Final Countdown: The Book Of Revelation "A Wrap-Up Of The Book Of Revelation" Cornerstone Church of Poway Pastor Ed Turley January 10, 2021

Big Idea: God extends His mercy with a final countdown before He judges the world. "Write, therefore, what you have **seen**, what **is now** and what **will take place later**." **Revelation 1:19 (NIV)**

I. The Things Which John Has Seen... (Revelation 1) Revelation 1 – We Need To See Jesus With <u>Holy Awe</u>

"Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before His throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen." Revelation 1:3-6 (NIV)

- Jesus is Coming With The Clouds Of Heaven With Power And Glory 1:7
- Jesus is Our High Priest 1:13
- Jesus is The First & Last. The Living One. He Holds The Keys To Death 1:17-18
- Jesus is the Son of God 2:18
- Jesus is the faithful and true witness 3:14
- Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah 5:5
- Jesus is the heir to David's throne 5:5
- Jesus is the Lamb who was slain and is alive 5:6
- Jesus is Our Shepherd 7:17
- Jesus is the Faithful and True 19:11
- Jesus is the Word of God 19:13
- Jesus is the King over all kings and Lord over all lords 19:16
- Jesus is the bright morning star 22:16

"When I saw Him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then He placed his right hand on me and said: **"Do not be afraid**. I am the **First and the Last**. ¹⁸ I am the **Living One**; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I **hold the keys of death** and Hades." **Revelation 1:17-18 (NIV)**

II. The Things Which Are... (Revelation 2-3)

Jesus writes letters to the 7 Churches of Asia minor which also represent all churches down through the ages... "for all who have ears to hear."

- Jesus Desires A <u>Personal Relationship</u> With Each Of Us.
- We Are Given <u>A Limited Time To Repent.</u> Revelation 2:5,14-16, 21-22; 3:3, 19; 9:20-21; 16:9,11

• We Need To Listen And Take To Heart What Jesus Says.

The 7 churches:	Commendation	/ Rebuke	/ Action
Ephesus – Orthodox	Hard work, endurance	/ Lost first love	/ Remember & repent
Smyrna – Persecuted	Endurance & affliction	/ No rebuke	/ Don't fear, be faithful
Pergamum – Lenient	Remained loyal to Jesus	/ Compromise	/ Repent
Thyatira – Compromising	Love, Faith, Service	/ Immorality	/ Repent
Sardis – Dead	Effective, some pure	/ Superficial	/ Wake up, Repent
Philadelphia – Faithful	Evangelistic, Faithful	/ No rebuke	/ Hold on
Laodicea – Complacent	No commendation	/ Lukewarm	/ Be diligent, Repent

• Examine The Honest Truth About Ourselves.

"Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you." **Revelation 3:3 (NIV)**

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.²¹ To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Revelation 3:20-22 (NIV)

Promises Of Eternal Life In Heaven With Jesus

"He who overcomes" will be given: right to eat from the tree of life, paradise, crown of life, protected from the 2nd death, hidden manna, white stone, a new name, given the morning star – Jesus, authority over nations to rule with Jesus, and white robes.

• **The Rapture:** Jesus Takes Believers To Heaven Before God's Wrath On The World "To the church of Philadelphia, Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth." **Revelation 3:10 (NIV); 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4**

III. The Things Which Shall Be... (Revelation 4-22)

Revelation 4 – The Theme Of Heaven Is Worship

• 24 Elders Represent The Church

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you **purchased** men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." **Revelation 5:9-10 (NIV)**

• God's Throne Is Described As A Place Of Promise, Judgment, And Holiness. "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created." Revelation 4:11 (NASB)

Revelation 5 – Only Jesus Is Worthy To Open The Scroll

"In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Revelation 5:11-12 (NIV)

Revelation 6 – We Begin To See A Description Of The Great Tribulation

- Opening seals of the scroll the title deed to earth
 - White Horse: Conquest/Peace [Antichrist]
 "He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the
 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing [of the temple]
 he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is
 decreed is poured out on him". Daniel 9:27 (NIV)
 - 2. Red Horse: War
 - 3. Black Horse: Famine
 - 4. Pale Horse: Death [1/4 of the world]
 - 5. Martyrs for their faith in Jesus
 - 6. Great Earthquake and Celestial Signs

