

READING ASSIGNMENT, WEEK 7: REVELATION (for July 15 sermon)

BOOK COVERED: Revelation

TO THE CHURCH IN EPHESUS | REVELATION 2:1-7

What does God praise about the Ephesian church?

What does God have against the church?

What are God's instructions in light of their sin (v. 5)?

What are the consequences if they don't listen?

The last mention of the tree of life in the Bible was in Genesis 2:9.

What significance does it hold? Where is it (v. 7)?

TO THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA | REVELATION 3:14-22

Why is God so upset with this church? Would he be upset with you for the same reason?

Verse 17 should ring in our American ears. Why wasn't the church's prosperity to its advantage?

How do you feel about what God says in v. 19? What does He promise if they repent?

THE SCROLL AND THE LAMB | REVELATION 5:1-14

What do you think the scroll represents? Why was no one worthy to open it?

Who was worthy to open it (vv. 5-6)? Who do these pictures represent?

Why did the angels and elders sing when the Lamb opened the scroll?

What is the Lamb worthy to receive?

Read v. 13, then read Philippians 2:9-11. What reality is taking place in Revelation 5:13 that Philippians 2:9-11 predicted?

Imagine yourself in the author's shoes as he saw this vision. How would you feel? How would you respond?

THE BEAST OUT OF THE SEA | REVELATION 13:1-10

Why did people start to follow the beast (v. 3)?

Where did the beast get its power from? Who do you think that represents?

According to v. 5, why was the beast allowed to exercise its authority?

Who will worship the beast? Who will not?

What is the “book of life?”

What is the call at the end of v. 10? How does that apply to us today?

THE DEAD ARE JUDGED | REVELATION 20:11-15

Who is seated on the great white throne? What is laid open before the throne?
What is contained in them?

How are we going to be judged? If your name is not recorded in the book of life,
where do you go following judgment?

Who will be judged? Will anyone escape judgment?

How do the realities discussed bring urgency to sharing your faith today? What is at stake?
