Sunday Session 1 Bible Study – October 26, 2014 "Special Reward for the EZ Believer" – (Revelation 3:21, 22)

Read <u>Revelation 3:14-22</u>. (<u>Listen to Sermon Audio</u>)

Revelation 3:21 – "To the one overcoming I will grant to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father in His throne."

First portion of the previously posted Concise Outline of Revelation:

John was the last of the living Apostles. His circuit included seven churches. God gave to Jesus Christ in Resurrected Humanity this unveiling, and then He presented this gift to His bride before she actually becomes the bride. The book of Revelation describes the end of the great conflict of the ages. It also deals with angels; therefore it is eschatological in its content.

- I. Chapter 1: Introduction
 - 1. <u>Title 1:1</u>
 - 2. John the Instrument 1:2
 - 3. Blessing Guaranteed 1:3
 - 4. Greetings from the human writer 1:4-8
 - 5. Occasion of the book 1:9-20
- II. Chapters 2, 3 THE CHURCH ON EARTH (Church Age)

(Message to the messengers of the Churches)

- 1. Ephesus 2:1-7
- 2. Smyrna 2:8-11
- 3. Pergamum 2:12-17
- 4. Thyatira 2:18-29
- 5. Sardis 3:1-6
- 6. Philadelphia 3:7-13
- 7. Laodicea 3:14-22

Chapters 4 and 5 will deal with the Church in heaven, and Chapters 6-19 will deal with the Millennium to be studied in the coming days.

Note the previously posted <u>Timeline Diagram</u>.

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Looking again at Revelation 3:21 – "To the one overcoming I will grant to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame and sat with My Father in His throne."

Exegesis:

NIKON - [To the ones] overcoming - A reference to echo-zone believers (ECHO = To have and to hold).

DOSO (FAI 1st p.s. of DIDOMI) – *I will give or grant*

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KATHISA - Sit with Me

THRONOS - Throne

THRONE (Revelation 4:2)

John saw a throne (<u>Revelation 4</u>) and on the throne the one visible member of the God-Head - the LJC. Isaiah also saw the Lord "sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up." (<u>Isaiah 6:1</u>).

- > The word Throne is mentioned in many chapters of the book of Revelation.
- ➤ The Throne stands for the "Majesty of the God-Head." God is the KING of the Universe.
- > Handel's Messiah is a magnificent piece of music. When Handel was asked how he came to write this great music, he also said: "I saw the heavens opened and God upon His great white throne."

John does not attempt to describe God in any human shape or form. He describes Him in "Flashing of gem-like colors." He sees the God-Head in terms of "LIGHT" – the lights emanating from precious stones.

- Jasper translucent rock (Purity of God)
- Sardine blood red stone (avenging wrath of God)
- > Emerald restful green (Mercy of God) By God's MERCY alone, we can meet the Purity and Justice of God.

Recall from last <u>Wednesday's message</u> in <u>Revelation 3:20</u> how our Lord wants to "dine" in an *unhurried way*, and to have fellowship with every believer.

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Look now at our last verse of this chapter, <u>Revelation 3:22</u> – "He that hath an ear, let him hear what The Spirit says unto the churches."

Exegesis:

ECHO - To have and to hold

AKOUO - To hear - Aorist Active Imperative is not a casual statement like "let him maybe hear."

ROAD TO THE MOUNTAIN PEAK

"The one having an ear, let him hear what The Spirit says unto the churches." This statement is made in Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:1, 3:6 and 3:22.

- 1. The message is individualized "The One" = each one personal.
- 2. The message is generalized Not just to the 7 Asia Minor Churches not confined to a specific generation.
- 3. All are given EARS so do something with what has been given put an H on EARS, which turns it to HEARS AAImp. Of akouo (ἀκόυω) IF GOD HAS GIVEN YOU EARS, YOU CAN MAKE IT!
- 4. Where have your EARS been? If your "ears" become "hears" you can receive what God has provided, to reach the Mountain Peak of the echo-zone.
- 5. "What" is an interrogative pronoun meaning Truth.
- 6. "The Spirit" pneuma (πνεῦμα) <u>John 14:26; 16:12-15; I Corinthians 2:9-16; I John 2:27</u>
- 7. "says" keeps on communicating
- 8. "Churches" = the called out ones dative of advantage IT IS TO YOUR ADVANTAGE TO BE IN THE CLASS ROOM CONSISTENTLY.

TAKE YOUR EARS WHERE TRUTH IS

"GET YOUR EARS IN HERE"

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IF YOUR "EARS" BECOME "HEARS", AND YOU KEEP HEARING - YOU WILL MAKE IT!