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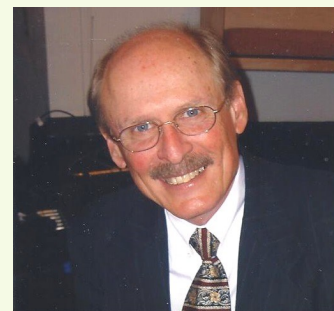
West Valley End-Time Ministries Newsletter

A New Era for West Valley Ministries

For nearly six months now, we have been studying the prophetic writings of the Bible as they relate to the days that immediately precede the return of Jesus. While there is always more we can learn about this subject, we have now studied, either in depth or in part, nearly every important piece of the prophecies of the books of Daniel and Revelation – two books of prophecy that go hand in hand – as we have sought a clear understanding of what God intended us to know as His followers as we approach His return. You may view the videos of our studies on our website — wvetm.com.

Today, we begin a new era – a new format for this ministry. Because a preparation for the return of Jesus encompasses both an understanding of what is before us AND a preparedness to meet him when he comes (Jesus said, “Watch” and “be ready” – Matthew 24:42,44), going forward, our weekly focus will be on BOTH prophetic passages of Scripture and gospel passages of Scripture. Our studies will take place weekly at our virtual class meetings, and each week you will be receiving a newsletter, this one being the first of many to come. We hope you will join us each week for our class meetings at this link: <https://westvalleyend-timeministries-511.my.webex.com/meet/pastor>. And if you, or someone you know, would like to receive our newsletter with class materials and notes, please send your e-mail address to: Pastor@wvetm.com with a request to be added to our email list. Help build our online community of faith!

In Him,
Pastor Chilson



Pastor Darrell Chilson

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the season of
Christ’s return.”***

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***The mission of
West Valley Minis-
tries is to help
Christ’s followers
recognize the signs
of His approaching
return and be pre-
pared for that
Great Day.***

GOSPEL LESSON — John 1:1-13 “Creation Revisited”

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name [was] John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but [was sent] to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

STUDY QUESTIONS:

- 1) What was the purpose of John the Baptist's ministry? (John 1:7, 8)
- 2) Does Christ manifest Himself to every person in the world? And what are the implications? (John 1:9)
- 3) What prevented those to whom Christ came from recognizing and receiving Him? (John 1:10, 11)
- 4) What was/is required of God to become part of His family? (John 1:12)
- 5) What does John mean in verse in John 1:13 when he speaks of two types of birth?
- 6) How would you personally respond to the concept of a second birth?
- 7) How would you summarize and explain this passage to make sense to an unbeliever or new Christian?
- 8) Would you say you have experienced this birth experience? And how did it happen to you, if so?

PROPHECY LESSON — Two Time-Prophecies

Question: In Revelation 11 and 12, John mentions 1,260 days in two prophecies concerning another persecution of the Jews during the end times. Daniel 8 speaks of 2,300 days in a prophecy concerning a persecution of the Jewish people during the intertestamental period. Are the main differences between these two prophecies that 1) Daniel's has been fulfilled, and John's has not; and 2) Daniel predicts the actions of Antiochus Epiphanes, and John predicts those of the Antichrist?

Response:

- 1) Context is critical to understanding and interpreting the meaning of any verse or passage of Scripture, and here it is evident.
- 2) Context does not suggest that Revelation 11 is about the Jews, but rather about the people of God at the end of time. The events of this chapter take place between the sixth and seventh seals (Rev 6:13 - 11:15) — just before Jesus returns.
- 3) Daniel's 2300-day prophecy takes place in Dan 8:14 — long before Dan 12, which describes the experience of the people of God just before Christ's return (Dan 12:1, 13), where the “great tribulation” and the “resurrection” of the saints are referenced. The 2300-day prophecy IS a prophecy of the intertestamental persecution of the Jews by Antiochus Epiphanes between 171 and 164 B.C. — and yes, a type of Antichrist and the Abomination of Desolation of the end-times, mentioned in Matt 24:15 by Jesus, and in the Book of Revelation. The 1260-day prophecy of Dan 12:7 is a very different time period and refers to the end of time — note the context.
- 4) In Revelation 12, the 1260 prophecy is mentioned twice — the first in reference to the church of the 1st century (Rev 12:6), the latter to the church of the last century (Rev 12:14) — the era just ahead.