

# Notes used in the Message

12-0624am - A Study on the Book of Revelations Pt.11 (Seven Lamps of Fire) - Samuel Dale

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## REVELATION 1:1-3

- » 1 † ¶ The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:
- » 2 † Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.
- » 3 † ¶ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

## 1) 60-1204M THE.REVELATION.OF.JESUS.CHRIST

« 24 † Now, Revelation, the first three chapters, deals with the Church, then the Church disappears. We see It no more until the end time. From Revelation 1 to 3, is the Church; Revelation 4 to 19, is Israel, a nation; and 19 to 22, is both, together. And the plagues and the warnings, and so forth, at the end! Set in three parts. See? And we're taking the first three chapters, pertaining to the Church, and the church age that we're living in.

## 2) 64-0719M THE.FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS

« 36 † Now, I begin to notice at the preaching of the Seven Church Ages, which is the--the pattern, or the forecast of all that God was going to do for the churches, and through the churches, and positionally setting them up.

**37 The first three chapters of the Book of Revelations reveals all the happenings unto the Church. Then, from the 3rd chapter unto the 19th chapter of Revelation, there is no more seen of the Church. The Church goes up at the 4th chapter of Revelations, and returns back at the 19th chapter of Revelations, the Bride and the Groom, together, coming to the earth. And then from the 19th chapter to the conclusive of the 22nd chapter, it's all on the Millennium and what will be in the years that is to follow it. During the 4th to the 19th, God is dealing with Israel.**

## 3) 61-0108 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3

« 74 † Now, we left him last Sunday on the 4th chapter and the 4th verse. And around about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. **Now, we found out that these were elders. An elder is never applied to an Angel or any Being. It is a redeemed human being, elders! 'Cause they... Thrones, crowns, and dominion is never referred to, to Angels. But the crowns and thrones, so forth, pertain to human beings. And these elders was crowned and clothed and sitting on thrones. And we found them over other parts of the Scripture that they were the twelve apostles and they were the twelve patriarchs. Twenty and four of them, which means "twenty-four": twelve apostles, twelve patriarchs.**

## 4) 61-0101 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.2\_

« 293 † Now, how many was they? Twenty and four, twenty-four elders. Is that right? Now... Oh, my! Who was it? The twelve apostles and the twelve tribes of Israel, the twelve patriarchs. The... Now, we're going to take it right on down till we come in the other lessons, and prove that to be right, so you, I'm glad you're writing it down now. See? The twelve patriarchs and the twelve tribes of Israel! Now, watch. Jesus said that...

Peter asked one day, said, "What will we receive? We have left father, mother, husband, wife, children, everything else, we've left everything." Peter said, "We've left our wives, we've left our children, we've left our father and mother, our homes and lands, to follow You."

He said, "Verily, verily I say unto you, that you'll sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes." There you are, that's the redeemed, the redeemed elders.

### 5) 60-1231 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.1

« 167 † Now, let's get back to the verse:

And a... behold, a throne was set in heaven,... (2nd verse)... and one sat on it.

**Note, "the Throne," He sat on the Throne. He wasn't no more back down in the candlesticks now, on earth. The Rapture had done come. He was in Glory, sitting on His Throne. I want you to notice on down, we'll find even in the 5th chapter, it was not the Throne of mercy. It wasn't a Throne of mercy anymore, it was the Throne of judgment. It wasn't a Throne of grace, it's a Throne of judgment because fire and lightning and thunders issued forth from it; no more, mercy is over, the Church age is finished. "He that's filthy is filthy still; he that's righteous is righteous still; he that's holy is holy still," no more a Throne of mercy.**

### 6) 61-0101 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.2\_

« 307 † The white robes that was on the elders is the righteousness of the Saints. The white means "righteousness." And because they were robed showed they were "priests or judges," white-robed, priests, judges, prophets, so forth; see, what they were. They were white-robed, the twenty and four elders. There will be twenty and four elders. There will be twelve of them for the twelve tribes of Israel; the twelve apostles for the Church.