"I watched as he opened the **sixth seal**. There was **a great earthquake**. The **sun turned black** like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole **moon turned blood red**, ¹³ and the **stars in the sky fell to earth**, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴ The **sky receded like a scroll**, rolling up, and **every mountain and island was removed from its place**. ¹⁵ Then the **kings** of the earth, the princes, the **generals**, the **rich**, the **mighty**, and every **slave** and every **free man hid** in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶ They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and **hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!**

¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?" **Revelation 6:12-17 (NIV)**

Revelation 7 – God Seals 144,000 Jewish Believers Before He Judges The World

• There Will Be A Great Multitude Of Believers That Come Out Of The Tribulation

"After this I looked and there before me was a **great multitude** that no one could count, from **every nation, tribe, people** and **language**, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing **white robes** and were holding palm branches in their hands." ¹⁰ "And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Revelation 7:9-10 (NIV)

Revelation 8 & 9 – The 7 Trumpets Blasts Of Judgment

• The 7th Seal Leads Us Into The 7 Trumpets:

- 1. Earth (1/3 Vegetation Destroyed)
- 2. Sea (1/3 Sea Life Destroyed)
- 3. Rivers (1/3 Fresh Waters Destroyed)
- 4. Lights (1/3 Celestial Lights Darkened)
- 5. Demons (Satan Is Given Permission To Release Demons Like Locusts For 5 Months)
- 6. War 200 Million Man Army (They Kill 1/3 Of Mankind)

• God Protects The 144,000 From All Of This. Revelation 9:4

• God's Timing Is Perfect, It Is Not Happenstance

"The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. ¹⁴ It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." ¹⁵ And the four angels who had been **kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year** were released to kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number. **Revelation 9:13-16 (NIV)**

• People Refuse To Repent And Be Saved

"The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood--idols that cannot see or hear or walk. ²¹ Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts." **Revelation 9:20-21 (NIV)**

Revelation 10 – The Little Book Is A Mystery To Keep Us Humble

- John Eats The Little Book And It Is Bittersweet.
- No More Delay!

Revelation 11 – God Provides Two Witnesses To Preach Repentance for 3½ Years We See Even In The Worst Of Rebellion God Extends His Mercy

"And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for **1,260 days**, clothed in sackcloth." ⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. ⁵ If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die. ⁶ These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want." Revelation 11:3-6 (NIV)

• The 7th Trumpet – An Earthquake And Hailstorm Which Reference The 7th Bowl Final Judgements In Chapter 16. Establishing The Millennial Kingdom In Chapter 19 & 20.

"The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign for ever and ever." ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign." ¹⁸ The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great-- and for destroying those who destroy the earth." ¹⁹ Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm." Revelation 11:15-19 (NIV)

Revelation 12 – Historic Visions. A Reminder How Satan Attacks Jesus & Israel

• The Dragon Is Satan, The Woman Is Israel, And The Son Is Jesus.

• Our Power Comes From The <u>Blood Of Jesus</u> & <u>Our Personal Testimony</u>

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." Revelation 12:10-11 (NIV)

Revelation 13 – Be Careful Who Or What You Worship

- The Dragon Is Satan Who Empowers The Beast
- The Beast Is The Antichrist Who Survives A Fatal Head Wound The Beast Comes Out Of Ten Nations
- The Little Beast Is The False Prophet Who Will Cause People To Worship The Beast

"And the **dragon** stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a **beast** coming out of the sea. He had **ten horns** and **seven heads**, with **ten crowns on his horns**, and on each head a **blasphemous name**.² The **beast** I saw resembled **a leopard**, but had feet like those of a **bear** and a mouth like

that of a **lion**. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a **fatal wound**, but the fatal wound had been **healed**. The whole world was astonished and **followed** the beast. ⁴ Men **worshiped the dragon** because he had given authority to the beast, and they **also worshiped the beast** and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against him?" ⁵ The beast was **given a mouth** to utter **proud words** and **blasphemies** and to exercise his authority **for forty-two months**. ⁶ He opened his mouth to **blaspheme God**, and to **slander his name** and his **dwelling place** and **those who live in heaven**. ⁷ He was given power to **make war against the saints** and **to conquer them**. And he was given authority **over every tribe**, **people**, **language and nation**. ⁸ All **inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast--all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world**. ⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear." Revelation 13:1-9 (NIV)

