

Discussion 7

The Fourth Dispensation - Raphael

(The Order of Melchizedek and the Order of Magdalene)

Primary Reading:

- Zenos Chapter 7

Passages for Comparison:

- Zenos 7:1-3 => Revelation 14:1-2 :: Separating Wheat from Tares
- Zenos 7:4-10 => Revelation 2:20-28 :: YHVH's letter to those who receive the High Priesthoods
- Zenos 7:11-13 => Revelation 6:7-8 :: Raphael's Dispensation is Unsealed
- Zenos 7:14-16 => Revelation 8:12-13 :: Raphael's Shofar is Sounded
- Zenos 7:17-18 => Revelation 16:8-9 :: Raphael's Vial is Poured Out
- Zenos 7:20-22 => Revelation 12:5 :: Shekinah vs the Dragon
- Zenos 7:23 => Revelation 13:7 :: Lilith and Leviathan

Objectives:

- Become familiar with the teachings about Raphael's dispensation.

Reading:

7:1-3 :: Separating Wheat from Tares		
Zenos	Revelation	Discussion Ideas
7:1. And it came to pass that I saw as it were the Son of Man standing upon a great mountain, and the strength of Zion with Him;	14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.	Is this saying that the 144-thousand are the "strength of Zion"? Is the name of God on one's forehead a reference to the high priesthood? Or something different?
7:2. And with Him I saw as it were one hundred forty and four thousand kaddish, these having the Holy Name of Elohim written in their foreheads.	14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:	According to 3 Moses 28:37, the high priest (Aaron) wore a holy crown on his head engraved with the phrase "Holiness to YHVH". Is that the same idea as this, or something else entirely?
7:3. And it came to pass that I heard the angel of YHVH saying: Here are they that keep the commandments of Elohim, in their faith in YHVH.	14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.	

7:4-10 :: YHVH's letter to those who receive the High Priesthoods

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	<p>2:18. And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;</p> <p>2:19. I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.</p>	
<p>7:4. And it came to pass that I saw as it were Lilith about the earth calling herself a prophetess, teaching and seducing kaddish to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols;</p> <p>7:5. And though YHVH had given her space to repent of her fornication, she repented not;</p> <p>7:6. And I saw that great distress awaited those that went with her into her bed to commit adultery with her, except they return from their deeds.</p> <p>7:7. Yea, and YHVH did slay her children with death when she left the garden, refusing to return; for YHVH gives unto all, yea everyone, according to their works;</p>	<p>2:20. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.</p> <p>2:21. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.</p> <p>2:22. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.</p> <p>2:23. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.</p>	
	<p>2:24. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.</p> <p>2:25. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.</p>	
<p>7:8. But unto they that overcometh, and are keeping the Word and the works of YHVH unto the end, to these will He give power and dominion;</p> <p>7:9. For these YHVH shall rule with the</p>	<p>2:26. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:</p> <p>2:27. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter</p>	<p>This pottery imagery is interesting, how both accounts use pottery, but one focuses on how moldable the clay is, and the other how brittle. Do you have any thoughts on that?</p>

rod of iron; and he shall be their potter, and they His chosen vessels that He shall mold and form; for these He shall receive from Elohim;	shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.	
7:10. And these that shall be given Him shall be as His morning stars.	2:28. And I will give him the morning star.	
	2:29. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.	

7:11-13 :: Raphael's Dispensation is Unsealed

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7:11. And it came to pass that Raphael opened the fourth seal, and I heard the voice of the beast as an eagle in the air saying: Come and see!	6:7. And when he [<i>the Lamb</i>] had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.	Is there any significance to the fact that the beast who introduces this seal is the eagle? Why a pale horse?
7:12. And I saw as it were a pale horse whose rider is Death; and sheol came after them;	6:8. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.	Why does this horse get a name? And why Death? How different is sheol different from Hell as far as imagery goes?
7:13. And power was given them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with a sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.		Are each of these different methods for bringing death different metaphors? Or are they all just the same thing from another perspective?

7:14-16 :: Raphael's Shofar is Sounded

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7:14. And it came to pass that Raphael blew upon his shofar, and the third part of the sun, and of the moon, and of the stars were smitten;	8:12. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.	Certainly, the darkening of the heavens is in some way metaphorical, how would both the day and the night be 1/3 darkened? What does that even mean when taken literally?
7:15. Yea, and as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise, and the earth was covered in darkness for it would receive not the light.	8:13. And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the	If it is metaphor, what are the sun and moon, and stars representing? What are they withholding?
7:16. And it came to pass that I saw		Is the flying of Moroni the same as the coming forth of the Book or Mormon? Or is this some other time when

the angel Moroni flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice: Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth for there are three more angels yet to sound!	trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!	Moroni is the messenger? What does Moroni have to do with Melchizedek's dispensation?
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7:17-18 :: Raphael's Vial is Poured Out

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17. And it came to pass that Raphael poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with the judgment of fire.	16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.	In what way is the judgment of fire part of Melchizedek's dispensation?
18. And mankind was scorched with a great heat, and cursed the name of Elohim, and they repented not, nor did they come to give Them glory.	16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.	It says they "repented not". Are these vials of wrath invitations for repentance? Or are they consequences of non-repentance once the mercy has dried up?

7:20-22 :: Shekinah vs the Dragon

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7:19. And it came to pass that I saw as it were Shekinah where she was sent away into the wilderness,	12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.	In Melchizedek chapter 1, he says that one of his titles is King of Peace
7:20. And I beheld that she brought forth a man child; and he is to rule all nations with a rod of iron and his name is King of Peace;		Melchizedek 1:12. And now, Melchizedek was a High Priest of this order; therefore, he obtained peace in Salem and was called the king of peace.
7:21. And by this King of Peace was Shekinah able to travel again from the earth to the heavens.		If the "man child" was Melchizedek, what is this story even saying? (For that matter, if the child is Jesus, what was that saying)?
7:22. And it came to pass that her child was caught up unto Elohim, even as Enoch, and to the thrones I had seen afore.		Isn't Melchizedek, and other high priests really just part of the body of Christ (Shekinah)? What's the imagery here trying to explain?

7:23 :: Lilith and Leviathan

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7:23. And it came to pass that power was given unto the leviathan and Lilith and Cain to make war with the sons and daughters of YHVH, and to overcome them;	13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.	Why was it that in Enoch's dispensation, the children of mankind make war with each other, and are not permitted to make war with Zion, but in this dispensation, they not only make war, but overcome the sons and daughters of YHVH?

Discussion:

If Melchizedek is the founding prophet of his dispensation, why is Abraham the one we all connect back to? Abraham is the patriarch of the people of YHVH even down to today. Melchizedek is a figure who is shrouded in mystery and has been hidden from history. What is that all about?

Is there a central theme to Raphael's dispensation? If so, what is it?