**And they set in the courts of the great King. Remember, they're sitting out there, these are. And here is the Bride and Christ sitting on His Throne, and His Wife sitting by Him, the Church. The twenty and four elders... The hundred and forty-four thousand eunuchs of the temple ministering to Him. Where He gets up, His Wife goes with Him. Oh, oh my! Through that great Age that's coming, when all the sin and the resemblance of sins...**

### 7A) 61-0101 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.2\_

« 230 † Now he... John, where's John standing? At the courts. Let's just read just a little farther here so you get the picture:

And out of the throne proceed lightnings... thunders... voices: and there were seven lamps of fire (Wait till we get to that!) burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

**Reflecting the Light of God into the Church, right straight from the Throne of God, not through a seminary, not through some bishop, but from the Throne of God, by a revelation of the power of His resurrection, making Him the same yesterday and forever; them seven stars standing there reflecting that Light, the Shekinah Light, from the Shekinah Glory from the Holiest of holy. Seven lamps on fire, setting on top of these candlesticks, reflecting His Light, His colors, of His power of His resurrection, right into the Church. Amen! Hmm!**

*And before the throne... was a sea of glass liken unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and around about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.*

**And he goes ahead and he begins to give this... these beasts, the same thing Ezekiel saw; them guards... one like a man, one like a lion, and one like the eagle. What was it? Now, watch, when we bring them in and show that Lion of the Tribe of Juda and all those different ones out of their tribes, that set on four walls, and they were guarding this mercy seat. Oh, what a picture! Oh, I just... There's great days ahead.**

### **7B) 61-0108 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3**

« 270 † Now:

As for the likeness of the living creatures, and their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like... of... the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth light.

That's God. From the fire went Light; not cosmic light, now, the Eternal Light.

And the living creatures ran and turned (Let's see.)... the living creatures ran and returned, and as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

The appearance of the wheels... their work was like unto... colour of... beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was... it was a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

**"What's the symbol here, Brother Branham? What is it?" It means that these guards--these guards was God's ark... They were in journey, rolling on wheels when Ezekiel saw them; but when John saw them, they had already come into their right position in Heaven. The ark of God was on earth, rolling on wheels, as they took it from place to place, meant it was in travel, they took it all the way up through the wilderness and all the way into the temple and so forth; but now it's received up 'cause the Church age is over, and it's received up into Glory. See? It's stationary now, in Heaven, with all the Angels and things around it. We find them after while taking off their crowns and falling on their faces and giving glory to Him. See? It was God's guards of the temple, of the ark.**

### **7C) EZEKIEL 1:4-16**

» 4 † ¶ And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

» 5 † Also out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance; they had the likeness of a man.

» 6 † And every one had four faces, and every one had four wings.

» 7 † And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot: and they sparkled like the colour of burnished brass.

» 8 † And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings.

» 9 † Their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward.

» 10 † As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

» 11 † Thus were their faces: and their wings were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies.

» 12 † And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

» 13 † As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of lamps: it went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning.

» 14 † And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

» 15 † ¶ Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces.

» 16 † The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto the colour of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

**8) 61-0108 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3\_**

<< 89 † Now, these elders sitting upon the throne with his crown. Now, the 5th verse, we're going to start:

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings... thunders... voices: and there was seven lamps on fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Oh, I love this! Don't you? Oh, I just feel like my coat fits me, you know. I just... when... Oh, I mean in a spiritual coat, of course, you know. All right.

**"Out of the Throne." Let's speak of this Throne now for a few minutes. This was not a Throne of mercy. Mercy's Throne is finished; no more mercy, it's without mercy. How are we going... How the judgment seat going to be the judgment seat of Christ, the judgment seat, the White Throne Judgment? Is there going to be mercy then? There is not one stretch of mercy to be given. At the judgment Throne you could scream "mercy" till you couldn't scream no more, and is, you just might as well scream out in the air somewhere, 'cause there's no more mercy.**

**9) 61-0108 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3\_**

<< 92 † Now is the day of mercy! Now, let's go back in the Old Testament here just a little bit and find out what mercy is. Go on back and see what happened to this Throne. This Throne, of course, is the--the judgment seat. And be... the reason today that there is mercy, is because the mercy seat is sprinkled with an atonement. Blood! And as long as Blood is on the judgment seat then it is not judgment no more, it's mercy, because Something died to stay judgment. If you see it, say "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen!"--Ed.] As long as Blood is on the mercy seat, showed that Something died to hold judgment back. But when the Church is raptured, the mercy seat becomes a judgment seat!

**10) 61-0108 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3\_**

<< 125 † Now, "Voices," the voices of the seven trumpets, were voices of the seven stars, seven messengers. But now watch here:

... and... seven lamps... before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

**"Seven lamps." Let's draw a little bit here, the Throne, the holy place, the congregation. And right here was (one, two, three, four, five, six, seven) seven stars, seven lamps, seven messengers, seven Spirits; not altogether meaning that God is in seven Spirits, but "seven manifestations of the same Holy Spirit."**

**Where's the Holy Spirit? Here at the Throne, shining out in each church age. This church age is reflecting back this way, the voices of God, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. See, seven, there was "voices." "And seven lamps on fire," seven Spirits, "which are the seven Spirits of God."**

**11) 61-0108 REVELATION.CHAPTER.FOUR.3\_**

<< 151 † Thrones, lightnings... What? "Seven lamps," or lamps, or seven stars, called "seven Spirits," meaning the mani-... seven manifestations of the Holy Spirit of the Seven Church Ages at the seven seats of mercy for the people. Here they are: seven seats of mercy, seven seats, seven churches, seven stars, seven manifestations, seven Spirits, seven lamps. Oh, my, how God is so perfect! Every...