• People Will Be Controlled By A Cashless Society – Can't Buy / Sell Without #666

Revelation 14 – The 144,000 Faithful Witnesses Of Jesus Survive The Tribulation "Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads." Revelation 14:1 (NIV)

• Everyone Will Hear The Good News Of Salvation

⁶ "Then I saw **another angel flying in midair**, and he had the **eternal gospel** to proclaim to those who live on the earth--**to every nation, tribe, language and people**. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, **"Fear God and give Him glory,** because the hour of his judgment has come. **Worship Him** who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." **Revelation 14:6-7 (NIV)**

¹² "This calls for **patient endurance** on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus. ¹³ Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: **Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on**." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."¹⁴ I looked, and there before me was **a white cloud**, and **seated** on the cloud was one "**like a son of man**" with a **crown of gold** on his head and **a sharp sickle** in his hand. ¹⁵ Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to him who was sitting on the cloud, "Take your sickle and **reap**, because the time to reap has come, **for the harvest of the earth is ripe**." ¹⁶ So he who was seated on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and **the earth was harvested**." **Revelation 14:12-16 (NIV)**

• Judgment Will Be Final

¹⁷ Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ Still another angel, who had charge of the fire, came from the altar and called in a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, "Take your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of grapes from the earth's vine, because its grapes are ripe." ¹⁹ The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God's wrath. Revelation 14:17-19 (NIV)

Revelation 15 & 16 – The Bowls Of God's Wrath Will Be Swift And Just

"Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are **just in these judgments**, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged; ⁶ for they have **shed the blood of your saints and prophets**, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve." ⁷ And I heard the altar respond: "Yes, Lord God Almighty, **true and just** are your judgments." **Revelation 16:5-7 (NIV)**

• Do We Believe Heaven Is Worth Dying For?

"I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the **seven last plagues**-last, because with them **God's wrath is completed**.² And I saw what looked like a **sea of glass** mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been **victorious** over the beast and his image and over the number of his name. They held **harps** given them by God." **Revelation 15:1-2 (NIV)**

The Seven Bowls Of God's Wrath Are:

- 1. Land Painful Sores On People Who Have The Mark Of The Beast
- 2. Sea Turned To Blood And All Sea Life Dies
- 3. Fresh Water Turned To Blood
- 4. Sun Intense Heat To Scorch People
- 5. Darkness
- 6. Armageddon
- 7. Great Earthquake & 100lbs Hailstones

"The fourth angel poured out his **bowl on the sun**, and the sun was given power to **scorch** people with fire. ⁹ They were seared by the intense heat and **they cursed the name of God**, who had **control** over these plagues, **but they refused to repent and glorify Him.** ¹⁰ The **fifth** angel poured out his **bowl on the throne of the beast**, and his kingdom was **plunged into darkness**. Men gnawed their tongues in agony ¹¹ and **cursed the God of heaven** because of their pains and their sores, **but they refused to repent of what they had done**. **Revelation 16:8-11 (NIV)**

"The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great **river Euphrates**, and its water was **dried up** to prepare the way for the **kings from the East**. ¹³ Then I saw **three evil spirits** that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the **dragon**, out of the mouth of the **beast** and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**. ¹⁴ They are spirits of **demons performing miraculous signs**, and they go out to the **kings of the whole world**, **to gather them for the battle** on the great day of God Almighty. **Revelation 16:12-14 (NIV)**

• Are You Spiritually Awake?

