

The King is Coming!

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Sister Shelbia opened with prayer:

Our Father God,

We are so very thankful to you that you've let all these people join in this lesson. We are very thankful for Dr. Jeffress and all he has taught us. Help us retain what we've learned and to pass on what is helpful. Help us know you better. We want to know your truth. Guard us from deception and false teaching. Help us to get what you want us to from this lesson; and help us honor and glorify you in all things. Amen.

Pastor Robert Jeffress - THE KING IS COMING!

My grandfather use to say the end of anything is sad. That's true whether you're talking about an exhilarating foot ball game, an interesting book, a good movie, or a cherished friendship. The end of anything is sad, except for the end of the Bible.

Because when we come to the end of the Bible, we find its not the end. Its just the beginning of a brand new existence God has prepared for them that know Jesus Christ.

And today we have come not only to the end of the book of Revelation but we've come to the end of Gods word itself.

If you have your Bibles, turn to **Revelation 22** for our final message in our series Final Conquest. Its been almost a year since we began our study of the book of Revelation. Its been quite a year. Who would have ever thought we'd been thru all we have in a year.

But there is a great final conquest coming when God is going to return to reclaim this world that belongs to him. Since this is the last message, I thought we'd take about 5 minutes to review where we've been.

Remember this revelation was given to the apostle John when he was on the island of Patmos, exiled for refusing to worship the Roman Emperor.

Jesus Christ appeared to John in His glorified form and told him to write down his vision of the glorified Lord and the future that awaited those who remained obedient to Jesus Christ.

That's the purpose of this book - to encourage us to be obedient to Jesus Christ.

Why? Because Jesus Christ is coming back again to reward the righteous and to punish the unrighteous. That's the theme of the book of Revelation.

Chapter 1 - the vision of the glorified Lord. That's how John saw it. Not as the suffering savior who had been nailed to a cross but as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Chapters 2 & 3 - the message to the 7 churches. God picked out 7 churches in Asia Minor and had a specific message to those churches, but to our churches as well as to what God looks for, what God commands and what He condemns in a church.

Chapter 4 & 5 - we have a picture of praise in heaven and an opening of a scroll. This is right before the beginning tribulation and we see the church in heaven. Its been raptured already. The churches around the throne of God praising God. And remember the book of the 7 sealed book of redemption. This book describes the final acts of God to reclaim this earth that belongs to him; and somebody asked, who is worthy to open this book and only the Lamb of God (Jesus) was worthy to open the book.

When He does open the 7 sealed scroll we see in Revelation 6 the first of 3 judgments on earth.

Revelation 6 begins the final 7 years on earth. We call it the Great Tribulation. It is a time that God pours out His wrath on the earth. Not only to judge the unbelievers but to redeem those who would trust in Christ. This is man's last chance to be saved.

We see the first of those judgments in chapter 6:

1. King on horse with a bow and no arrows. This is the beginning of antichrist.

The world unanimously turns to antichrist for leadership. The reason is apparently there is some world wide crisis that has made people desperate for anyone who has an answer for this world wide problem. Don't we see that today, right now?

Now look, I'm not denying the reality of this pandemic. It is killing hundreds of thousands of people. People are getting sick. I think it is right to have restrictions and to try and slow this pandemic.

But the Bible indicates in the future, a world leader will assume power after a great world wide crisis. Perhaps it is a crisis that coincides with the rapture of the church.

People are looking for answers. The economy is in a turmoil and antichrist assumes power. He is the world wide dictator. And that is the beginning of these seal judgments.

Chapter 7 - we see 144,000 Jewish evangelists. At the beginning of the tribulation He will save and seal with protection 144,000 Jewish evangelists.

Chapters 8 & 9 - contain the second series of judgments - The Trumpets

Chapter 10 - A mighty angel takes a stand on the earth - one foot in the sea and one foot on the land. He announces the end is near.

