

Revelation 17 (part 1) Highlighting the Lamb

Welcome to Classen's virtual church. I am not going to attempt to duplicate a normal service/sermon because this is not normal for us, and I don't want to appear fake. I am going to attempt a conversational style message that I hope will encourage and instruct you in the most holy faith

The last couple of weeks we have taken a detour from our trek through Revelation to address the current situation (thanks to tech people for getting videos), today going to return to Rev.17. I have heard some comments that our study in Rev. has seemed all the more relevant that last couple weeks.

Rev. 17/18 are an expose' of the enemies of Christ (Beast & Babylon). There is much speculation about the identities of these enemies. We are going to save discussion about enemies and focus on Christ.

There are some instructive things about the Lamb that I want to highlight for us today - (Rev. of Jesus)

The Lamb's Title

The Lamb's Book

The Lambs People

The Lambs Plan

THE LAMBS TITLE

1. Rev. 17:14a "They will wage war against the Lamb..."
 - a. Lamb = gentle, humble and sacrificial Matt. 11:29 John 1:29 Rev. 4:12
2. The Lamb is engaged in battle
 - a. The Beast with whore Babylon and multitudes of the wicked - vs- the Lamb
 - b. This is the ultimate "David and Goliath" match up.
 - c. It would appear that the Lamb is outmatched....Things are not always as they appear
3. The Lamb will triumph over them 17:14b
 - a. nonchalant - the Lamb wins no contest Col. 2:15
4. The Lamb is King of kings and Lord of lords (17:14b) Jesus is King Jesus is Lord
 - a. The title - not an empty title often empty for earth dwellers (holy right reverend)
 - b. Parable (Lk. 19:11f) he was made king however
 - c. we are not political groupies trying to persuade people to vote for Jesus... if enough vote then He will be king.....HE IS KING....repent not a democracy
5. He is the Lamb of God who takes away sin of world and the King who rules over the world

THE LAMBS BOOK

- Rev. 17:8b "...names have not been written in the book of life from the creation..."
 - o Book is called- "Lambs Book of Life" Rev. 13:8 Rev. 21:27
 - o There are other "books of life" Ps. 139:16 Ps. 69:28 Ex. 32:32 (temporal life)
- The Lambs Book of Life is about eternal life - very important book! (jokes @ Peter checking book)
 - o Rev. 20:15 not found written - hell Rev. 21:27 - only those written enter heaven
- The book is about eternal life and was filled out in eternity past Rev. 17:8

- Luke 10:20 don't not rejoice that...rejoice that your names are written in heaven
 - o You can know that your name is written in heaven Phil. 4:3
- We know who is in the Book by knowing who is not in the Book
 - o Rev. 17:8 Rev. 13:8 unbelievers/rebels/false worshipers are not written
 - o Repent, believe and follow and you will found name written from foundation of earth
 - o "When the roll is called up yonder I'll be there"

THE LAMBS PEOPLE

1. the Lambs people are a PERSECUTED PEOPLE Rev. 17:6 John 15:18-19
 - a. Drunk with the blood of Gods people 2 Tim. 3:12 John 16:33 Luke 21:16-19
2. The Lambs people are HOLY PEOPLE 17:6
 - a. Persecuted by world and separate from world Rev.18:4 James 1:27
 - b. Be ye holy...1 Peter 1:15-16 without holiness no one will see the Lord – Heb. 12:14
3. The Lambs people are a TESTIFYING PEOPLE 17:6 "bore testimony to Jesus"
 - a. Rev. 12:11 overcame by blood of lamb and the word of their testimony
 - b. We are His witnesses
4. The Lambs people are a CALLED PEOPLE 17:14c 1 Cor. 1:26f
 - a. Just as Jesus called His first disciples....so He calls each of us by nameFollow Me
 - b. 2 Tim. 1:9 Jude 1 - those called, love by God...kept for Jesus Christ
 - c. The church = "called out ones" 1 Peter 2:9
5. The Lamb people are a CHOSEN PEOPLE 17:14c
 - a. 1 Peter 2:9 John 15:16 - you did not chose Me, I chose you.. John 15:19
 - b. 2 Thess. 2:13 "loved by the Lord because He chose you to be saved"
 - c. 2 Peter 1:10 make calling and election sure...keep you from stumbling
 - i. He elects us, we do not elect Him He is King and He calls and chooses
 - d. The church is Jesus' bride elect We are not VIP's but VBP's very blessed people
6. The Lambs people are FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS (close proximity)
 - a. "with Him" 17:14c followers of Jesus are close to Jesus
 - b. What description! It is not that followers never fall along the path but they always get up and keep following (Prov. 24:16) they want to be close to Jesus
 - c. Those that fall away are not faithful followers (no desire to be close)

THE LAMBS PLAN

- Rev. 17:17 remarkable – even the enemies of the Lamb are following the plan of the Lamb
 - o History is His story His plan/purpose will be fulfilled Job 42:2 Eph. 1:11
 - o Even by evil kings Acts 4:27-28 Prov. 21:1
- This should give us confidence in an uncertain day
 - o Jesus is King/Lord He has Book We are His people
 - o All things work together for the good of the called Rom. 8:28
 - o The wicked mean it for evil but God means it for good Gen. 50:20