salvation to God and the Lamb on the throne, which is the characteristics of overcomers the relationship between salvation and tribulations
- 3. The characteristics of these overcomers
 - A. They come out of great tribulation
 - B. There are individual and corporate fulfillments of various trials
- 4. The Bible points to the days prior to the Lord's return as the great tribulation, which will be used to make victorious lives by violence
- 5. *Washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb* to purge them of the taste of tribulation
- 6. God's special blessings as His reward to the overcomers
 - A. They are authorized to serve in His temple day and night
 - B. He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them eternal blessing of fear relieved
 - C. They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat eternal power over all sufferings
 - D. For the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life the authority to obtain the greatest blessing
 - E. God will wipe every tear from their eye they obtain the promise of God to wipe every tear from their eye

When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3 Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake. (Rev 8:1-5)

- V. The Calling of the Third Group of Overcomers authorized to pray for the removal of the enemies
 - 1. He holds a golden censer the prayers of all the saints
 - 2. And much incense was given to him the prayers filled with the Holy Spirit
 - 3. So that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne
 - A. The finished prayers of quality by the saints
 - B. The importance of the last prayer offered, which will tilt the balance
 - C. The prayer of the altar
 - D. The smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand God controls such prayers
 - E. The angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar the prayers for the destruction of the enemies
 - F. He threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake the prayer of authority to destroy the power of darkness

I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head. and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; 2 and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; 3 and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. 4 When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them." 5 Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer, 7 but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets. 8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, "Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land." 9 So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, "Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." 10 I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. 11 And they said to me, "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings." (Rev 10:1-11)

VI. The Calling of the Fourth Group of Overcomers - the overcomers of prophetic ministry

- 1. A strong angel it is a manifestation of Jesus Christ, who appears to perfect the prophetic ministry; coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud the glorious ascended Christ
 - A. The rainbow was upon his head revealing His perfect faithfulness above all else
 - B. His face was like the sun revealing a glory too intense to look at directly
 - C. His feet like pillars of fire revealing a movement of flame by the Holy Spirit
- 2. He had in his hand a little book God's perfect will and His Word of perfect mission
 - A. Which was open the open Bible of revelation
 - B. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices the words remained perfectly closed
- 3. The calling and experience of the victorious prophetic ministry
 - A. The first Calling God's will is hidden by the Creator
 - i. The Lord speaks to all creations there will be delay no longer to all ends
 - ii. The mystery of God is finished Christ's work is completed perfectly
 - iii. This mystery is God's gospel for His servants
 - B. The second calling the great experience of making prophetic ministry
 - i. "Go, take the book" the greatest word "GO!" (going to the throne for the book)
 - ii. "Take it and eat it" the greatest word "EAT!" (becoming one with its message)
 - iii The precious experience of prophetic ministry
 - 1) It will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey sweet word ministry comes from bitter experience
 - 2) "I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter
 - 3) "You must prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and kings
 - iv. The perfect fulfillment of a word ministry

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 Then

another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. 4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. 7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. 12 "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time." (Rev 12:1-12)

- VII. The Calling of the Fifth Group of Overcomers the male child's battle to expel Satan in the heavenly realm he represents the overcomer of His church
 - 1. The sign of a woman, a male child and a red dragon
 - A. A woman the church; a male child of overcomers weak and strength
 - B. Both are corporate body
 - C. The church is glorious but she cannot fight on her own. The battle belongs to the male child who is called out to fight for the whole church
 - D. The mission for the church on earth is to produce a male child, which must go through great labor pain before a life of strength may be produced
 - 2. The male child as a type of overcomer

Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. 3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. 4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless. (Rev 14:1-5)

VIII. The Calling of the Sixth Group of Overcomers – they follow the Lamb boundlessly

Message Four The Marriage Super of the Lamb And the Millennial Kingdom

Scriptures: Rev 19:1-18, 20:1-6

After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying,

" Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; 2 BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS BOND-SERVANTS ON HER." 3 And a second time they said, " Hallelujah!HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER." 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, " Amen. Hallelujah!" 5 And a voice came from the throne, saying,

" Give praise to our God, all you His bond-servants, you who fear Him, the small and the great." 6 Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." 8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (Rev 19:1-8)

I. The Era of Hallelujah

- 1. The first Hallelujah the praise of the entire heavenly hosts
- 2. The second Hallelujah the praise of salvation finished by God's judgment
- 3. The third Hallelujah the praise of the servants and those who fear the Lord
- 4. The fourth Hallelujah the praise of the saints on earth

FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:31-32)

Then he said to me, "Write, ' Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are true words of God." 10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. 15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS," 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in mid-heaven, " Come, assemble for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great." 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. (Rev 19:9-19)

II. The Marriage Super of the Lamb – special salvation during the millennial kingdom

- 1. The marriage of the saints typify the mystery between Christ and His church
- 2. The purpose of God's creating Man perfectly consummated
- 3. The type of marriage of <u>THE GOSPEL OF JOHN</u> chapter two
- 4. The special reward for the overcomers an enjoyment of fresh love and salvation

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. 4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. (Rev 20:1-6)

III. The Millennial Kingdom

- 1. God's purpose in creation is declared fulfilled
- 2. The days of war are over
- 3. The enemy and the bottomless pit
- 4. The overcomers' reign with the Lord
- 5. The blessing of the first resurrection an authority over the second death
- 6. They will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years