Laid there in the pneumatics of the Bible; pneumatics of the Bible is the most perfect thing there is on earth. You can't get one flaw from Genesis to Revelation, in the pneumatics of the Bible. Not another piece of literature written that you can't find a flaw before you read three verses; but not in the Bi-...

They been trying for over two hundred years to add one phrase to the Lord's prayer, or take one away from It. It's perfect! Can't add no more or take anymore from It. They been thinking they'd make the prayer a little bit better. They'll try to comb this into It, and put that into It, or take this out of It; it just ain't right. See, It's perfect! All of God's ways is perfect.

Therefore we are imperfect, but He said "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." How can we be? Through the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, to forget our ourselves and just live in Him. There you are. How precious is It!

**12) << 50-4 † PATMOS.VISION - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.2**

The lamp was lit in a special way. First, the priest took fire from the sacred altar which was originally lighted by the fire of God. He lit, first of all, the lamp that was sitting on top of the bowl. He then lit the second lamp from the flame of the first lamp. The third lamp received its fire from the second lamp, as did the fourth receive its from the third, and so on, until all the seven lamps were burning. This holy fire from the altar, being passed from lamp to lamp, is a wonderful type of the Holy Spirit in the seven Church Ages. The original outpouring of Pentecost (which outpouring came direct from Jesus on the Mercy Seat) is enduing His Church through all the seven ages, and showing forth perfectly that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever, the never changing God in His essence and His ways.

**13) << 248-5 † SARDISEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.7**

To begin with, we know for a certainty that these verses are not teaching a new and contrary doctrine to John 4:24a "God is A (one) Spirit." But this is like I Corinthians 12:8-11 wherein we find ONE Spirit manifesting Himself in NINE ways. Thus we know that the seven Spirits of God mean it is the one and same Spirit coming forth in a sevenfold way. Now in Revelation 4:5 these same seven Spirits are called 'lamps of fire burning' before the Lord. Since John always used nothing but Old Testament symbols in the Revelation we go to the Old Testament and find from Proverbs 20:27 that "the spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord." These seven Spirits are found to be associated with man. John the Baptist in John 5:35 was called a 'burning light' which should actually be translated as 'burning lamp.' Again in Revelation 5:6 the seven Spirits are identified as seven eyes.

*In Zechariah 4:10,*

*"For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven, they are the eyes of the Lord."*

It is very evident that the word, 'they' refers to men. Thus we see that the eyes of the Lord in this instance are men--of course they will be anointed men, full of the Holy Ghost, for God's ministries are not in the power of men but of the Holy Ghost. Putting our Scriptural discoveries together it is evident that the seven Spirits of God refer to the continuous ministry of the same Holy Spirit in the lives of seven men with whom God identifies Himself very closely. They are His eyes, and they are His lamps. Who these seven men are can easily be seen because the next phrase calls them the seven stars which are already known to us as the seven messengers to the seven ages. How beautiful that is. See, the star was meant to reflect light at night, for the sun has gone. Just so the messenger (typified as a star) to each age was to reflect the light of the Son. They all did this by the Holy Spirit.

#### 14) ZECHARIAH 4:2-14

- » 2 † And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof:
- » 3 † And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.
- » 4 † So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord?
- » 5 † Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
- » 6 † Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.
- » 7 † Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.
- » 8 † Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- » 9 † The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.
- » 10 † For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.
- » 11 † ¶ Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?
- » 12 † And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?
- » 13 † And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.
- » 14 † Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

#### 15) « 50-2 PATMOS.VISION - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.2

If you want to get a beautiful picture of the lamp, read about it in Zechariah 4:1-6,

"And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof.

And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof.

So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my Lord?

Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my Lord.

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My 'Spirit', saith the Lord of Hosts."

**Here is another lamp of pure gold. It is burning brightly because it has plenty of oil which it is getting from the two olive trees, which stand on either side. The two trees represent the Old and New Testament, and of course the oil typifies the Holy Ghost, Who alone can give the light of God to the people. The angel who spoke to Zechariah was as much as saying "this what you see means that the church cannot accomplish anything by its own might or power, but by the Holy Ghost."**