

12152021 THE COMING KINGDOM

Sister Jackie shared that Summer Rose is getting stronger and will have her heart surgery in January.

Sister Shelbia opened with prayer:

Our Father God, forgive my sin and keep me pure for I'm poor and needy. We are so thankful you are here with us. Help us understand what Dr. Jeffress is teaching and help us get ready for the rapture. Its going to come.

We bring our prayer needs to you - Gracie Royer, Carolyn and Steve (who's in the hospital - pray that their every need will be met today and God's presence is upon them). You know all things Lord. We're trusting you to plant whatever information you want in our minds. We truly want to hear well done, good and faithful servant. Bless each one and give each one an ability to do you work. Please bless each lady. In Jesus name, Amen.

We have 3 weeks left in Dr. Jeffress study and then we have ordered new DVD's from David Jeremiah to use in our Bible study after we finish Dr. Jeffress DVDs. Hope all is going well with you all.

Isaiah 55:8-9 is scripture you need when you don't understand. It helps us get a grip on how God thinks.

1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

THE COMING KINGDOM - DR JEFFRESS

I thought today we'd start off with a pop quiz. A pop quiz? That seems unfair on a holiday weekend, but I've got 4 questions for you. Multiple choice and no cheating. Everyone with their own eyes on your paper. Its a pop quiz about Bible prophecy:

1. The kingdom of God is:

- a. A spiritual kingdom
 - b. A physical kingdom
 - c. All of the above
 - d. None of the above
2. Gods promise to Israel of the land that would be there's forever was:
- a. Conditional
 - b. Unconditional
 - c. Transferred in a spiritual sense to the church
3. Satans power over the earth was:
- a. Defeated at the cross
 - b. Defeated at the resurrection
 - c. Continues today
4. Christians will receive their new bodies:
- a. At the rapture
 - b. At the second coming
 - c. From their plastic surgeon

Your answers to those questions actually reveal what you believe about the topic we are going to look at today in Revelation 20.

THE COMING KINGDOM OF GOD – we call the millineum. If you have your Bibles, turn to Revelation 20 as we look at that coming Kingdom of God.

Last time we finished Rev 19 – the battle of Armageddon. That time at the end of the world tribulation when world forces will gather on the plain of Megiddo to defeat the antichrist. They will look up and see the sky open and the Lord Jesus Christ coming with those of us who belong to him. We will return to earth to defeat the antichrist and those who follow after him.

The reason we come back with Christ, is to establish that long awaited kingdom of God on earth, the Millennium.

By the way, the word millennium doesn't appear anywhere in the Bible, but don't let that shake you up cause the word trinity is no where in the Bible either but the concept is still valid for both.

Millennium comes from 2 Latin words. Milli = 1000 years. We are referring to the 1000 year reign of Christ on earth that is promised throughout scripture and especially today.

Let's look at the millennium in perspective. You see on your Bible prophecy chart that we are living in the church age. It's the time God has temporarily set aside his dealings with Israel and has allowed the non-Jews, people like you and me, to become a part of the kingdom of God.

But that setting aside is only temporary.

Romans 11:2-5 said 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, 3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

The end of the church age is the rapture of the church. When everyone that is going to be saved is saved, the rapture of the church will happen.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

After the church is raptured, then will begin the great tribulation. Gods final seven years of earths history in which God will give Israel a final chance to repent.

Many Jews and Gentiles will be saved during the tribulation but there will be a great price – many will be martyred.

That final battle of Armageddon against the world dictator, the antichrist, that will be climaxed with the second coming of Christ.

Rev 19:11-21

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

And that begins the period of Christs literal reign on earth for 1000 years.

Theres a final rebellion at the end of the millennium and that rebellion is followed by the final judgment of all unbelievers – the great white throne judgment.

After that judgment the present inhabitants of earth are destroyed and God brings in a new heaven and earth.

We've come to Revelation 20, the millennium, Gods fulfillment of his promise to the Jewish people.

You know often we chastise the Jewish people for missing the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We say, they made a intake.

Instead of looking for a ruling king they should have looked for a suffering savior.

Instead of looking for a literal kingdom they should have been looking for a spiritual kingdom.

And yet that is not true.

