



The Lamb's Supper

Session IV

Opening Prayer

Lord,
Teach me to seek you,
and reveal yourself to me as I seek:
For unless you instruct me
I cannot seek you,
and unless you reveal yourself
I cannot find you.
Let me seek you in desiring you:
let me desire you in seeking you.
Let me find you in loving you:
let me love you in finding you.
Amen.

St. Anselm of Canterbury

Part II Chapter 3: Apocalypse Then!

The Battles of Revelation and the Ultimate Weapon

- *The Battle of Armageddon*
 - *In the past? Coming in the Future? Final Battle between good and evil?*
 - *Is this to be taken in a Literal or Spiritual sense?*
 - *John and the early church is living through war, persecution, and destruction.*
 - *50-60 AD Persecution of Christians by the Jews*
 - *64 AD Nero's bloody persecution*
 - *70 AD Fall of Jerusalem and Temple*
 - *96 AD Domitian's persecution*

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- *Hahn: Revelation is primarily about the fall of Jerusalem*
- *There is an imminent tone throughout that certain things need to come to pass now so that Jesus will return*
 - *"I am coming soon"...end of **a** world not the world*
 - *The destruction of the Jerusalem temple marks an end*
 - *The **parousia** or coming of Jesus is a beginning*
 - *New Jerusalem*
 - *New Covenant*
 - *New Heaven and New Earth*

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- The ongoing **parousia** where by Jesus presence remains with his Church - the Blessed Sacrament
- Jerusalem the Whore / Jerusalem the Virgin Bride
 - Hosea - Israel's infidelity is compared to adultery
 - God wants to marry himself to his people
 - Marriage Supper of the Lamb
 - Church is the spotless bride of Christ

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- Tale of Four Cities
- Jerusalem's destruction is compared to the cities who stood opposed to God (7 plagues)
 - Sodom - stood in the way of God's covenant with Abraham
 - Egypt - stood in the way of God's covenant with Moses and Israel
- Jericho - stood to block God's people from entering the promised land and thus Jerusalem, the new Jericho, needed to fall
- Babylon - Jesus would succeed where Josiah had failed

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- *Times of the Sign*
 - *144,000 and the mark of the Tau*
- *Tradition that the Upper Room site for the Last supper was the only place preserved in Jerusalem*
- *The question of anti-semitism (see pp.99-100)*
- *Are we christians too comfortable with all of this? (see pp.100-102)*
- *The Mass was a source of strength amidst persecution (see p.102)*

Part II Chapter 4: Judgment Day

His Mercy is Scary

- *God of Law / God of Justice / God of Mercy (see p. 105)*
- *Covenant and Sin*
- *Judgment*
- *Witnesses in Blood - Martyr*
- *Elijah and Moses testify against the nation of Israel*
 - *Israel is indeed on trial*

Part II Chapter 4: Judgement Day

His Mercy is Scary

- *Plagues and Salvation (see p. 108)*
 - *The new passover, the Eucharist, is a two edged sword*
 - *Covenant brings life to the faithful*
 - *Death to those who reject the covenant*
 - *God's wrath revealed (see p.109)*
 - *Free will*
 - *Living a life of Sin / Redemption (see p.110)*

Part III Chapter 1: Lifting the Veil

How to see the Invisible

- *Where are we? Is this heaven or earth?*
- *God's presence is real, personal, living, lasting and active*
 - *"Already and not yet"*
 - *The liturgy is anticipated Parousia*
- *Heaven on Earth - foretaste of what is to come (pp.116-118)*
 - *The Mass' two parts / Revelation's two parts (pp. 120-121)*

Part III Chapter 1: Lifting the Veil

How to see the Invisible

- *Revelation / unveiling / apokalypsis*
- *The New Dispensation*
 - *Circumcision -> Baptism*
 - *Sabbath -> Sunday*
 - *Passover -> Eucharist*
- *The Church - intensify, internationalize, internalize the worship of Israel*

Part III Chapter 1: Lifting the Veil

How to see the Invisible

- *Mount Zion (pp. 123-125)*
- *The Marriage Supper (pp. 125-126)*
- *The Mass as a School of Prayer (pp.126-127)*
- *A Personal Invitation (pp. 127-128)*