Chapter 11 - The two witnesses - God will raise up 2 witnesses that will be killed because they deliver the message of God and they will be miraculously raised up for all the world to see. This will be 2 lamp stands the Bible describes - like Moses and Elijah, shining in the darkness.

Chapter 12 & 13 - an explanation about the satanic trinity. The dragon (satan), beast (antichrist) and false prophet.

Chapter 14 - A picture of the 2 harvests: The angel with the sickle that will harvest the ripe grapes. A picture of the unsaved - They are about to burst forth with sin and God takes the grapes and throws them in the vat where they are trampled in that vat until their blood is splattered out, up to the bridle on a horse. There is the harvest of the saved that he will gather to himself.

Chapter 15 & 16 - the final judgments - the bowl judgments against the earth.

The end of 16 is the very brink of Armageddon and the return of Jesus.

Before that happens, God explains 2 other things He wants us to find.

Chapter 17 - judgment/destruction of Babylon and the false church. The false church aids the antichrist to his rise in power. God destroys it.

Chapter 18 - God destroys the economic Babylon.

Chapter 19 - all world forces gathered on the plain of Megiddo in which they attempt to overthrow the antichrist.

At this point the beast and false prophet are put in the lake of fire.

Remember when we get to **Chapter 20 - we have Christ ruling the millennium.** Satan is bound during this time. But at the end of the millennium, there is a final rebellion against God. There is a resurrection of all the unsaved dead since the beginning of time; and a great white throne judgment of all the unsaved dead that are judged by the record of their dead's.

Anyone not found in the Book of Life is cast in the lake of fire.

The present earth is destroyed by fire.

Chapter 21 & 22 - John says he saw a new heaven and a new earth; and there is no longer any sea. This is exactly where we've been. And now we come to a new word about a new heaven and new earth.

Chapter 22 - some final words of encouragement, a warning, and God's final benediction.

Let's look first of all at some further information about the New Jerusalem. There was no chapter break in the original text. It was all one continuous text.

We've already seen that there will be a new Jerusalem and Jesus said, I am preparing a place for you. This city is being built in heaven. I call it the ultimate in pre-fab housing. Although its being

constructed in housing, John says he saw the New Heaven, and New Jerusalem coming down on earth. Gods building it in heaven, but it is a literal city that will be here on earth. It will be our primary dwelling place. It measures 1500 miles by 1500 miles, length and width; and 1500 miles high. Its a cube. Its over 2 million square feet just on one level of it. Its a humongous city. It goes 1500 miles in the sky (over 600,000 stories of a sky scraper).

Then when we get to chapter 22.

Chapter 22:1, says there is a river in it.

1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Remember in the garden of Eden there was a river that had 4 branches to it. There's something about water that's refreshing. It symbolizes eternal life in the Bible. Its a place of refreshment. Isn't that true right now? In the dog days of Summer, we try to get close to water as quickly as we can. We want to get as close to the water as we can. It brings relief to us. Its that same way in the new heaven and new earth.

And then in verse 2 there's something else John sees. This stream flows thru the new city.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

There is something else John sees - the tree of life. We saw this tree in the book of Genesis. Remember, after Adam and Eve sinned, God out of His mercy, kept them from eating the fruit from the tree of life. If they'd eaten from this tree in their fallen state, they would have been separated from God forever.

But we see this tree again and apparently its so large it spans both sides of the stream with the river in between it. And it bears 12 kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. It bears a different fruit each month that this tree bears.

Remember this - when the plain sense makes plain sense, seek no other sense.

We will eat food in our resurrected bodies - we will eat at the wedding feast of the lamb.

Why is this fruit provided? Do you remember that Jesus, in his resurrected body ate food in his new resurrected body when he walked the earth for 40 days. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. The word healing comes from the Greek word that we get therapeutic from. This means its health giving or life giving. Its mainly for our enjoyment. That's clear in verse 3:

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

You and I will serve him. Don't ever think heaven is going to be a place you will be confined to a cloud for the rest of existence. No God is going to have work for us to do in the new heaven and earth. There is work that we will do in the new heaven and earth as well.

