

God's Way through the Overcomers

(Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26-29; 3:5-6; 12-13; 21-22)

- I. The universal conflict (Gen. 3:1-15; 12:1-17; 19:11-21; 20:1-3, 7-10)**
 - A. God's creation of man
 - B. The serpent's temptation
 - C. The fall of man

- II. The faithful ones during the time of the Old Testament (Heb. 11)**
 - A. From Abel, Enoch, and Noah to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob
 - B. From Moses, Aaron, and the tribe of Levi to Joshua and Caleb
 - C. The Nazirites – the judges up to Samuel (Nu. 6:1-8; Judges 13:2-5; 1 Sam. 1:11)
 - D. David, and the prophets

- III. The Apostles and the faithful disciples during the time of the Lord Jesus**
 - A. John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1-11)
 - B. The calling and choosing of the twelve apostles (Luke 6:12-16)
 - C. The sending of the 70 disciples (Luke 10:1-3)
 - D. The gathering of the 120 at the day of the Pentecost (Acts 1:12-15)

- IV. The overcomers during the time of the New Testament (Rev. chapters 2-3)**
 - A. Those who maintained the first love
 - B. The martyrs (Rev. 2:9-11; 6:9-11)
 - C. Those who overcame the world
 - D. Those who overcame the religious systems
 - E. Those who overcame spiritual death

- F. Those who overcame the conditions of the Laodiceans
- G. Those who came out of the great Babylon (Rev. 18:1-4)
- H. Those who are for the recovery of the proper golden lampstands

V. The vision of the universal woman and the man-child (Rev. 12)

- A. The woman is the totality of all God's people in the past ages
 - 1. The woman – signifying the weak condition of God's people
 - 2. The 12 stars – the age of the patriarchs
 - 3. The moon – the age of the Old Covenant
 - 4. The sun – the age of the New Covenant
 - 5. Fled to the wilderness – could not be harmed by Satan
 - 6. Beginning of the last 3-1/2 years
- B. The man-child is the stronger part of the woman
 - 1. All the overcomers in the past ages
 - 2. Resurrected and caught up to God and His throne
 - 3. To rule all nations with a rod of iron (Rev. 2:26-28; 3:21)
- C. The great red dragon – the old serpent, called the Devil and Satan
 - 1. Defeated by the archangel Michael
 - 2. Cast down to the earth (Ref. Rev. 9:1-2)
 - 3. Persecuting and making war with the rest of the woman's offspring (Ref.: Rev. 13:1-7)

VI. The three harvest in Revelation chapter 14

- A. The firstfruits – those who are spiritually matured (1-5)
 - 1. Raptured to be with the Lamb in the heavenly Mt. Zion

2. Before the 3-1/2 years of the great tribulation
 3. Having the Father's name written on their foreheads
 4. Being virgins – not defiled
 5. Following the Lamb wherever He goes
 6. No deceit found in their mouth – they are without fault
- B. The general harvest of the rest of the believers (14-16)
1. Having gone through the great tribulation
 2. Caught up to the air at the last trumpet
 3. Appearing before the judgment seat of Christ
- C. The harvest of the world (17-20)
1. As the ripened grapes
 2. Gathered into the winepress of God's wrath
 3. To the valley of Megiddo (Rev. 16:14-16; 19:15)

VII. The late overcomers during the 3-1/2 years of the great tribulation

- A. The martyrs during the time of the great tribulation
- B. Those who have the victory over the beast, his image, and his marks
- C. Singing the song of Moses – the overcoming Jews
- D. Singing the song of the Lamb – the Christians

VIII. The battle of the Armageddon (Rev. Chapter 19)

- A. The overcomers joining the King of Kings and Lord of Lords
- B. Defeating the armies of the beast and the false prophets – they were thrown alive into the lake of fire
- C. Satan chained and thrown into the abyss (Rev. 20:1-3)

IX. The overcomers reigning with Christ over the nations for a thousand years

(Rev. 20:4-6)

- A. Satan released at the end of the millennial kingdom
- B. The Gog and Magog – the last battle
- C. Satan thrown into the lake of fire forever
- D. The final judgment at the great white throne of God (Rev. 20:11-15)
 - 1. For all the dead in the past ages whose name is not in the book of life
 - 2. Death and hades thrown into the lake of fire

X. The New Jerusalem in the new heaven and the new earth – the age of eternity

(Rev. 21-22)

- A. There shall be no more curse
- B. The nations shall be healed by the leaves of the tree of life
- C. All of God's children shall serve as priests and reign forever and ever