

Introduction: Daniel 7:28. Revelation 13:4:8

Revelation 13 is about worshipping the Dragon, who has been given power to overcome the saints v7. (No other time like it)

Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

1. These saints are the saints possess the Kingdom set up by God, **Daniel 2:44.** (A kingdom made without hands **Daniel 7:21-25.**)

Note:

We used to sing a chorus: ‘Oh when the Saints go marching “When the Saints go marching in O Lord, I want to be in that number When the Saints go marching in”

1. Now we are not those saints, and we are not the saints of the Old Testament. (we don't possess, but rather have been grafted in, or baptised in.)

Lesson

What makes a person a Saint in the Bible? Someone who Believes what God says in the age he or she lives in. Faith in God.” Abraham is called the father of us all, **he believed God**, and received imputed righteousness. The Jew who believed were Circumcision in the flesh for the Jew which was a token of their faith.) They are called saints in particular, and went to Abraham’s bosom.

But at present day, because of the mystery of **Romans 11:25** *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

For a Jew to become a saint today they have to believe, like us Gentiles who are called dogs, and aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, in which God grafted us in “without hands” as a wild olive branch. The present day Jew has to trust in the shed of blood of Jesus Christ for salvation and they are baptised into one body “without hands” **1 Corinthians 12:12-13** *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also [is] Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether [we be]*

Jews or Gentiles, whether [we be] bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

And like us receive the I that is made without hands, **Colossians 2:11** *In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:*

Philippians 3:2-3 *Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. 3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

Note:

This makes us all Jews inwardly, and for the Jew (Gods people) are reinstated to the commonwealth of Israel and us Gentiles who get save become joint heirs with them, and for the the individual Jew who believes becomes a member of his body, which is called **Ephesians 5:25-33** (which is a mystery, that will be taken out by way of a mystery **1 Corinthians 15:26**.

Statement:

So when Paul writes he makes it clear who a saint is now:

Philippians 4:21

Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you.
(There is no racism in the body of Christ...)

Note:

Where the veil is done away "In Christ" he reading of the Old Testament, but is done away when they turn to Christ **2 Corinthians 3:13-16**.

The tribulation saints cant become members of the body of Christ, or be baptised into the body of Christ "For the Church is now in heaven"

But:

- They "believe God" (But what in particular we don't know, but like Abraham and Jacob they believed God)
- They wont be part of the worship of the beast, which is simply Satanic.

Revelation 15:1-4

- They are however penned in the book of life "without hands" **Revelation 13:8, 21:7**
- They are reinstated by faith, as Gods ordain the way for that period as it is for the Jew in this period.

- They are called saints and hunted down by the dragon, who has been given power to overcome them.
- These saints too overcome by the Grace of God, and they do get through this.

Revelation 17:12-14

These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 7:14

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

(They may have lost their life but they do not loose their soul, they do not end up in the lake of fire, but rather they possess the kingdom and reign with Jesus Christ for a thousand years.)

Statement:

Through out the Bible the saint are known “ as we are overcomers”

Numbers 13:30

And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

A. We have over come the spirit of antichrist. (John 4:1-3)

1. We are to try the spirits

1 John 2:18

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

2 John 1:7

For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

B. We have overcome the temptation to walk by sight:

2 Corinthians 4:18

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen [are] temporal; but the things which are not seen [are] eternal.

1. Our desire should be the unseen things **2 Corinthians 5:1-6**.
2. There is much emphasis on the local church, that today the purpose or the use of it has been trodden underfoot.

1 Timothy 3:14-16

These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Note:

We are overcomers when we separate the nature of the one and the use of the other...we gather in this one so we can be stewards of the mysteries of God...I can't be a steward if I just hold onto the nature of the first one " the unseen body of Christ and ignore the purpose of the other one, which is the local church..."It is to be the pillar of truth..Paul said we are to be stewards of the mysteries of God"

We are his sheep and we have a spiritual nature that needs to be fed, and you can't feed God's sheep if you leave out the spiritual nature of the believer and the church. "The trouble is today we have too many "Bible block heads" who want to make one thing which is spiritual and make it physical. (The body of Christ is spiritual, and the local church is physical, so we who are spiritual can meet with like minded Christians....and the reason we meet is because we are over-comers...(We believe in one God, one Spirit and one Bible, and one way in the age we live in.)

Conclusion:

This lesson is to encourage us that we are saints and part of the household of God...