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

We shall see God's face. Remember, nobody has ever seen God's face and lived to tell about it, the Bible says.

Exodus 32: 1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron.

4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the LORD.

6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves:

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people:

10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?

12 Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people.

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever.

14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp.

18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear.

19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and straved it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them?

22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on mischief.

23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it me: then I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the LORD plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

Remember when Moses was discouraged and he begged God to let him see his face? God explained he couldn't see God's face and live, so He took Moses into a hiding place - the cleft of the rock and He hid Moses face where he could only see the trailing edge of God as He passed by. That experience caused Moses face to shine with light with God's radiance. Finally, in heaven we will see the face of God.

He gives us words of encouragement in 22:6

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

We saw this same word in verse 1. The same things which soon must take place - quickly. I come quickly. Its the word Inteaka. A tachometer measures the speed in your engine. Once the events of the end time begin to unfold, they will unfold very quickly. This refers to measuring the speed with which Gods words of encouragement comes.

This means once the events of the end time begin to unfold, they will unfold very quickly .

Remember a chain of domino's, and how they all begin to fall once the first one falls?

Once the rapture takes place, everything will happen very quickly afterward.

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

That's the same blessing we find in chapter **1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.**

The book of Revelation is the only book that has a special blessing attached to those who read and obey it! Isn't it strange how many churches never open the book of Revelation.

Prophecy is the theme of the entire Bible - that Jesus is coming back again. What you also notice is that this blessing is not for those who read this book and can fill out the Bible chart correctly. That is not who the blessing is to. You get no credit from God if you get to heaven with correct theology. You get no credit for knowledge. Now don't misunderstand. Theology is very important - the study of God. Because what we believe determines how we behave. But God did not give us any book in the Bible to increase our head knowledge, but to increase our level of obedience to God.

He gave us the Bible to increase our level of obedience to God.

Its blessing is everybody who reads and heeds the prophecy of this book.

John was so overwhelmed with what he saw.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

The angel said, don't worship me. I'm just a servant like you. Worship God instead.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

Don't seal up the book. It is not to remain a mystery that's unread. For the time is near. This really confuses people. Jesus says the time is near. That word time in Greek is an interesting word. Two words in Greek: 1 word is *KRONOS* - clock time. If I were to say to you, the end of my sermon is near. The time of the ending of my sermon is near you would think I meant clock time.

The word used here is the second word is *KAİROS* - a season of time or an age. The season of Christ coming is near and that's true.

We are living in the last period of time before the rapture of the church. When Jesus has set aside the Jewish people to allow gentiles like you and me the opportunity to come to be a part of God's blessing. We are in the final period of time when the rapture of the church occurs.

Understanding that truth look at verse 11:

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

Isn't that a confusing verse. Let the one who does wrong keep doing wrong. Is that a command to keep sinning if you are sinning? Of course not! What this verse reminds us of - because the time is near, the time is coming soon for whatever decision you've made about God is fixed for eternity.

That's true about the angels now.

At the beginning of time, Lucifer took some angels with him. Their decision was a one time decision that was fixed forever. Those angels who serve God do not have the option of changing their minds now. The same thing will happen at one time in the future. Right now you can change your relationship with God. You can choose to follow him. Your relationship with God is fluid, right now, but one day it will be fixed for all eternity.

Perhaps this illustration will help you understand that:

You remember in the good old days when you took pictures with a camera. Remember they didn't have an electronic computer card in it. It had something called film. After you'd finish a roll of film you'd have it developed and send it to a laboratory and they'd develop a picture for you. You'd get a picture back once they developed it.

You'd go into the dark room with a red light, open up the back of the camera and put the film in the developing bath that would cause the negative to be formed into a picture. But at a point in the process, my friend would take the negative out of a chemical bath

And he'd put it in the stop bath, which would cause the picture to stop developing and it would become fixed. What the picture was at that moment, it would always be.

