

THE REVELATION OF YESHUA HA MASIACH

Lesson 2 – Throne and Scroll

I. The Roman World

The Roman Empire covered an area from Europe to Asia. As with other empires their vision was to make the world one; to make the whole world Roman. Make the people to conform to their way of thinking, their culture even their religion.

It was a very religious world:

- A. They worshipped many gods, all represented by idols

Jews and Christians had no images

Power of images – Plagues in Egypt a multi-sensory war

Similar war of imagery today, e.g. 2016 American elections

- B. Cities were dedicated to gods

Diana of Ephesus; aka Artemis (Greek) Acts 19:27-29

People were angry because they saw Christianity as an affront to Diana worship.

Roma was the goddess of Rome, depicted as a woman sitting on seven hills.
Revelation 17, harlot sitting on a beast with seven heads – Roman empire.

- C. Emperor was considered a god

He was also known as “Lord” (kurios)

Revelation 1¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day NKJV – a day to declare that Caesar was Kurios

Confessing anyone else as Lord (kurios) would mean death.

- D. Meat sold in the market was dedicated to the gods

Meat being sold in the market place was first dedicated to the gods. Jews and Christians were forbidden to eat food that had been sacrificed to idols. (Acts ²⁸⁻²⁹)

- E. Morality was very low – temple worship involves sex with temple prostitutes (male & female). Homosexuality was common

- F. Conformity was expected

One had to be part of a guild (union) to practice a trade; initiation involved participating in religious services. (Revelation 13¹⁵⁻¹⁷)

The Jerusalem council's decision: Acts 15²⁸⁻²⁹ abstain from food sacrificed to idols and immorality



Romans 1¹⁸⁻²⁹ God's wrath coming upon the world due to sexual perversion.

"When in Rome do as the Romans" an invitation to indulge in immorality.

II. The Throne in Heaven

John sees a vision of heaven.

A. For John's sake

John needed encouragement – he was the last apostle.

Isaiah 6 – the Lord commissioned Isaiah to go and prophesy to Israel.

Revelation 1¹¹, 10¹¹ – John called to record what he saw and prophesy to the nations

B. For the sake of the church in that day

Domitian (Caesar Domitianus Augustus Germanicus) was the ruler of the Roman Empire, ruled from 51 – 96 AD..

- He killed several Roman senators including his own brother.
- He commanded all the lineage of David to be put to death.
- He executed Simeon, the bishop of Jerusalem
- He boiled John in oil and then exiled him to Patmos
- His policy that any Christian who was arrested had to be punished unless they renounced their faith in Messiah

C. For the sake of the church today

Yeshua warned us that we would face persecution: Matthew 24⁹, Luke 21¹²

Persecution of Christians is widespread including USA & Europe, China, Middle East and Africa.

So John's vision is for the 21st century church as well; to strengthen us and help us not to fall away, because the Bible tells us that in the last days there will be a falling away of people from the faith. (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

2 Thessalonians 2³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, NKJV

"That day" – the day of the Lord's return

III. The throne on earth

A. In the wilderness

Moses was commanded to build the Tabernacle exactly as God designed it. Exodus 25⁹ Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings **exactly** like the pattern I will show you. NIV



Centre-piece of the Tabernacle was the Ark of the Covenant that was placed in the Holy of Holies. Cover was called the Mercy Seat

“You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel. Exodus 25²¹⁻²² NKJV

Tabernacle fashioned after the throne room in heaven (Hebrews 8⁴⁻⁵)

B. David & Solomon

Joshua's time Tabernacle was in Shilo

Philistines stole it in Samuel's day, sent it back and it stayed Kiriath Jearim for 20 years 1 Samuel 7²

Finally David brought the ark to Jerusalem and placed it in a Tabernacle that he had built for it there. God did not allow David to build the Temple.

Solomon built the Temple of God in Jerusalem on the land that his father had bought from Auranah the Jebusite, which was also Mount Moriah where Abraham went to sacrifice Isaac. (2 Chronicles 3¹)

C. The Temple

2nd intifadah (uprising) Palestinians told by a cleric in Egypt to hold the Temple Mount.

Not simply a religious building – only one temple.

It was God's throne on earth - Isaiah 6¹

D. End-time prophecies

The Bible has many prophecies regarding the Temple in the end-times.

Isaiah prophesied the following:

Isaiah 2¹⁻⁴

This gives us a picture of God being King over all the earth and the leaders of nations going up to pay homage to Him and to receive His instructions.

The prophet Jeremiah also said that in that day Jerusalem will be called the “Throne of The Lord” and all nations will gather there to honour Him. (Jeremiah 3¹⁷)

Zechariah 14¹⁶⁻¹⁷ – In the millennium nations will go to the temple in Jerusalem to worship the Lord at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Scripture clearly tells us there will be a Temple after Yeshua's return.



This is the reason for the warfare.

IV. The Lamb and the Scroll

A. The Scroll – Revelation 5¹⁻⁵

John sees a scroll in the hand of the Father, he describes it as having writing inside and out and sealed with seven seals, like the wax seals used for sealing official or confidential letters.

It has writing inside and out – possibly the destiny of the nations

No one found to open the seals – John weeps because then the nations cannot reach their destiny and things will remain as it was.

Then one of the elders comforts him and tells him that the Lion of the tribe of Judah was able to open the scroll.

B. The Lamb

John sees a lamb that looked as if it had been slaughtered i.e. it was bloody.

- Seven horns – horns were a symbol of strength and authority:

Psalm 89¹⁷ For You are the glory of their strength, and in Your favour our horn is exalted. NKJV

Psalm 92¹⁰ But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil. NKJV

John describes Yeshua as having strength or power and authority, which is something a hurting church needed to hear.

- Seven eyes which are the seven spirits of God. In this case they are angelic beings because it says they were sent out to around the world.

So together it indicates that Yeshua has authority over all the earth.

Yeshua has power and authority over the earth because He gave His life for all mankind.

He has the authority to open the seals of the scroll to move the nations to the destiny He has planned. Revelation 5⁹⁻¹⁰

C. What is God's plan for the nations? Revelation 7⁹⁻¹⁰, Zechariah 14¹⁶

There is war going on between the kingdom of darkness and Kingdom of God

Our role is to bring people in God's kingdom.