They were absolutely justified in believing that when messiah came he would established a literal, physical kingdom on earth.

Because there are 1800 prophesies in the Old Testament from that time.

The problem with the Jewish people is that they didn't understand that there would be two comings of the messiah.

The first time, he would come as a suffering savior.

The next time he comes, he will come as king of kings and Lord of Lords and he will set up a literal kingdom on earth.

Old Testament passages that support Gods promises:

2 Sam 7:12-13 (the Leviticus covenant)

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

Psalms 89:30-37

People who criticize those of us that believe God is going to fulfill his promises to the Israelites. God said he would not break off his loving kindness from them. By covenant he would not violate. Once sworn by his holiness, he will do it.....forever.

30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to

fail.

34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

Genesis 12,

1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon:

12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive.

13 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake; and my soul shall live because of thee.

14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

16 And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

17 And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

19 Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way.

20 And Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him: and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

Genesis 15

1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

2 And Abram said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my

house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, LORD God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims,

21 And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

God made an unconditional covenant with Israel. Not to the national Israel, but to a physical and spiritual descendant of Abraham. It's the believing Israel that knows God is going to fulfill his covenant.

If God breaks his covenant with Israel, what's to keep him from breaking the covenant he has with us?

What if you get to heaven and God says, I've changed my mind and I'm going to drudge up everything you've ever done. But God keeps his word.

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 11:4, 6, 9

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4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

There is such emphasis on the desire for justice and social justice. It comes from the fact that we are all created in the image of God. Even after the he fall, they retained an image of God inside them. We long for justice cause we are created by a God who loves justice. The only thing is, we can't bring this justice on ourselves. We can strive for it, but God has to bring it. He will satisfy that urge for justice when God returns to the earth.

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6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

We say so the lion and lamb comes from this passage is the coming kingdom of God.

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7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Acts 1

Jesus was getting ready to ascend into heaven and he was standing on the Mount of Olives and his disciples said, are you going to restore the kingdom of God on earth? If the disciples has mistakenly believed in the kingdom on earth. He could have said, you've got it all wrong. I'm here to establish a kingdom according to Gods time table.

Acts 1:7

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

The Millennium is Gods kingdom on earth. The fulfillment of Gods promises.

There are 3 prevalent views of the millineum:

1. **AMILLENNIAL VIEW:** Letter a is the alpha predicative. It means no. This means no millennium. Many good Christian's believe this, subscribe to reform theology. They say that when Israel rejected Christ, Israel forfeited their promises and those made to Israel by God. And this transferred those promises to the church of Jesus Christ. Instead of being a literal fulfillment, there will be a spiritual fulfillment. And the land promised to Israel belongs to the church and the land has been spiritualized to be heaven.

When we sing marching to Zion, we are singing the heavenly Zion.

And there won't be a literal binding of satan for 1000 years.

The problem? What do you say about **Genesis 15** in which God ratified the covenant with Abraham.

Genesis 15:

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2 And Abram said, LORD God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?
3 And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.
4 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.
5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.
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10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.
11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.
13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;
14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.
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What do you do with **Psalm 89**? I'm going to keep my promise with Israel.
 Can anyone say satan is bound right now? He's running rampant thru this world. The Bible says he is the prince of the air.

1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.
 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.
 3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,
 4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.
 5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.
 6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?
 7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.
 8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?
 9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.
 10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.
 11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
 12 The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.
 13 Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
 14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
 15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance.
 16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.
 17 For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.
 18 For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.
 19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
 20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:
 21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.
 22 The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
 23 And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him.
 24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.
 25 I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers.
 26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation.
 27 Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.
 28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
 29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
 30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 *If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;*
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 35 *Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.*
 36 *His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.*
 37 *It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.*
 38 *But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.*
 39 *Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.*
 40 *Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.*
 41 *All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours.*
 42 *Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.*
 43 *Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle.*
 44 *Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground.*
 45 *The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.*
 46 *How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire?*
 47 *Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?*
 48 *What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.*
 49 *Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?*
 50 *Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;*
 51 *Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.*
 52 *Blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen.*

2-POST MILLENNIAL VIEW: This means after. When does Christ come? He comes after the millennium. This is the idea that the world will get better and better and better and finally Christ will come because it's a perfect world. The pastor of this church, George W. Pruitt, the previous pastor of this church, believed this and taught it. This just about died after the onset of WWI. The world was plunged into chaos; and by WW2, it was almost distinguished. Now its called Christian reconstructivism. It's the idea that as Christian's we need to reclaim the earth for God and by spiritual revival we can reclaim Washington DC, Hollywood, and Wall Street. By getting Christian's into places of power and have dominion over the world.