There is such a process for you and me.

There is a time in the future when our relationship with God will be fixed for all eternity. It's the moment of your death. The moment you die, If you are practicing righteousness, you will be practicing righteousness for all eternity. You'll have a beautiful relationship with God. But if you don't have a relationship with God you will live in hell for eternity.

That's why he says let the one who does wrong, still do wrong.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Don't let anybody tell you that God doesn't care about your works. Your works are going to be the basis by which God is going to judge you. He's coming to judge every man by his works. We've seen that in this study. A Christian's works will be evaluated by God and it will determine the kind of heaven we experience.

For the unbeliever, he will be judged by the things he has done, according to his works. Revelation 20. He's rejected grace. He wants us to be judged by his works.

And every man who chooses that type of judgment will come up lacking from the perfection required by Jesus Christ.

Works verify our salvation, but works never earn our salvation. Our salvation is verified by our works, but its never earned by our works.

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

We are saved by grace for good works, We are not saved by good works.

You see that emphasized in **Revelation 22:13-14**

13 I (Jesus Christ) am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Who is it that has a right to the tree of life? Who is it that's going to be welcomed to the new city of Jerusalem? Those who have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb.

That is a picture of a person who realized that his own righteousness is not good enough to enter into heaven. The Bible says our righteousness, the best we can do is like a filthy rag to God. But the Bible promises that if we will wash our righteousness in the blood of the Jesus Christ, the blood can remove any stain from our life's record.

Though your sins be scarlet, God promises to make them white as snow. That's what the blood of Christ does for us.

That's why He says blessed are those who wash their robes in the blood of the lamb. Only they will have a right to enter/inherit the kingdom of God.

Now, if you have a King James Bible, you're looking at me and saying what are you talking about? That's not what my Bible says. The King James Bible says blessed are those that do God's commandments. Why is that? Its a big difference. If you want to know how to get to heaven, this is a big deal folks.

Is it by my works or by the blood of Christ?

If you want to know how to get to heaven by doing Gods commandments or by washing my life in the blood of Jesus Christ.

Why does the King James Version say, Blessed are those that do Gods commandments?

The King James Bible was published in 1611. It was based on a special Greek text. The Greek New Testament that was assembled by Erasmus in 1516 - about 90 years before the King James Bible.

That Greek New Testament that Erasmus put together by called Textus Receptus was the foundation of the King James Bible. In 1516, when Arasmus was putting together that Greek New Testament, he used 3 Greek manuscripts on the New Testament to prepare the Greek New Testament. one from the 10th, the 12th and the 15th century.

As Erasmus set there, he looked at those 3 manuscripts and they all said the same thing. Blessed are those who keep Gods commandments. So that's what he put in his Greek New Testament that ended up in the King James Bible.

But since that time, and almost 500 years since that time, we have discovered older manuscripts by hundreds and hundreds of years that said blessed are those who wash their robes...in other words, the text we now have that is closer to the original text, says blessed are those who wash their robes; and that explains the difference between the King James Version and the newer versions like The New International and The New American Standards used the older manuscripts. The newer versions use the older manuscripts and therefore, are more accurate. Closer to the original date they were written.

Why would some scribe, sitting there in the the 16th century change this text? Why would somebody tamper with Gods Word like that? From blessed are those who keep Gods commandments.

Dr. Chriswell has a great word about this. From the beginning of time, man has said God's grace is not enough. I need to add my good works. Surely there is something I can do to earn Gods forgiveness. Since the beginning of time people have been trying to hang a sign above the Cross that says 'necessary, but not enough'.

We try to add our works to Gods grace; and God says NO. **IT IS BY GODS GRACE AND GRACE ALONE THAT WE ARE SAVED.**

And thats why you see the change here.