¹⁵ "Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who **stays awake** and **keeps his clothes** with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed." ¹⁶ Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon.** ¹⁷ The **seventh** angel poured out his **bowl into the air**, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, "It is **done!**" ¹⁸ Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a **severe earthquake**. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. ¹⁹ The **great city split into three parts**, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered **Babylon the Great** and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. ²⁰ **Every island fled** away and the mountains could not be found. ²¹ From the sky **huge hailstones** of about **a hundred pounds** each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible." **Revelation 16:15-21 (NIV)**

Revelation 17 & 18 – Destruction Of Religious, Economical & Political Babylon

• The Antichrist Will Come Out Of The Old Roman Empire

"This calls for a mind with wisdom. The **seven heads** are **seven hills** on which the woman sits. ¹⁰ They are also **seven kings**. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for a little while. ¹¹ **The beast** who once was, and now is not, **is an eighth king**. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction. **Revelation 17:8-11 (NIV)**

• The Antichrist & Babylon Will Be Empowered By Ten European Nations

• All Of This Will Take Place According To God's Purpose And Plan

¹² "The **ten horns** you saw are **ten kings** who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast. ¹³ They have **one purpose** and will give their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴ They will **make war** against the Lamb, but **the Lamb will overcome** them because **He is Lord of lords** and **King of kings**--and with Him will be his called, **chosen and faithful followers**." ¹⁵ Then the angel said to me, "The waters you saw, where the prostitute sits, are **peoples, multitudes, nations and languages**. ¹⁶ **The beast** and the ten horns you saw **will hate the prostitute**. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. ¹⁷ **For God has put it into their hearts to accomplish his purpose** by agreeing to give the beast their power to rule, **until God's words are fulfilled**. ¹⁸ **The woman** you saw is **the great city** that rules over the kings of the earth." **Revelation 17:12-18 (NIV)**

> What Are You Building Your Life Upon?

Revelation 19 – The Wedding Supper Of The Lamb And The Battle Of Armageddon The Wedding Supper Of The Lamb Reveals Jesus Loves The Church.

⁷"Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready. ⁸Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." ⁹Then the angel said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'' And he added, "These are the true words of God." Revelation 19:7-9S (NIV)

• The Second Coming Reveals Jesus Is Lord Of Lords Who Is Victorious

¹¹I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a **white horse**, whose rider is called **Faithful and True**. With justice He judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like blazing fire, and **on his head are many crowns**. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³He is dressed in a **robe dipped in blood**, and his name is **the Word of God**.

¹⁴**The armies of heaven were following him**, riding on **white horses** and dressed in **fine linen**, white and clean. ¹⁵Out of his mouth comes a **sharp sword** with which to strike down the nations. "He will **rule them** with **an iron scepter**." He treads the winepress of the fury of <u>the wrath of God</u> <u>Almighty</u>. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV)**

Revelation 20 – The 1000 Year Reign Of Christ & Great White Throne Judgment The Millennium Reveals Jesus As King Of Kings Who Rules Perfectly

⁴"I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given **authority to judge**. And I saw the **souls** of those who had been **beheaded** because of their **testimony** for **Jesus** and because of the **word of God**. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and **reigned with Christ a thousand years**. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who have **part in the first resurrection**. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years." **Revelation 20:4-6 (NIV)**

• The Great White Throne Of Judgment Reveals Jesus Is A Just Judge

¹¹Then I saw a **great white throne** and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹²And I saw **the dead**, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the **book of life**. **The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books**. ¹³The **sea** gave

up the dead that were in it, and **death** and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was **judged according to what he had done**. ¹⁴**Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire**. **The lake of fire is the second death**. ¹⁵If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." **Revelation 20:11-15 (NIV)**

Revelation 21-22 – What Will Heaven Be Like?

Heaven Will Be A Place <u>Where God Is With Us</u>

¹"Then I saw **a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was **no longer any sea**. ²I saw **the Holy City**, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride** beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the **dwelling of God is with men**, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be **no more death** or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." **Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)**

Heaven Will Be A Place <u>With Enough Room For Everyone</u>

"The city was laid out **like a square**, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be **<u>12,000 stadia in length</u>**, and as wide and high as it is long."

Revelation 21:16 (NIV)

- Henry Morris = 1,400 miles squared. Calculates If 20 Billion, each will have 75 acres.

Heaven Will Be A Place For RSVP'S Only

"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life." Revelation 22:17 (NIV)

²⁰He who testifies to these things says, **"Yes, I am coming soon**." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen. Revelation 22:20-21 (NIV)

> Are You Certain That If You Died Today You Would Go To Heaven?

My next right step, I will:

- [] Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- [] Join our Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation-Tuesdays 6:30 pm