Some think I am this way, but I am not under any illusion that we are going to create the millennium on earth. I believe the kingdom of God isn't going to come riding in on Air Force one. Instead we want to delay its decay so we have time to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

That's why Jesus said, you are the salt of the earth. Salt was a preservative. It delayed the rot of meat. Eventually, meat does rot and has to be thrown out, but the salt gave the meat a longer shelf life.

Jesus left us here to delay the rot so there is longer time for Christian's to share Christ. We are to permeate Washington, Wall street, and the world. We are to push back against things that are ungodly in our culture. The evangelist Paul was caught up in the local political culture. He also worked to make sure he was free to share the gospel.

We Christian's are here to share the gospel, but also to push back against those things that fight against the gospel.

You saw a great representation of this – California passing a ban in singing in churches. Governor Newsome said no singing in church. You could go outside but he thousands, not wear a mask, and yell for the politically correct causes but you aren't able to praise the Lord in church. Freedom of protesting protects the freedom of religion as well as our first amendment rights.

This situation is fake science. **This was an attempt to shut down people of faith and we should fight against this with everything we have because we want to spread the gospel as far as we can while we can. That is why I believe what I do about getting involved in the world. We aren't going to create the millennium but we are going to share the gospel!**

3-PREMILLENNIALISM:

The view I subscribe to. We believe Christ will come before the millennium and he will institute his reign on earth.

Revelation 20: 1-6 John says:

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

What is the abyss? It referees to a bottomless pit. It's a place of torment for a certain group of demons – angles who rebelled against God and were sent to this place.

2 Peter 2:4

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Jude 6

6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Luke 8:31

31 And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.

When those demons left the man, they begged not to be thrown in the abyss.

Rev 9:1-2

1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

The fifth trumpet judgment when a fallen angel was allowed to release demonic scorpions to spread all over the earth.

Now we have a heavenly angel given a key and chain.

Rev 20:2

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Remember last time in Chapter 19 we saw the battle of Armageddon; and the false prophet was seized and thrown into the lake of fire.

The antichrist is bound for a 1000 years. Satan is called a dragon.

Rev 12:3 – a red dragon ready to devour Christ and the church.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Satan doesn't usually appear this way as a dragon. He's called the servant, referring to his subtle nature. When he appeared to eve, he appeared as a beautiful creature and many times he appears that ways to us.

He's called the devil. Slanderer. One of the things he does is to accuse Gods people day and night according to **Rev 12:10**

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

Diabolos (Greek word) refers to his diabolical nature. Often translated as devil.

Diablo (Spanish), Diavolo (Italian), Diable (French), Diabo (Portuguese), Diabolus (Latin).

He's called a murderer.

He refers to him as satan himself. Satan means adversary. He's the enemy of Jesus and the enemy of those who follow Jesus. He has a big X on your back and he wants to take you out.

1 Peter 5:8

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

He is going to be bound for 1000 years so that he can do nothing on the earth for the 1000 reign of Christ. This is the predominate feature of the millennium.

This makes the other positions ludicrous.

Satan seems to be running rampant all over the world, but his time is short.

How long is the millennium? 1000 years.

In the first 7 verses of Revelation 20, the millennium is used several times.

Example: Suppose your received a letter from your brother that said they were coming to spend 8 days with you the day after Christmas. That day comes, and they come to the door to stay 8 days. You ask, how long do you plan to stay? 8 days. Think about this.

If John were speaking literally could he be any more clear? He uses that phrase 6 times in 7 verses. Furthermore, every other number is literal number.

1260 days in first half of trib.

42 months in first half of trib.

2 witnesses.

7 heads

Every time a number is used in revelation, its used literally.

