

Gods judgments unsealed – Robert Jeffress August 25, 2021

Sister Shelbia opened the meeting with prayer and then reviewed information about Revelation: Chapter 4 & 5 offers a preview of heaven.

Chapter 6 - pouring out of wrath (4 horses of apocalypse sermons we've seen). A definite prediction of what's coming and its not pretty. His wrath is partly because of the salvation of the lost. Everything happening is a parody of Gods perfect plan.

4 Horses:

White - antichrist

Red - war - maybe nuclear war

Black - famine - great inflation and scarce food

Pale - death

Antichrist - 1/4 of earth killed with sword, hunger, beasts, disease, nuclear war.

5th seal - millions of Christians killed.

People in heaven will know what is happening on earth.

Vs. 12 - there will be great earthquakes, sun will be dark, Moon like blood, kings and great men - rich and poor will pray for rocks to fall on them to hid them from the lamb on the throne.

Our time here is limited. "Heed Revelation by believing!"

John 14:6 - Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

We've got info to tell people - they don't want to be here when this happens.

Robert Jeffress interviewed by Tim Moore on Lamb and Lion ministries, out of McKinney, TX, Tim Moore heads this ministry. PTV.ORG - everything is available there.

Interview: How can Jeffress deliver the message with a smile? He's delivering the truth in a good way. There's no reason for us to get mad or upset or emotional.

There are not many ways to heaven - the only way to heaven is Jesus.

He talked about a gallop poll from 1997 - 26% American's supported same sex marriage; today 70% support it.

He talked about trends in our culture - Bible is clear on marriage and other issues.

Over the last 70 years, The Supreme Court made 3 disastrous decisions:

1. removal of prayer from school,
2. abortion,

3. same sex marriage. None of these decisions will be reversed to the way Jeffress thinks.

He told a story of 1986 when he and Amy were in their first church in west TX. They needed money for a new car so he decided to try out for a game show to win money. They spent their last \$200 for a ticket to a game show called 'card sharks'. 350 people tried out to get on the show. Jeffress was one of three people that got chosen to go on the show and he won money for a car. After he won the money, he had to tell his deacons how he got money for the car cause he was all over tv.

Tim Moore talks about 'The Good Shepherd' at Lion and Lambs Ministry.

Erwin Lutzer says 'we are more prepared for this moment than we realize. P20, 3:14; 3:56; 4:39; 5:14. He talks about cultural Marxism (P 21) and 5 cultural institutions (P22 at the top).

7 churches represent P62 in Wrath and Glory book.

Doomsday clock in Chicago is at 1,000 seconds now.

Oil dump by Iran on Israel's beeches considered 'woke' Page 164. If you are not woke - you are Neanderthal.

Dr. Hand warned us about Covid vaccine - possibly causing people to be sterilized (2-21).

Sister Carolyn - Shared about the Jewish Feasts: I wanted to share a feast day that's coming up soon that I think is very exciting. First, I'll share a little background - In *Leviticus 23 it tells about the 7 feast days.*

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.

3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's passover.

6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.

7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.

12 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD.

13 And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of an hin.

14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:

16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.

18 And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto the LORD, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto the LORD.

19 Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings.

20 And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest.

21 And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.

25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.

35 On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.

37 These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:

38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.

39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.

40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.

41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

7 Feast days:

1. Passover - this is where the Jewish people were to apply lambs blood to the door posts of their house when they were about to leave Egypt, so the angel of death would pass over the house and not take the life of the firstborn child; and the people inside the house were safe.

Feast days are a dress rehearsal for things that are to come. This feast day was fulfilled when Christ was crucified on the cross, at Passover.

2. Feast was Unleavened bread - They were not allowed to eat unleavened bread because it represented sin. Jesus removed sin by his death. Jesus was buried on unleavened bread and he was raised on the first fruit.

3. He was the first fruit of the resurrection.) Jesus went through death, burial and resurrection.

4. Pentecost (50 days after the first fruit the resurrection of Jesus) the Holy Spirit came which is Pentecost. **Four feasts have been fulfilled: 1- Passover, 2-Unleavened bread, 3-first fruits, 4-Pentecost.**

Three have not been fulfilled: 1-Feast of Trumpets (many think the rapture will occur on this feast day), 2-atonement (will be during the tribulation), 3-tabernacle (will be fulfilled during the millennial reign as the 1000 year reign). This is where CHRIST WILL REIGN! Trumpets also mean new beginning. It is the start of the Jewish year. It always starts at sundown on September 6 - 8). (Israel is 7 hours ahead of us.)

Most prophecy teachers believe the rapture will happen on the Feast of Trumpets. Rapture is imminent - it could happen any day, but a lot of people think it could happen during the feast day. This is very exciting for those who have given their hearts to Christ. We don't know if it

will be this year or not, but it could be as things are lining up with scripture. We MUST BE READY AT ALL TIME!!!

If you've ever studied the **Jewish wedding, its a good analogy of the Father telling the Son to 'go get your bride'**. Let us not forget we are the bride of Christ. We need to have our wedding garments on and be looking for the groom. We need to be sure and keep our lights burning and not let the oil run out like the foolish virgins.

August 25, 2021 Dr. Jeffress

On November 10, 1942, Winston Churchill stood before the House of Commons in Great Britain to offer just a glimmer of hope. In the midst of World War II, England had so far lost every battle. It looked like Adolf Hitler might succeed in conquering the entire world. But then the tide began to turn when Britain was victorious in Egypt.

When Winston Churchill stood, not only before the House of Commons but the British people by radio to help temper their optimism from being too optimistic. In talking about the victory they had experienced in the battle of Egypt, Churchill said, "This is not the end. It is not the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

I thought about that phrase as I prepared today's message. That phrase accurately describes where we are not only in the book of Revelation, but in human history right now as well. We are not in the end times yet. This is not the beginning of the end, but it is the end of the beginning. We see the lightning flashes signaling that there is a great storm on the horizon. It the storm of God's final judgments against the earth. In Revelation 6, we see the first of three judgments during the seven-year tribulation.

THE SEAL JUDGMENTS:

There is some debate as to whether the seven seal judgments occur during the first or second half of the tribulation. Whatever you believe regarding this issue of timing, the events in Revelation 6 describe the seal judgments.

Revelation 6:

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

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.

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

This scripture mirrors what Jesus taught in *Matthew 24*:

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 *But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

14 *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

15 *When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)*

16 *Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:*

17 *Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:*

18 *Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.*

19 *And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*

20 *But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:*

21 *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

22 *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

23 *Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.*

24 *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

25 *Behold, I have told you before.*

26 *Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.*

27 *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

28 *For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.*

29 *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

30 *And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

31 *And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

32 *Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:*

33 *So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*

34 *Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.*

35 *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

36 *But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.*

37 *But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

38 *For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,*

39 *And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

40 *Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.*

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.
43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.
45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?
46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.
47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.
48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;
49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;
50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,
51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Having just left Jerusalem, Jesus and His disciples sat on the Mount of Olives and looked down on the city and the temple. The disciples asked Jesus, **“What will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Verse 3)**. Did Jesus say “That’s none of your beeswax? You just concentrate on having a right relationship with Me and let God worry about the future?” No, Jesus doesn’t want us to be ignorant about the end times, so He gave a detailed explanation of the events that will lead to His return. He told His disciples about false messiahs, wars and rumors of wars, famine, death, and martyrdom - and these forecasts line up exactly with the seven seal judgments we see in Revelation 6.

THE FIRST SEAL: THE ANTICHRIST

As he was writing the book of Revelation, John had been raptured temporarily to Heaven, where he was able to see a connection between the commands of heaven and the consequences on earth. Revelation reminds us that everything that happens in this world is according to God’s perfect plan, and everything that is happening in your life right now is part of God’s perfect plan for you. Aren’t you grateful for that? Heaven rules on earth, and that’s what we see over and over again in Revelation.

John was an eyewitness to the events that will transpire on aerate during the seven-year tribulation, beginning with the breaking of the first seal in heaven. In **Revelation 6:1-2**, he wrote, **“Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, ‘COME,’ I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow and a crown was given to him and he went out conquering and to conquer.”** When the Lamb broke the first seal and the angel cried out, “COME”, the command was for a horseman to take his place on the stage of human history. In fact, this happened four times - for the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. **The first was the horseman on the white horse (Rev 6:2), then the horseman on the red horse (Rev 6:3-4), followed by the horseman on the back horse (Rev 6:5-6), and finally the horseman on the ashen (pale) horse (Rev 6:7-8).**

Horses in John's day were war machines. White symbolized victory Roman conquerors typically rode white horses down the streets of Rome in triumphal processions, followed by their victorious army, spoils, and prisoners of war.

Who is riding this white horse? He has a bow. He has a crown that was given to him. He goes out to conquer. Some have speculated that the rider on the white horse is Jesus Christ, because He comes in victory on a white horse in Rev 19. But this isn't the case, for four important reasons:

1. Chronologically, it's illogical that this is Christ. He comes at the end of the tribulation, not at the beginning.
2. In **Rev 19:11-16**, Christ carries a sword not a bow, and He wears a diadema (royal crown) not a Stephanie's (victor's crown) as does the rider in Rev 6.

Revelation 19:

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.

1. All four horses and riders in Rev 6 have a similar quality. The other three horses represent evil and destruction on earth. Christ cannot be reduced to the same level as the other three horsemen.
2. Christ is the Lamb who is worthy to open the seals. It would be strange for Christ to open the seal and then have one of the four living creatures command Him to "COME". He is in charge of the angelic hosts, not the other way around.

The rider of this white horse, I believe, is the antichrist - the world leader who emerges after the rapture of the church. He carries a bow - the symbol of war in the Old Testament. But his bow has no arrows, so at least initially, war is held at bay. When the antichrist appears on the scene, he makes a peace treaty with Israel However, this agreement is only a pretense for destroying the Jews, which he will do in the second half of the tribulation (***Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.***)

Paul anticipated this world leader and his evil schemes when he wrote of the false peace and security brought by the antichrists

1 Thessalonians 5:

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.)

The antichrist is wearing the victors crown. Who gave the antichrist this crown that allows him to reign over the world? The only one who has the authority to give such power and ability is God Himself. ***Daniel 2:21 says God is the one who “removes kings and establishes kings.” Roman’s 13:1 says ‘There is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.’***

As sovereign ruler over the universe, God gives all human rulers the authority to rule. And all human rulers, including the antichrist, are answerable to God. God has a purpose that He is working out, and He will give the antichrists this final authority over the earth.

In John’s vision, the antichrist rode out ‘conquering’ ***Revelation 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.***

But his bow has no arrows - he will assume power without any bloodshed. After the rapture, when millions of Christians are taken from this planet, there will be such chaos that the world will beg for somebody to bring order. That’s why ***1 Thessalonians 5:3 says, For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.***

The antichrist will be the candidate who promises to bring peace. That is the beginning of the tribulation - and the rise of the antichrist.

THE SECOND SEAL: WARFARE

The second seal judgment, the red horse, is warfare. John wrote, “when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “COME”. And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him”. ***Revelation 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.***

My own personal belief is that all four of these horses have the same rider. It’s the antichrist, who is mounting a different horse to bring a different judgment. In this case, he is bringing warfare. This is what the red horse and the sword of 6:4 represent - civil unrest, warfare, and bloodshed.

This great sword was a short, double-bladed weapon that was easy to use on horseback. It represented the authority to ‘slay’ people (Verse 4). The mission of the rider was to remove peace from the earth and turn people’s destructive instincts on one another.

In 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Paul spoke of the coming antichrist as the ‘man of lawlessness’ and said the Lord is currently

restraining him (2:7 – *For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way*). but when the second seal is opened, the Lord’s restraint will be removed, and the antichrist, ‘Whose coming is in accord with the activity of satan’ (2:9 *Even him, whose coming is after the working of satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*) will be allowed to carry out his satanic activities. This reminds us that satan ‘was a murderer from the beginning’ (John 8:44 *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*)

Whether as a result of murder, civil war, or wars between nations, the second seal is a time of bloodshed. As Jesus told us in *Matthew 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*

And with those wars will come great destruction.

THE THIRD SEAL: FAMINE

The third seal judgment, the black horse, is famine. John recorded his vision of the third horse and rider: *Revelation 6:5-6 “When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “COME”. I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine”.*

Famine is the result of war, and that is what the black horse and its rider - again, probably the antichrist - bring in these verses. With famine come price controls and sky-high inflation, indicated by the balancing scales the horseman carries. A denarius was one day’s wage, and normally it would be enough to buy eight quarts of wheat or twenty-four quarts of barley, which would feed a family more than a week. But during this time, things will be eight times more expensive.

The voice John heard in the middle of the four living creatures mostly likely belonged to God the Father, since He is the source of these judgments. God pronounced a shortage on necessities, such as wheat and barley, but not on luxuries, such as oil and wine (6:6). As William Barclay noted, “This is a picture of famine set alongside luxury.” We see this in socialist countries, where government bureaucrats establish price controls and free market competition is denied. The poor suffer while the rich thrive. This is the economy of satan. Later in Revelation, the antichrist will take control of the world’s economy, requiring everyone to bear his mark if they wish to buy and sell (*Revelation 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.)

He will control who buys and who isn’t able to buy. And that is going to be a judgment against the earth.

THE FOURTH SEAL: DEATH

The fourth seal judgment is death, and the horse is pale, or ‘ashen’.., like a decomposing human body (*Revelation 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.*)

John wrote, 6:7 *“When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “COME”. 8-I looked and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth”* (verses 7-8).

Death is a result of warfare and famine. In this judgment God grants authority for the death of 1/4 of the earth’s population by large-scale warfare, famine, disease, and wild beasts. Think about it: the current world population is at least 7.5 billion people. If 1/4 of the worlds people were to die suddenly, that would be almost 1.9 billion people!

When this day comes during the tribulation it will be the greatest destruction of human life ever recorded. *In Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.* The Lord described it as a time of suffering *“such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.”*

THE FIFTH SEAL: MARTYRDOM

The fifth seal is the martyrdom of millions of believers in Christ who will be persecuted and martyred for their faith. *Revelation 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

John wrote, ‘When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the sounds of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘how long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?’ And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also” .

Though every believer in Christ will be removed from the earth at the rapture of the church, many people will come to faith in Christ after the rapture. Jesus said there will be a multitude of people saved during the tribulation, and it will cost them their lives. *Matthew 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.*

Luke 21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

In Revelation 6, the souls of the tribulation saints who have been martyred are in heaven. These martyrs cry out for vengeance. They are asking, 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? (“God, how long are You going to put up with this? Why don’t You judge what is happening on the earth and avenge our blood?”) By the way, this is one of the clearest passages in Scripture that teaches that people in heaven know what is happening on earth.

It’s interesting that the word for “LORD” in Revelation 6:10 isn’t the Greek word *Kurios*. Instead, it is the word from where we get *despot - despotes*. It could be translated ‘Master’ indicating divine might, power, and authority.

The martyrs want to know when, not if, the Lord will avenge their blood on “Those who dwell on the earth” (6:10). God tells them to trust Him and wait a little longer, because He will answer their prayers and exact just vengeance at the second coming of Christ.

THE SIXTH SEAL: COSMOLOGICAL DISTURBANCES

With the breaking of the sixth seal, the scene shifts back to earth. This final seal before the trumpet judgments begin is cosmological disturbances.

Revelation 6:

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

And John wrote in Revelation 6:12-17, “I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a gift tree casts its sunrise gifts when shaken by a great wind. The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?’”

At the opening of the sixth seal, it will seem like the universe is coming apart - that the end of the world is at hand.

Up to this point, the tribulation judgments have affected mainly the poor, but now nobody is exempt from the wrath of God.

People from the greatest to the lowest (**6:15 *And the Kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains:***) will experience cosmic disturbances. The kinds and the commanders, the free men as well as the slaves - all of them start hiding in the mountains. "And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us" (**6:16 *-And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.***) In other words, they were saying, "We would rather dead than face what we are about to face." What were they so fearful of that they would rather die than experience it? Did they say, "hide us from The earthquakes? Hide us from the volcanoes? Hide us from the meteors?" No, that's not what they're afraid of. They said, "Fall on us and hide us **FROM THE PRESENCE OF HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, AND FROM THE WRATH OF THE LAMB!** (Verse 16). When they looked in the sky that had been ripped in two, they saw Jesus Christ sitting on the throne.

When the kings of the earth saw the Lamb of God, they could have said, "Save us, Lord Jesus!" We confess our sins, we repent, we accept your free gift of salvation". Instead, their hearts were so hardened that they started praying to the rocks. And they said to the rocks, "Kill us, We would rather be dead than face the presence and the judgment of God."

The greatest dread for an unrepentant sinner isn't death; it's the terrifying presence of a holy God. Rebels against God would rather have a mountain fall on their heads than have to appear before God. But there is simply no escaping God's judgment in the tribulation. So the question these unbelievers asked is the right one: "Who is able to stand" in the day of God's wrath (**6:17 *For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?***) And of course, the answer is no one!

Revelation 6:1-17

1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

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.

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

SURVIVING THE COMING STORM

As horrible as the tribulation will be, it is only a preview of the full wrath of God. Some unbelievers will survive the tribulation and see the second coming of Christ. Everybody will believe then, but it will be too late for them. Those who did not accept Jesus Christ as Savior will face Him as their judge, and they will be sentenced to an eternity of separation from God in hell.

Some people say, "I'll just wait until this rapture thing happens, and if it does, then I'll trust Christ during the tribulation." But if you are unwilling to trust in Christ today when it is relatively easy to do so, what makes you think you will make that decision during the tribulation, when believers will be persecuted and martyred for their faith?

No one is able to stand the terrible day of God's wrath without His grace. The Bible speaks of the rapture as imminent, happening, "in the twinkling of an eye" (*1 Corinthians 15:52 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.*)

We don't know when that moment will come but we are to live as if it might happen today - because it might. And when the rapture does occur, all those who have refused to trust in Jesus will enter the tribulation.

That's why the Bible says, "Now is 'the day of salvation'". *2 Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

The message of Revelation is clear: you can accept Jesus's gracious offer of salvation today or you will face the certain wrath of Jesus someday. But the promise to all of us who have put our trust in Christ is that "God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." *1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Sister Shelbia continued:

We will not be silenced! Culture today -its difficult to even have a real conversation on the many social issues of our day. Our issues regarding racism, immigration, climate change are swirling. To nearly any question on these issues we are told its bigotry, hate, and 'not woke'. We are made to feel embarrassed about our understanding of same gender. We don't know what to do - we are like a deer in headlights. We are shamed into silence.

A late pastor said we always had home field advantage. We knew others were opposed to us but the larger stadium crowd was indifferent; that's all changed - a minority is on our side while a wider culture is rejoicing at our losses and the elitist in the sky box cheers them on.

GOOD NEWS: Praise be to God we are on the planning file at all. God is with us and we invite all those who are on the bench to join us for great 4th quarter plays. We must better understand the home team and those that oppose us.

We must not get discouraged - we must not sensationalize or be anxious or fearful. We must stand firm, be stable. Hang on to the Bible and hang on to Gods word.

We do live in this culture of Marxism. As incredible as it seems Carl Marx still rules from the grave but our God is in charge. ^[SEP]Shelbia encourages us to use the prayer tracks and the memory cards. Keep things that uplift.

Summary from Amir's: The Spirit and the bride say come – (See entire presentation notes at end of this session)

Amir Tsarfati's has behold Israel and the latest program above is a closing statement in the Bible . Amir said Revelation is the most ignored books of the Bible. He thanks God for hope an encouragement the Bible gives us. He prays that no one leaves the way they came; that we will take something we can use for God's kingdom.

Revelation is the only book that promises blessings to the one that reads and keeps Gods word. Heeds is also belief.

Revelation was written to Christians - the world does not understand it nor do they want to know. We read it and get more passionate about our fathers business. Amir had to go get a tissue - he was very emotional. Rev isa wonderful book - cover is gods love; content is judgment.

World is asking this judgment on itself. The love of God is throughout the whole book of revelation. *Verse 17, chap 22* raises many questions. *17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.* He read it in the Greek cause its important. Question - is it come Jesus or come to Jesus? He called this beautiful - longing for the church to come to Jesus and the longing for non-believers to come are both in this answer.

John 7:37-39 Jesus cried out to unbelievers to come.

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 14:15-18. Holy Spirit is come to us as our helper, to abide in us forever. The spirit of truth. Unsaved don't have the Holy Spirit in them.

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Amir said stop buying the things of the world,; only buy the things of the word.

Our purpose of us being in this world is to spread the good news and get people saved.

Pray first before we try to do anything.

Helper sent from father is truth. Unbelievers don't have this spirit so don't listen to them.

Every spirit that Confesses Jesus is God come in the flesh.

I John 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: This is an important way to test the spirit.

Amir spoke *II Corininthians 1:21-22*

21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. about us being sealed.

The Holy Spirit in us is a deposit - the first payment toward heaven.

Ephesians tells us what God has done for us.

Romans 8:23 - redemption and adoption - the seal is ownership - God paid the deposit when he put his seal on us. Church is the bride.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Ephesians 5:25-27 marriage of the lamb.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Rev 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Sister Shelbia talked about The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came and in dwelt in believers. The Holy Spirit is for all Christians. *Acts 2:1-4*

*1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

*Romans 8:9 - 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*
If we don't have the Holy Spirit we are not of Christ!

Matt 25:6-10

*6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.*

The 10 virgins - we must have oil (Holy Spirit), a constant flow of oil. Be in the word and communication with God. The Bride and spirit are restrained here.

The Church is salt and light now. Salt and light from *Matt 5:*

*1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:
2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*

13 *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

14 *Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*

15 *Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

17 *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*

18 *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

19 *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

20 *For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

21 *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:*

22 *But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*

23 *Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;*

24 *Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.*

25 *Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.*

26 *Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.*

27 *Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery*

28 *But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*

29 *And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.*

30 *And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.*

31 *It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:*

32 *But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.*

33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths:

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Salt = for flavor and preserve and to slow down decay.

Light = causes someone to run to the Lord.

We are not to glorify ourselves - let our light shine to glorify you the Lord and cause people to run to the lord.

Lawlessness - began in Genesis - we are pathetic without God. God saved Noah and his family. He was sorry he made man.

Rapture - after we are taken up the antichrist will come.

Who saw Jesus on the right hand of the father? Steven, when he was stoned.

Amir got very dramatic talking about the rapture. We will come back to earth to judge, reign with him, then we will have the Millenium after that. God wants all to come to him!

II Peter 3:8-9

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Amir says we should live according to ***Titus 2:11-14***

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (Eagerly watch)! Amir ended with Eagerly wait.

Amir's entire session - The spirit and Bride say come! Is at the end of these notes for those that are interested in reading it.

Sister Sharon reviewed the PRAYER LIST:

Kay M - Covid

Jerry M - health issues

Amanda C - bring her thru the surgery; loss of parents

Leadership of America

People of Afghanistan

Battle of light and dark in US

People of Haiti - children

People of Tennessee - flood, people missing

Grace community church as we make a decision about our future.

Baby Dillon - God bring him through

Dr. Derby's family

Ms. Buford - Covid

Steve & Carolyn S - MRI coming up

Fredericktown School - Covid

74 cases of Covid in Madison County

Dear Father in Heaven, as we call upon your name, how grateful we are for your love. How grateful we are that you are our god and you are in control. Father, for the many people and issues and problems that we have just listed here, nothing has taken you by surprise. There is nothing on this list you don't know about. We put all the problems and issues and all the people in your hands. Father, we are thankful for technology. Help us that this will grow smoother and smoother each week. We thank you for those that are trying so hard that we all might stay together. How we praise and love you; its just difficult for us. I for one have to keep asking for forgiveness that I won't have fear. We pray to you, thank you for your care and we thank you for all the answers you have and will provide. We pray these things in Jesus holy, holy, holy name. Amen.

Sister Sharon read from **Charles Stanley** - in stressful days we discover how much we really trust the lord. If doubt about his promises take route in our thinking it can lead us off his chosen path. But with steady believe we can recognize God's presence and persevere wherever we are. Peace comes through trusting in the Lords sovereign control. Believe it! He will work it out for our good and His glory. Ultimate relief comes in eternity, but until then we have His strength to help us in times of trial. Keep an eternal perspective and live by faith, not by sight.

Amir Tsarfati, The Spirit and the Bride say, come.

Wanted to share a message that's been on my heart for a long time. It's the closing statements of the book of Revelation. It's a very important book; and because its so important its the most ignored book by Christians by far.

Before we start, let's pray. ***Father, I thank you so much for this opportunity to be looking into your word together and to draw our hope, our joy, and our encouragement from you. So this morning we pray, that you will encourage all of us thru your word and that you will accuse no one to walk back home the same way he came. We thank you, we bless you and we ask this in the name of Yessuah, Jesus. Amen***

So the book of Revelation. Beautiful book one of the most important. The only book in entire Bible the reader and the teacher were promised great blessings when they studied this book. It's a wonderful book and it is written to all of us, although most of us will not even go thru most of this book. So why was it written to us? In order for us to know what God is sparing us from. And it was written to us, not to the world. The world has no clue, the world does not want to know, the world takes pleasure in the things of the world. The world is not the address of this book. This book is for us. But when we know what is going to happen we are even more passionate to go about and do the Father's business.

So, what I love about this book is that it gives us an interesting beginning and end, like a clam. I'm a Jew so I'm not sure about clams. But a beautiful cover from beginning to end. These are all wonderful promises and in between its not anything but the consequences and deeds of men. The cover is God's love. The content is a lot of judgment that the world is asking upon itself. The one thing that is really characterizing the book is the love of God, the promises of God from the beginning to the end. The verse I want to concentrate on this morning is Revelation 22:17.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (The spirit and the bride say come and let the one who hears say come; and let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes to take the worry of life without cost).

This is an amazing portion of scriptures that raises many questions and I've read it in the Greek. It's a beautiful text in the Greek. The reason I read it in the Greek is that there is a very important question to ask. Is it come Jesus or is it come to Jesus? It's beautiful cause you can clearly see the loading of the church for you to come; but you also see the loading of the non-believers to come to Him.

I'm reminded of *John 7:37-39*

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

So wait a minute, I thought the Holy Spirit was always around. It is true that His spirit is everywhere, but the church receives something that no other person or group of people ever received in the history of planet earth.

Which spirit are we talking about? In John we see, if you love me keep my commandments and I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another helper. Why am I emphasizing another? There are people who teach that the Holy Spirit is the Father and Jesus is the Father and the spirit is Jesus, and the Father is spirit and Jesus. It's called teaching that they are all the same and no, Jesus is saying, look, I the son will pray to the Father, and he will give you another helper.

That he may abide with you forever. What is it? The Spirit of Truth whom the world (every time I hear about a video of a rabbi who is teaching about the Holy Spirit I say, stop right there. He cannot have the Holy Spirit or know him. He cannot teach me anything about the Holy Spirit because he does not know him. Stop buying those things from eh world and start buying those things from the word. He says, the world cannot receive that because it neither sees him nor knows him, but you know him for he dwells with you, and he will be in you, and I will not leave you as orphans. Jesus says as, I am going to come to you. I am going to prepare a place for you. If it wasn't so I would have told you.

But I want you to know I am not asking the Father to take you out of the world because what is the purpose of the church? To be salt and light to the world. What is the point? of taking us from the world when God wants the world to be saved.

For God so loved the church? No, the world. So, he said, ok they can stay but just keep them from the evil one. He gives us the spirit of truth to assist us.

The Spirit of God is in you, and he's made as the helper. Oh, I can pray? Yes, you can. Sometimes we try everything and then only do we pray.

And then *John 15* says when the helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father; the spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father will testify of me.

John 15:

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.

22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.

23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

There is no person on planet earth that has the Holy Spirit and does not testify about Jesus. So a rabbi who does not accept Jesus cannot be someone that has the Holy Spirit. It's very simple.

He can be the chief rabbi, a scholar, a teacher, a professor. I don't care what he is. If he cannot testify that Jesus is God in the flesh, the word that became flesh, the one who died for us...he cannot say Jesus is God in the flesh, that Jesus is part of the Godhead, the deity of Christ.

All of them say he was a good teacher, some say he was a prophet (like Islam), NO - he is God and he will testify with me and you will bear witness because you have been with me from the beginning.

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. (We are His witnesses in these things and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to us who obey Him.)

Not only that we were given the Holy Spirit. The Greek is saying something even stronger than that. ***II Corinthians 1:21-22 says***

21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

He has sealed us and given us the spirit in our hearts as our inheritance.

The Holy Spirit in you is a deposit that's given as the full payment when we are out of here.

You see the same thing ***I Ephesians 1:13-14.***

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The first 3 chapters are about what God has done for us. We're only having one commandment which is remember who you were before.

In Him you also trusted after you heard the word of truth. The gospel of your salvation in whom The minute you hear the gospel, and you believe you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise who is the deposit (ARRABON) of our inheritance until the redemption of the perfect possession to the praise of His glory.

Romans 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Exactly, look at you. You may be a new creation in Christ with a new heart, but you don't have a new body. We are trapped in this flesh and in order to inherit the kingdom of God and enter into his presence, we must change.

Change...look at yourself. You are dying. I'm 18 what? From there it's all downhill. So, the redemption of the future is the redemption of the body.

The word sealed is to set a seal upon authenticity and ownership. (Sphragizo is the Greek word for this.) Sphragizo's is seal but Sphragizo is the 'be sealed'. Amazing. God put a seal on you. He paid the deposit and he put a seal. You are authentic if you in deed believe and you have the spirit of promise and truth.

So now we understand who is the spirit, in the spirit and the bride. Oh,

Ephesians 5:25-27 says

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

She should be holy and without blemish.

Revelation 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

We are the bride. Some of you say what? Yes, and we have a wedding to attend a no the wedding is not here. It is up there. **In order to go up there we must be taken to be up there.** We must be changed first - law of gravity no longer has any power over you - and we are with Him.

Revelation 21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

In heaven, he is showing Him the bride. In fact, it is the spirit that makes the bride. If we are setting right here as a group of people on Sunday morning and we don't have the spirit in us, we are NOT the bride!

What makes us the bride is our faith in Jesus that gave us, as we believed the Holy Spirit. The spirit of promise the helper, spirit of truth, the comforter. The one who shows the world what sin is. For us, we believe in the way, the truth and the life,

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Jesus is saying that to who? His name is Nicodemus. Who was he? A Jew. A teacher in Israel and he's telling a teacher of the Jews, you're a teacher and you don't know that being born of water - we are all great swimmers - but we forget and then we learn again. To enter into the kingdom you must be born of the water and of the spirit!

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This is a whole teaching about tongues - other tongues so other people will understand them.

I Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

Do you understand? There is no Holy Spirit for the Jews and a different one for the Greeks and another for those in Vegas?

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

The Bible says....

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

There are so many interrelations of the story of the 10 virgins, but since I'm here I'll tell you mine. The Bible is clearly saying at midnight a cry was heard. Behold the bridegroom is coming. When someone is called bridegroom, what is he referring to? A wedding. Go out to meet him.

I'm thinking to myself - I'm a bridegroom and who am I going to go see? Other girls? Other virgins? Of course, I'll go to the bride.

Matthew 25:6-10

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

The last time I heard, after he talked about one taken and one left behind. Last time I heard the door is shut is when those that are ready are taken and those that are not, are left behind. The oil is the Holy Spirit. You can run on your own fumes for a short time. You can pretend for a short time, but if you don't have constant flow of the Holy Spirit, (you can't imitate this). Ladies and gentlemen, **THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE ARE THE RESTRAINER.**

In order for the restrainer to restrain there has to be the presence of the Holy Spirit in the body of the church. The church is called to be salt and light. The salt is to preserve and flavor and slow down the decay. When they had dead soldiers in old times, they would put the bodies in bags of salt so they could bury them a few weeks later. The salt slows down decay.

You can imagine what this country would have been like if the church had been gone.

Matthew 5:13-16

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

The Roman soldiers - when salt lost its flavor they use to throw it on the roads so the weeds would not grow. This is how they kept the roads clear all the time.

If we lose the flavor we will be worth nothing and people will trample over us.

When people see your good works, they need to glorify your Father which is in heaven. Our job is to cause someone to run to the Lord - not glorify you.

2 Thessalonians 2:5-8

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

The lawlessness is already at work. When did lawlessness begin? **Genesis 3:**

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

*20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.
21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.
22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil:
and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from
whence he was taken.
24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and
a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

And when did lawlessness reach its peak? **Genesis 6:**

*1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters
were born unto them,
2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them
wives of all which they chose.
3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet
his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.
4 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God
came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty
men which were of old, men of renown.
5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination
of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his
heart.
7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth;
both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that
I have made them.
8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.
9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations,
and Noah walked with God.
10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.
12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted
his way upon the earth.
13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled
with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.
14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it
within and without with pitch.
15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three
hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.
16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the
door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt
thou make it.
17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh,
wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.*

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.

20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

That's how pathetic we are when we are without God. When we choose it our way, it takes only 3 chapters. God said he was sorry he made man. This is the saddest portion of scripture.

He said, *Genesis 6*:

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

So the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only the Holy Spirit in us now restrains (slows down). He will do so until he is taken out of the way and then (after) only after we are taken out of the way will the lawless one (antichrist) will be here. Jesus returns to the clouds for the bride. For we say by you that *I Thessalonians 4:15-18*

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.

Who saw Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father? Steven, who was stoned to death saw Jesus.

Everyone is thinking Feast of Trumpets - but that is when Jesus comes back to Israel. This has to be fulfilled right before Tom Kippur.

Where is the meeting point of us with Jesus? People will watch us go up - the minute you see Jesus in the air, from that moment on you will never be apart from him. When he decides to come back to earth, we come with Him. When he decides to judge, we judge with Him. When he decides to reign, we reign with Him.

Jesus will return again to Jerusalem for Israel.

Isaiah 63:1-3

1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

This is like Jesus really speaking on his second coming.

The Lord will go forth and fight against those nations. *Zechariah 14:3-4*

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

And the Bible says, that the Lord will come and all His saints will come with Him.

Now we've come to the point in history when the rapture could happen at any given moment.

Rapture now means many unsaved; and rapture later means much suffering for all of us. Which one?

He's not asking you when. God has his timing. *II Peter 3:8-9*

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

He wants ALL to come to repentance. It's not like he created the already to go to hell.

Phillipians 1:29 For unto you it is given (has been granted) on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake.

And when we are active about His coming and His kingdom, He will be active about us going from our troubled world. We must understand the times and the seasons. Everything we studied yesterday must ring in your ears and mind.

Ephesians 5:15-16

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Christians are so shocked that everything goes wrong in this world. Why? The days are evil.

I Thessalonians 5:1-5

1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

He's going to surprise. When they say peace and safety then sudden destruction come upon them.

We need not to fight with our own strength, but we must acknowledge God's sovereignty.

Job 42:1-6

1 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

3 Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. (I will question you and you shall answer me)

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.

6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

We must trust, abide, pray, seek/ask and watch! For the Gentiles eagerly seek these things....

Matthew 6:33-34

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

God knows what you need.

Matthew 7:7 - Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness. Ask and it will be given unto you, Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be open to you.

There is an active approach here - he is telling you, ASK, SEEK, KNOCK.

Oh, I'm staying home. Whatever he wants to do he will do. That's not the approach of the believer.

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Father, we thank you that you are about to do this. What? Let your what? Let your requests be made known to God.

The Spirit and the Bride say COME!

Is there anything wrong with it? NO

The people awaiting His return vs. the people who are walking in darkness. There is no believer that has the Holy Spirit that was born from above that cannot say that he wants Jesus to come.

Remember I landed in Singapore one time and was picked up by the deacon of a church in a beautiful Mercedes and I love cars. I'm listening to him as he tells me God has blessed my business so much. And I'm blessed financially and I'm building my dream house right now and I don't mind if Jesus does not come back. He wanted an earthly mansion when Jesus for the past 2,000 years has been working on a heavenly mansion for him.

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Appearing is not the second coming - he appears in the clouds - this glorious appearing of God and savior (Jesus/Yessuah, which means salvation). He knows that I want you to know that He gave Himself for us that he might purify His own special people (Zellous) for what? Good works.

Hebrew 9:27-28

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Romans 8:23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

The salvation of your parting. He will appear again a second time for those who wait for Him to save our body.

John 3:18-19

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

All have sinned and condemned. The minute you believe you are out of the condemned already so he says if you believe in Him you are not condemned, but if you don't believe in the name of the only begotten son, you are condemned.

I'm going to run a new say to you this, we know what's going to happen with this world.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12.

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The time of the Gentiles is concluding; Israels time will begin, we know that. **Romans 11:19-25**
19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again.

24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

I'm running through all the way to tell you that in Hosea 5:15 I will return again to my place until Israel has acknowledged their offense and they will earnestly seek me.

The Bible says that Jesus will not come back to Jerusalem until Jerusalem will ask Him to come back.

Matthew 23:37-39

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

You shall see the Lord no more until you say what? Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

I love the fact that God wants us to ask Him to come. Moses, my favorite portion when I sign books. I look at Moses, that's a very Jewish attitude right now.

Exodus 33:13

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

Exodus 33:12-17

12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

MOSES DEMANDS THAT GOD WILL LEAD OR HE WON'T MOVE!

14 And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

15 And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence.

16 For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

Its not only legitimate to ask and demand that Jesus return, but its actually a sweet aroma to Him. The spirit and bride say 'COME'. We must be eagerly waiting for Him to come for the earnest expectation of creation eagerly waits for the Revelation of the Son of God. Not only that, but we also who have the first word of the Spirit

Romans 8:23-25

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

We eagerly wait with perseverance:

I Corinthians 1:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; (eagerly) waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Galatians 5:5 For we through the Spirit (eagerly) wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Phillipians 3:20 For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look (eagerly wait) for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that (eagerly wait) look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

II Timothy 4:6-8 Paul is about to die.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth (finally) there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

I might die today but He will give to me on that day; and not to me only, but to all those who are eagerly waiting for His appearing.

Revelation 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Let's say together, COME LORD JESUS!

Thank you - God bless you!