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From Heaven's Heart

“Escape The Coming Night”

A good friend and mentor dropped by my office a few weeks ago to share four books with me. Actually they are study guides as companion books to the larger book written by Dr. David Jeremiah, “Escape The Coming Night”, (an in depth study of the Book of Revelation).

The purpose of the Book and Study Guides are for the reader to learn and to apply biblical truth from the Book of Revelation to the reader's daily life. Anyone interested in gaining a better understanding of Revelation and how these truths can be of real help to us should consider adding them to your library.

There was one word from the title of his book that stuck in my mind. Escape! Yes, Escape. “Escape the Coming Night”.

The Bible is filled with warnings from our loving Heavenly Father as a way of providing us, His Children, truths for our own protection and benefit; and in the case of Revelation, Eternal Protection from the death and destruction God also warns is coming for all who refuse to believe in Jesus as God's Son and Savior of the world. Just thinking about what awaits the unbeliever should drive everyone to Jesus and therefore Escape the tragic events of the End Times. But for so many, they refuse the one way to Escape.

What is this book, Revelation about? Dr. Jeremiah writes, “Revelation is a form of biblical literature called “apocalyptic,” meaning it uses symbols and imagery to reveal the secret purposes of God for the present and future (apocalypse means “revelation”) And as difficult as it may be for many to understand the symbols and images, the people of John's day, who studied the Old Testament would have understood. Many of these revelations John received directly from God had already been revealed in the Old Testament prophecies and what the apostles had written about the future from God's perspective.

John wrote the Book of Revelation to the churches in Asia Minor so they would clearly understand God's plan and detailed description for the future of the Church, the saved, the unsaved, and planet earth. Receiving and sharing this Revelation from God must have become urgent to John. As I grow older, I understand the urgency for others to know what's coming and be as sure as I can be that they will be determined to believe the horrors of what's coming and be sure they have adopted God's plan and promise for Escaping what's coming. As Jesus was revealing the details, He told John to "Write it all down". And thankfully, John did. But for the saved, we have nothing to be concerned about. Nothing!

Jesus said, "I came that you might have life." The Bible also tells us that Jesus did not come to condemn the world but to save the world from death and destruction. From what we have all read about Hell, no one should want to risk spending eternity there and everyone should want to know God's simple plan for Escape.

Why all the Urgency? Because we don't know how much time is left but we do know God's Escape Plan. Dr. Jeremiah warns and pleads with the unsaved, don't risk waiting. Believe by faith in Jesus Christ, God's Son who came to earth as God's sacrifice for us, for our sinfulness. Believe He died and rose from the grave. There was proof everywhere with His miracles He was God's Son, come to earth; proof everywhere He was put to death, not guilty but hung on the cross where He died; proof everywhere that He was placed in a tomb and three days later, came out of the tomb and appeared to hundreds of people; and proof everywhere that He ascended to Heaven where He sits on the right hand of God and proof through His instructions, His warnings, His teachings of what would come in the End.

This should be proof enough for people to fill the churches around the world urgently seeking forgiveness of their sins and offering their lives to Jesus Christ as their only Escape from what's coming...Escape from the Coming Night.

As believers in our Savior, Jesus, we have nothing to fear about the End, the final judgment. Our futures are completely secure. If we are still here when Jesus returns for the final judgment, all believers will be called up, Raptured forever to spend eternity with our Heavenly Father and all believers. No more pain and suffering. No worries. No bills

to pay. Complete and total paradise where God will reward us for all our good deeds while on earth.

Be sure you've made plans for the greatest escape of all time...escaping the End Times, the war between God and the evil on and the unsaved. As believers, we arrive at our final home...We won't need any provisions. What we've stored up on earth will be left behind and destroyed. But in Heaven, you'll have more than enough and you'll spend your time worshiping and singing, yes singing praises to God. I'm ready. I'm following His Escape plan and His name is Jesus. Be sure you are. Be sure your children and your friends know the time we have left is short. This may be my last day on earth...and yours. I want us to Escape together but more importantly, your Heavenly Father wants you with Him in Heaven. "God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked" but without Jesus, death is coming".

With the deepest concern for the unsaved children of God,

Pastor Steve

P.S. It's decision time. Escape can be one decision away.