

The Time of the End

Part 1

Understanding
Revelation

The Cleansing of the Sanctuary

- This **cleansing will produce** the group of **people who will fulfill God's purpose for creating humanity...the "144,000"**.
- Satan knows that once this happens, it will mean his end is near.
- Satan knows that since 1844, Jesus has begun this finishing work of sanctification. Satan has increased his attack on God's people by the numerous distractions that stand in the way of our relationship with Jesus Christ.
- **He continues his spiritual attack through the work of the Roman Catholic Church and its sub-agencies.**

Review from Lesson 1 – Cosmic Conflict

- Lucifer broke God's law of love.
- War broke out in heaven.
- As a result of this war, Lucifer and his angels were cast out of heaven.
- Lucifer waged a war of accusations against God.
- Lucifer accused God of being unrighteous and unjust.

Review from Lesson 1 – Cosmic Conflict

- God told Lucifer that he would be judged; the “accuser” is now, himself, on trial.
- Lucifer knew at that time that there were no “third party” witnesses in the universe who could objectively judge him.
- Humanity was created to judge Lucifer in defense of God’s holy character.
- This is God’s “purpose” for each and every one of us; it is our primary reason for existence.

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"When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, **believers will have an entirely different religious experience.** They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that **heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop** in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart."

(Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, E.G. White, pg. 114)

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- *Revelation* is a continuation of *Daniel*.
 - Daniel is a history book for our past
 - Revelation is a history book for our present and future
- Reveals Jesus Christ as our Savior in the imagery of the sanctuary (Rev. 1).
- Establishes that *Revelation* is a timeline of present and future events from the first century (Rev. 1:19).

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- Chronicles the history of the Christian church from two different perspectives.
 - God's People (Rev. 2 & 3)
 - ❖ Reward of obedience to God (Rev. 4-5)
 - Satan's People (Rev. 6)
 - ❖ Punishment for disobedience to God (Rev. 6:14-17)

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- Focuses on what must take place with God's people before the return of Jesus Christ (Rev. 7:1-4).
- Reveals the blessing for those who live up to their calling from God (Rev. 7:9-17).
- Reveals the curse for those who choose to reject God's calling (Rev. 8 & 9)

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- Interludes with a review of history and a warning to God's people of future events and what will become the deciding factor between the saved and the lost (Rev. 10 & 11).
- Briefly reviews the "cosmic conflict" and the history and identity of God's true end-time people (Rev. 12).
- Previews the alliances and activities of the Antichrist and its war against God's true people in the latter days (Rev. 13).
- Previews God's over-coming people in heaven with Jesus (Rev. 14:1-5)

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- Declares the messages that separates God's people from those who follow the Antichrist (Rev. 14:6-13).
- Provides a picture of the harvest of God's people when Jesus returns (Rev. 14:14-15)
- Provides a picture of the harvest of Satan's people when Jesus returns (Rev. 14:16-20)
- Previews God's victorious people in heaven with Jesus (Rev. 15:2-4)
- Previews what happens to Satan's people just before Jesus returns (Rev. 15:5-8)

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- Reveals what happens to those who receive the mark of the beast (Rev. 16:1-16).
- Reveals the coming of Jesus Christ to rescue His sealed people and the destruction of the unrighteous (Rev. 16:17-21).

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- Reviews the history and nature of the Antichrist and previews its end-time objectives (Rev. 17:1-12).
- Previews global unity in following the Antichrist (Rev. 17:13-14).
- Promises the victory of Jesus Christ and the destruction of the Antichrist (Rev. 17:15-18).

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- Reviews the message that call people out of the Antichrist system by the power of the Holy Spirit in the latter days (Rev. 18:1-4).
- Reviews the nature and destruction of the Antichrist system of government (Rev. 18:5-24).
- **God's character is vindicated** at the wedding supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:1-10).

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- Previews the victorious Jesus coming to claim His people (Rev. 19:11-16).
- Previews the destruction of those who were deceived by the Antichrist and his agencies at Jesus' second coming (Rev. 19:17-21).

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- Reveals what happens to Satan while the righteous are in heaven with Jesus for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1-4).
- Reveals what will take place after the 1,000 years (Rev. 20:5-10).
- Previews final judgment (Hell) (Rev. 20:11-15).

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- Previews what God originally intended us to experience and enjoy (Rev. 21:1-5).
- Reveals the blessing for the righteous over-comers (Rev. 21:7).
- Reveals the curse for the unrighteous (Rev. 21:8).

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- Previews the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:9-27).
- Offers promises, blessings and final warnings for all (Rev. 22).

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Whose side are you
choosing?