LESSON 25 - THROUGH TRIBULATION VALLEY TO THE KINGDOM

Revelation

THEME: To set forth the events of the last days before Christ returns to set up THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN upon the earth.

The world will wake up one morning and find all true believers in Christ are gone. Why? THE BODY OF CHRIST on earth (represented by SALVATION LINER) has been completed and called home to be with Christ forever. God's secret purpose has also been completed. Then KINGDOM BOULEVARD will again be opened. You remember that the Prophets saw two mountain peaks of prophecy: one MOUNT CALVARY where Jesus was crucified, the other God's holy KINGDOM MOUNTAIN where David's throne was to be established forever over Israel, and from which blessing would flow to all nations. The way of salvation will not be as easy as it was in the Day of Grace, because it will no longer be "by grace are you saved through faith," but by "enduring to the end," enduring the sufferings of TRIBULATION VALLEY.

The world will go on in its usual way for a while saying, "Peace and Safety." I Thessalonians 5:3. The Jews will begin to go back to Palestine from all over the world and will establish their temple worship, but it will be done in unbelief. Daniel 9:24-27.

A great king will arise who will be friendly to the Jews and will make a covenant with them. But suddenly he will break it. Then will begin the most horrible seven years of trouble that has ever come upon this earth, called THE GREAT TRIBULATION. Revelation 7:14. All the world must travel this road, and many will be killed before they reach KINGDOM GATE.

This great king will be called The Beast. Revelation 13. There will also be a False Prophet called The Beast. Revelation 13:11. He will place an image of the first beast in the Jewish Temple and cause all to worship the image. Those who refuse will be tormented and killed. Satan will pour out judgments upon God's people: earthquakes, famines, hail, lightning, thunder, plagues, scorching heat. During this time Israel will cry out to God. Faithful Jews will not worship the image. Revelation 7:3-17. Many Gentiles will be saved in THE TRIBULATION, but martyred with their robes washed in the blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ). But the end will come when Christ Himself will come from Heaven riding upon a white horse. Revelation 19.

The beast and the kings of the earth will gather together against Him. A battle of all battles will be fought. Blood will flow to the horses' bridles. The

Beast and the False Prophet will be taken and thrown into THE LAKE OF FIRE. Revelation 19:17-20. Satan will be cast into the bottomless pit for 1000 years. Revelation 20:3.

Then those who have come victoriously through TRIBULATION VALLEY will enter into THE KINGDOM OF GOD. The faithful dead will be resurrected to live and reign with Christ for 1000 years. This is called The Millennium. The glory of the promised KINGDOM will be set up; Gentile nations will come up to Jerusalem to worship and to marvel. Isaiah 11:10, Zechariah 8:20-22, Zechariah 14:16-17. The animals will not be wild any longer: the lion and the lamb will lie down together. Every one will worship the Lord Jehovah God, even the bells upon the horses will say: Holiness to the Lord." Zechariah 14:20.

You are probably asking where you will be when all this takes place. If you are saved, and belong to the family of God, you will already be with Christ in the Heavenlies because you are a part of His Body. He will reign over heaven and earth, and you will reign in the Heavenlies with Him. But if you are unsaved at that time, the picture doesn't look good. The end for you is judgment, condemnation and eternal separation from God. You will share the doom of Satan in the burning fire of hell eternally if you do not receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour before that time.

Our study of THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE on this earth is finished. We began with the first Adam and have ended with the last Adam, who will be KING of kings and LORD of lords. Psalms 24:7-8. Traffic has moved in one direction only--always forward. It is a ONE-WAY ROAD. There is no chance after death. Today is the Day of God's Grace, the day of salvation. Receiving Jesus Christ as your Saviour today is simply by believing that He died, was buried, and rose again to save you from your sins.

If, during the time you have been studying THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE, you have made that decision (good for all eternity) to receive Christ as Saviour, please fill in the following spaces:

Date
I have this day confessed before a just and holy God, my sin and unworthiness before Him. Realizing that He has paid the full penalty for my sin, and prepared for me a place with Him in the Heavenlies, I do acknowledge my sins and receive Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour.

(sign your name here)

MEMORY VERSE: "Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors; that the King of glory may come in! Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle." Psalms 24:7-8.

LESSON 25 - WORK SHEET

After THE BODY OF CHRIST is taken up out of this world, God will again resume His dealings with Israel. The book of Revelation gives us a glimpse of the events which will take place during the seven years called THE TRIBULATION, and represented by TRIBULATION VALLEY on the chart. Look up the following references to get the answers to the questions. Fill in the spaces.

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1.	Revelation tells us of two men called Beasts who will hate God's people and will blaspheme God's name. The second beast will make an image of the first and will place it in the Temple. What will he then make the people do? Revelation 13:14-15.
2.	Name 4 of the judgments which will be poured out upon the earth
	Revelation 16:2,3,8,10
3.	What will the angel do to protect the faithful saints? Revelation 7:2-3
4.	Describe the vision of Christ as John saw Him coming from Heaven Revelation 19:11-16. He was called and
	His eyes
	On His head were
	He was clothed with a robe
	Out of His mouth
	The name written on His robe
5.	What will the Beast and the False Prophet (the other Beast) do? Revelation 19:19.
6.	Where will they be cast? Revelation 19:20
7.	What will happen to Satan? Revelation 20:2
8.	What will happen to the faithful who died or who endured through THE GREAT TRIBULATION? Revelation 20:4
9.	This brings us to the end of <i>THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE</i> on this earth What will happen at the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ over the old earth? Revelation 21:1
10.	Write from memory Psalms 24:7-8.
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