

SESSION 18

REVELATION

2:8-11

(DOCTRINAL APPLICATION, PART 2)

THE LAST SESSION IN 10 TWEETS

1. The Letter to the Church of Smyrna is representative of the period of church history from c.200-325 A.D.#WordStrong
2. The name "Smyrna" means myrrh & is associated with bitterness & death. #WordStrong
3. "Bitterness & death" is God's capsulation of what was taking place in the Smyrna Period from His vantage point. #WordStrong
4. The church in the Smyrna Period was an intensely persecuted church. #WordStrong
5. In the Church Age, Rome has always been and will always be the tool of Satan! Rev. 2:10 #WordStrong
6. "And ye shall have tribulation 10 days" is an historic reference to the maximum sentence in Smyrna for professing Christ.#WordStrong
7. "And ye shall have tribulation 10 days is a prophetic reference to The 10 Official Roman Persecutions. #WordStrong
8. The more the church in the Smyrna Period was persecuted, the more it flourished. #WordStrong
9. Financially & materially Smyrna was a poor church, but spiritually it was rich. #WordStrong
10. Financially & materially, Laodicea is a RICH church, but spiritually it is POOR. #WordStrong

4. CONDEMNATION (Rev. 2:9d)

“And I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.”

• **THE CONTINUED DEVIATIONS FROM THE WORD OF GOD IN THE SMYRNA CHURCH PERIOD.**

A. The teaching that God is finished with the _____.

“...them which say they are Jews, and are not...”

1. The importance of understanding what this teaching is:

- a. Our Lord calls that teaching _____ and _____. (Rev. 2:9)
- b. He lets us know that this will be one of the fundamental false doctrines upon which Satan will build his counterfeit _____.

2. What is this teaching to which our Lord is referring?

- a. The group of men leading the “church” in this time period are referred to as the _____-Nicene Church Fathers (“Ante”= _____)
- b. They begin to write and teach that:
 - Because the Christian is a _____ Jew (Rom. 2)...
 - That he also is a _____ Jew.
 - Therefore, all of the promises in the Bible given to the Jew, are now given to _____.
 - And because of that, God is _____ with the Jew.
- c. Further ramifications of this teaching...
 - The _____ has replaced the Jew.
 - The _____ has replaced Israel.
 - And the kingdom of _____ and the kingdom of _____ are the same.

REMEMBER! If you lose sight of the _____ in history, you will enter into the “_____ of the _____.”

d. What you believe about the Jew will put you in one of three categories doctrinally when it comes to the biblical teaching of the _____. (Rev. 20:1-7)

- 1. _____-Millennial
- 2. _____-Millennial
- 3. _____-Millennial

e. What is the “Millennium?”

- 1. The word “millennium” itself is a Latin word made up of two words:
 - * Mil = _____
 - * Annum = _____
- 2. It has to do with the _____ year reign of Christ in a literal, physical, _____ kingdom where the Lord Jesus Christ sits on the throne of _____ and rules the earth.
 - * The millennium issue is always a _____ issue—because it deals with _____ authority on earth. (Matt. 19:28; 25:31, John 18:36)
 - * Isaiah prophesied, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the _____ shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his _____ and peace, there shall be no end, up on the throne of _____”

_____, and upon his Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts _____ perform this.” (Isaiah 9:6,7)

3. The terms premillennial, post millennial, and amillennial all have to do with what a person believes about the _____ of Christ.
 - a) Pre = _____
A pre-millennialist is someone who believes Christ will return _____ the 1,000 years. (And that _____ will actually be the One who brings the Kingdom to the earth.)
 - b) Post = _____
A post-millennialist is someone who believes Christ will return _____ the 1,000 years. (And that _____ will be the ones who will bring the Kingdom to the earth.)
 - c) A = _____
An amillennialist is someone who believes Christ is _____ coming back to reign on this earth 1,000 years.

4. The difference between correct Bible doctrine and false Bible doctrine is whether or not somebody is _____!!!
 - a) A premillennialist will know where to place the _____ correctly in the Word of God...So he will know what passages belong to the _____, and what passages _____!
 - b) The devil’s most subtle trick is not to deny God, the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, or the bodily resurrection, but to use the _____ against people who _____ it, by taking verses that do not have application to them, and making them think they do _____ to them.
 - c) Not every verse in the Bible is written to a _____ in this age! And not everything in the Bible is _____ doctrine.
 - d) Three very relevant examples of what happens doctrinally when you lose sight of the Jew:
 - * BAPTISM (Acts 2:38)-
 - The audience- (Acts 2:5, 14, 22, 36)
 - The occasion- The _____ have just crucified their _____.
 - The consequences of making this apply to Christians...
 - * TONGUES
 - Their general purpose- (Heb. 2:3-4)
 - Their specific purpose- (1 Cor. 14:22; 1 Cor. 1:22)
Tongues are for a _____ to unbelieving _____!
 - Their biblical usage-
There are only _____ instances in the entire Bible of someone actually speaking in tongues! (Acts 2:1-40; Acts 10:1-11:12; Acts 18:24-19:7)
In each of the above instances, an unbelieving Jew(s) is _____.

* ETERNAL SECURITY

- Those who teach against this vital Bible doctrine invariably wind up in a passage where the doctrinal teaching of the passage and/or book is the _____ in the Tribulation Period.

* Book of Hebrews...written to _____! (Title)

* Book of James...written to the _____! (James 1:1)

* Matt. 24:13...context is the _____ in the _____!

- e) The only way to “rightly divide” the Scripture (2 Tim. 2:15) is to believe in the _____ coming of Christ! That is the only teaching that keeps the _____ in his _____ place in Scripture.

f) PREMILLENNIALISM

What premillennialists actually believe and do:

- Don’t believe God is _____ with the Jew.
- Believe Christ came the first time to establish the kingdom of God... (a _____ kingdom.)
- Believe Christ came the first time to establish the kingdom of Heaven... (a _____ kingdom.)
- Believe the kingdom of Heaven was rejected by the Nation of Israel, so God turned to the _____...
- But we don’t believe that means God is _____ with the Jews!!!
- Believe Rom. 9, 10, 11...
“_____ in part is happened to Israel...”
And we simply entered a parenthesis called the “_____ Age.”
- Believe God will _____ the Nation of Israel, and all the _____ in the Word of God to them will be _____.
- We leave their promises alone and claim promises intended for the _____...
- We invest our time, resources, and energies in the SPIRITUAL Kingdom—seeking to “make _____” in every nation.
- The premillennialists’ view and approach toward human government:

g) POSTMILLENNIALISM

What postmillennialists actually believe and do:

- Believes the job of the Christian is to make the world a _____ place in which to live...
(i.e. To bring about _____ on earth, and _____ toward men)...
- And when we get the world to that place, _____ Christ will come back to rule and reign for a 1000 years.

- That’s why the Methodists, Lutherans, and Episcopalians approach missions the way they do:

- This belief proves that man is an incurable _____!

h) AMILLENNIALISM

What amillennialists actually believe and do:

- Amillennialists don’t believe Christ will _____ to the earth to rule and reign at all...
- They are forced, to take all of the biblical teaching on the Kingdom promised to Israel, and spiritualize it to be fulfilled in the _____.
- Amillennialism actually began in the _____ Church Period.