Not the original text, God said blessed are those who wash their robes in the blood of Jesus.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Don't let anybody tell you everybody is going to heaven. They are NOT. There are those inside the wall who are part of the New Jerusalem; and those outside the wall will be there forever.

The Final invitations of the Bible are in ***Revelation 22: 16 & 17:***

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

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 first invitation is for the Holy Spirit to come. The Holy Spirit is grieved by the sin and rebellion he sees in the world today, and he cry's out to Jesus the Son and he cries out to Go and says Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

Its not only the Holy Spirit who yearns for Jesus Christ. Its the church too.

The Bride (church) says come.

This is the desire of every believer - Lord Jesus Come!

Whoever is a child of God longs for the Return of Jesus Christ!

It is the believer who longs for the return of Jesus Christ.

I tell you I look at you when you sing about Jesus Christs return and your faces light up because thats the desire of every believer. For the Lord to Come. Whoever is a child of God longs for the return of Jesus Christ.

The unbeliever does not long for his return, but the believer longs for the return of Jesus Christ.

And the Bible says a second invitation - let the one who is thirsty, come.

This is a second invitation to whosoever will to come!

Jesus died for all the sins of the world. He died for not just some people but anyone who is willing to repent of his sin and place his faith in Jesus Christ. They can be saved and secured forever.

The gospel is for everyone!

Whoever wishes to take the water of life, let him come!

When First Baptist Dallas was designed, we wanted it to be a witness for the entire world. The centerpiece is this magnificent fountain with Jesus's cross lifted up high so everyone can see it. The cross represents the shed blood of Jesus Christ apart from which there is no sin. Then, cascading down the front of the cross is the water of life. It blends in the fountain and bursts into the air. This is from ***John 4:14*** These are Jesus words that are on the base of this fountain for everyone to see. ***14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*** That's Gods invitation - whoever wishes to take the water of life without cost, let him do so.

Then there's a special warning -

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Nobody should add anything to Gods Word! If you add to the book of Revelation, God will add to you the plagues of this book.

You say, how can people add to the book of Revelation?

We see people adding to this all the time. These christian crackpots who are trying to predict when Jesus is coming back.

Author after author, preacher after preacher predicting when Jesus will return.

The book 1988 - was written and it gives 88 reasons Christ is coming back in 1988. Of course, it is false.

The Bible says in Matthew 24:36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

The problem is when you add to the book of Revelation, people write you off as a crackpot. And because they think you are a crackpot, they are kept from reading a very important prophecy about the Lords return.

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

How do you take away from the book of Revelation? You see it again in these intellectual Christian circles who talk about "we've got this new understanding of Revelation".

Some say its (Revelation) has already happened. Its already taken place - they believe the Bible is history but not prophecy.

Wouldn't that be a sad thing? If we'd already lived thru the millinium, the rapture and the return of Christ and we missed it.

The Bible says anybody who takes away from the Bible will have his place and his rights to the tree of life taken away as well.

Wow, Pastor - are you saying somebody could lose their salvation??

Romans 11:29 says For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Pastor Jeffress says, "What I am saying is I don't care if you were a pastor or the pope himself. If you take away from this book you are going to hell. Not because you have lost your salvation but because you didn't have it in the first place".

"No true believer will tamper with this book in anyway cause he knows this is Gods Word".

That is the final warning in the Bible.

Then John closes with these words:

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

Some say, Lord you said that 2000 years ago. Where are you? What's the hold up? Where's the delay?

Remember,

2 Peter 3:8 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.

Beloved don't let this escape your notice. With the Lord 1 day is as 1000 years and 1000 years is as 1 day. God isn't slow about his promise. He's not off schedule. According to God's calendar, it's only been 2 days since God made these orders. He's coming back and he's coming back quickly.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

So be it! Come Lord Jesus, Come.

That's not the desire of an unbeliever.

No unbeliever I know is saying come quickly Lord Jesus, come quickly.