After 1000 years, satan must be released for short time. Do you want to know why he will be released? I'll tell you next week.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Notice one other aspect of the millennium.

The church is setting before the throne of God in heaven.

We will be ruling and reigning with Jesus.

John saw thrones – people already resurrected.

He saw the souls of those who were beheaded, those who did not receive the mark of the beast.

They reigned for 1000 years with Christ. They came to life and reigned with Christ.

Wait a minute. They didn't come to life until Christ returned at the beginning of the millennium. It refers to the physical body not the spirit body.

II Corinthians 5:8

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

You're alive the moment you die if you're a Christian.

You receive your resurrected body when God returns at his second coming at the beginning of the millennium.

The rest of the dead didn't come to life until they are raised for judgment.

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Here John introduces an important concept in the Bible. There are 2 resurrections. The first is of those saved before the rapture.

The second resurrection is one of the unsaved who are raised from the dead to experience God's torment forever and ever.

That's why John says, happy and blessed are those that are in the first resurrection.

I Corin 15:20-24

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

If you are in Christ, you are going to receive a brand new body but there is an order to which people will receive their new bodies.

Order is a military term. It refers to a military parade that gets larger and larger as different corp members enter this in the parade route.

Paul uses this imagery to say that there is a parade that will be in heaven.

The first resurrection refers to a group of people who receive their resurrection at their appointed time. (Parade to heaven).

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

First fruit refers to Christ and those raised with him

Next group to receive their resurrection bodies will be you and me – the dead in Christ and those that are alive at that time will be raptured.

1 Corinthians 15:

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

11 Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.
 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.
 29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?
 30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?
 31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our LORD, I die daily.
 32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.
 33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
 34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.
 35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?
 36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:
 37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:
 38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.
 39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.
 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.
 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.
 42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:
 43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:
 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.
 45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.
 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.
 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.
 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.
 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.
 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.
 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.
 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

If you have a loved one that's already died and they are a Christian, their bodies will be raised from the grave and they will receive a brand new resurrected body.

7 years later, after the tribulation, the tribulation saints and the Old Testament saints will receive their new bodies.

1 b and c are covered by 1 Cor 15: Those that are Christ at his coming – which includes the rapture and his second coming.

Both include a coming of Christ – rapture in clouds; at second coming, he comes to earth. Different events, but they both involved Christs coming.

Last group are those who died in the millennium.

24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

There will be some Christian's who enter into the millennium at the very end.

There is a second resurrection. These people are raised for the great white throne judgment. They are raised not to experience Gods blessings but to experience His torment.

When we die, we do not cease to exist. Death is not the end for anyone. Its just eh doorway to which we enter into Gods blessing or Gods judgment.

CS LEWIS said our lives can be compared to a very very long book.

Our life on earth is just the title page. Chapter one doesn't begin with our birth, it begins with our death.

Let me ask you 'when the trumpet sounds and Gods people in this age are called to assume that place in heaven, are you going to be one of those invited to participate? Are you going to be welcomed into God's kingdom for all eternity. Blessed is those who are invited to enter for over them the second death has no power!

PRAYER LIST:

Summer Rose - getting stronger - needs strength for upcoming surgery

Larry Green - in hospital.

Shawn - throat cancer

Elsie

Sister Sharon - headaches

Ron & Marilou

Gracie Royer - covid

Bill Hill

Darla

Mark

Barb Hart

Karen

Lawrence and Shirley

Jackie

LaDonna

Rob

Ashley and Scott

Wayne

Lane

Lois

Lou

Betty

Sally and Teresa

Unspoken

Tornado victims

Pastors to preach God's Holy Word

Sarah

Mike and Sandy

Keith and Joyce

Barb

Caroline

Jane

Sister Shelbia offered the closing prayer:

God, we are so thankful you are letting us get your message from Dr. Jeffress. Our hearts are heavy for the people on our prayer list that we bring before you.

You are a great God, comforter, Lord, The Great I AM!

We ask God that you be very real and to give your people wisdom. We have a number of people with special needs. Bless them , You have a special purpose for them Strengthen all of our faith. We are so thankful you are showing us the signs of the end of the church age. Make our lives productive for you.

We are looking forward to seeing you, Lord!

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen!