

# F A M O U S L A S T W O R D S a study in revelation

## 10. “The Last Word on Politics”

The Vineyard Church of Conroe

Raymond McDonald

November 01, 2015

### Sermon Outline Notes

## The Famous Last Words of Scripture REVEAL THE RULE AND REIGN OF JESUS

## But THE POLITICS OF THE KINGDOM ARE OFTEN MISINTERPRETED

*“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:9-10*

### I. Revelation 12:1-17

<sup>12:1</sup> A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup> She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. <sup>3</sup> Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads... The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born. <sup>5</sup> She gave birth to a son, a male child, who “will rule all the nations with an iron scepter.” And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne... <sup>7</sup> Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. <sup>8</sup> But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven... <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah... <sup>11</sup> They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony;... <sup>12b</sup> But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.”... <sup>17</sup> Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to wage war against the rest of her offspring—those who keep God’s commands and hold fast their testimony about Jesus.

## The Politics of the Kingdom SHOW TWO “PARTIES” IN

## **OPPOSITION: CHRIST AND SATAN**

*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*  
2 Corinthians 4:4

### **II. Revelation 13:1-18**

<sup>13:1</sup> The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name...<sup>7</sup> It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them...<sup>8</sup> All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life...<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon...<sup>16</sup> It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,<sup>17</sup> so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name... for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

## **The Politics of the Kingdom NEVER USE INTIMIDATION OR**

### **DECEIT**

*Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them."<sup>26</sup> Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,<sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—<sup>28</sup> just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:25-28*

### **III. Revelation 14:1-20**

<sup>14:1</sup> 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...<sup>6</sup> 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...<sup>8</sup> A second angel followed and said, "'Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,'...<sup>9</sup> A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand,<sup>10</sup> they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury...<sup>13</sup> Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: 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."<sup>14</sup> 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.<sup>15</sup> 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...

**The Politics of the Kingdom ARE ESTABLISHED IN**

**WORSHIP, PREACHING AND HOLY LIVING**

*Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do...<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Phil. 3:17-21*