Every unbeliever knows that Death or the return of Jesus Christ means the end of everything important to the unbeliever. The end of his career, his status, his possessions.

All that faces him now is eternal judgment.

For the believer, who says Amen, come quickly Lord! For the coming of Christ means there shall no longer be any mourning, crying, pain, or death for them instead these things have passed away.

Author Joseph's Sitz pictures Jesus coming as a lady waiting for her lover to return.

Fiction has painted the picture of a maiden who left her for a voyage to the Holy land, promising on return that he was going to make her his bride.

Many told her that she would never see him again, but she believed what her lover said and evening by evening she went down to the lonely shore and kindled there a beacon light in sight of the roaring waves, to hail and welcome her to her betrothed. By that watch fire she took her stand every night that he who meant everything in the world to her might come.

Even so that blessed Lord who has loved us to death has gone away to the mysterious holy land of heaven, promising on his return to make us his happy and eternal bride.

*Some say he's gone forever and we shall never see him again,
But his last word was, yea, I come quickly.*

And on the dark and misty beach sloping out into the sea, each true believer stands by the love lit fire looking, waiting, praying and hoping for the fulfillment of his word.

And on one of those nights while the world is busy with its frivolities and laughing at the maiden on the shore; a storm shall rise over the surging waves as once it did on Galilee to vindicate forever, all of this watching and devotion; and bring to the faithful and constant heart, a joy, a glory and a kingdom which never more shall end.

Even so - come quickly Lord Jesus. Come Quickly!

Sister Shelbia shared that Dwight Jones devotions are emphasizing the word of God in us and prayer. He is having a devotion every day and his church is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. They have the word of God going on CD on line. He says we need to get CD's of the Bible and play every day in our homes.

Sister Shelbia prays that we can get together some day and exchange ideas. We need to pray that Covid will subside soon so we can get together. This has been a wonderful study for me - the thing I have gotten the most beside the hope of the wonderful future is the sad thing of deception that has gone on since the garden of Eden. We need to pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal the truth to us.

Sister Shelbia shared

Who Am I - see what happens

Hang this list this on your refrigerator!

I am the salt of the earth.

Matthew 5:13 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.

I am the light of the world.

Matthew 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

I am a child of God.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

I am a slave of righteousness.

Romans 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

I am a joint heir with Christ, sharing his inheritance with him.

Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

I am a temple, a dwelling place of God, His son and His life dwells in me.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

I am a member of Christs body.

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Ephesians 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

I am a new creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

I am a saint.

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

I Corinthians 1:2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phillipians 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Colossians 1:2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am Gods workmanship, his handy work or am new in Christ to do his work. Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

I am a fellow citizen with the rest of Gods family.

Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

I am a prisoner of Christ.

Ephesians 3:1 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, and 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

I am righteous and holy.

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

I am a citizen of heaven seated at heaven right now.

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

Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

I am hidden with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

I am chosen of God, holy and dearly loved.

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

1 Thessalonians 1:4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

I am a partaker of Christ. I share in his life.

Hebrews 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

I am one of Gods living stones being built us in Christ as a spiritual house.

1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

I am a member of a chosen race; a royal priest hood, a holy nation, a people for Gods own possession.

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

I am an alien and stranger to this world in which I temporarily live.

I Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

I am an enemy of the devil.

I Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

I am born of God and the evil one, the devil cannot touch me.

I John 5:18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

By faith in Christ you have been born into Gods family and the following words are true of you:

I am a temple, a dwelling place of God, His spirit and life dwells in me

I am a new creation

I am reconciled to God and am a minister of reconciliation

I am a saint

I am God's workmanship

That's as far as I'm going today.

I am just so impressed that God would put all this in His word. He loves us this much that we are a chosen race, a royal priest hood, an enemy to this world in which I temporary live.

Read this twice a day and see what happens!

I have to constantly keep these positive things on my mind.

PRAYER LIST: We have quite a prayer list again. Its wonderful to see that God is working. We see God working - we know satan is trying really hard, but God is in charge and He is working. We are thrilled to get some praises today!

Pray we can gather at the church one of these days and have a pow wow.

Praise for:

Dawn Pinkley's recovery - she is on her way home. The obstruction is gone - we praise God for this! Sharon's feeling good - she got an adjustment with Cindy a few days ago and has been feeling fine for several days.

Brislane will get to come home when she eats. Her mother Jess is with her. They got IVs in her and as soon as she eats she can come home.

Marilyn's great granddaughter that just turned 2 a few days ago has a story - she went to get tubes in her ears. A specialist at Barnes put the tubes in but she wasn't doing well, so they took her back to the specialist who said he didn't see anything wrong. The baby (2 years old) kept fussing and pulling at her ears, so they took her to a new ear doctor in Farmington who discovered the tubes had been put in backward. So all the gunk which was suppose to drain was backed up in her ears behind those tubes. So the doctor in Farmington took out the tubes and he had to scrape out some of the stuff that was in her ears. We pray she will be fine now that she has the whole thing corrected, but its concerning that a specialist at Barnes would put them in backward and say they are alright. We pray she is on the way to being alright.

Ron and Marilou are slowly recovering. They've been through a lot with covid and the after affects. We continue to pray for them.

Carolyn and Steve, Jerry and Kay - strength and Gods help in healing. God is blessing them in many ways and they are all showing us what the power of prayer and the power of God can do.
Larry Green - Good news from his tests today. He's off his lung medications, has a sleep study scheduled, and other tests are coming up. We are asking God to reveal what he needs to get better.
Summer Rose - home and doing well - We pray God will continue to keep her home and doing well.

We pray for:

Judy Barron's daughter.

Alfreda Winick - covid.

Lawrence and Shirley - need prayer for swelling in feet and legs; and no appetite or energy.

Donna Stam - hernia surgery - still struggling. We pray for her recovery.

Brother Jim - 86, lives lone. Had vaccine, but has a mild case of covid. He lives alone.

John Shoemaker - Amanda's nieces husband - 49 years old. In ICU in Cape. This is his second heat attack. I found a verse in ***Psalms 73:26 My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.***

We need to pray for this man.

Sarah - for continued healing

Elsie - cancer.

Wayne and Magge - a big move is in front of them. Magge needs strength as she recovers from the Bronchitis.

Shawn - throat cancer

Dotties brother and grandson - covid

Ashley and Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Losh, Ronnie Hill - stroke and other issues, Nina - stroke

Barbara Hart, Jay, Johnny and Jeannie Hill, Jeanne Hill's son in law - recovery from covid

Barb's brother, George - recovery

Bereavement prayers: Lee Pinkley family, The Crowell family, The Winick family

Darla's family - Susan requested prayer

The Peace of Jerusalem and Israel cause God requires us to pray for his people.

Christian's world wide - persecution, and abused. Having to meet underground - its end times with unusual things happening.

Josh Hawley and Christian leaders in Washington

Pastors - Gods wisdom to guard against false teaching and perception.

Dwight Jones - praying his heart out.

Pastor David - stays healthy and able to give us what we need

Put on Gods armor every single day,

Gods strength and blood of Jesus cover us.

Prisoners who have been kept since 1-6-2021 have been on the news more - terrible thing what is happening to these people. At least 40 in Washington DC - being held in solitary confinement, without legal representation, no charges - form of horrible abuse.

And We look forward to starting a new series where do we go from here.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings you have given us and praise you for keeping us safe in your arms. We know you are aware of the needs of the many people on our prayer list today; and we humbly ask that you cover all of them with your blood and your healing touch. We thank you for your son, our savior, Jesus Christ. We praise and thank you for giving us the ability to continue our Bible study each week. Please forgive us and be with us. Give us strength and

boldness to tell others about you in these last days. In Jesus name we pray, Amen!