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“Look and Live”

Israel had just won a great victory against the Canaanites, “utterly destroying them and their cities.” And as is often the case after a major success, “the soul of the people became very discouraged.” They began to complain against Moses and God, and as a result of their sin, God sent fiery serpents into the camp and many people died from their bite. Immediately the people confessed their sin and asked Moses to pray that God would take away the serpents.

God responded by telling Moses to make a serpent of bronze and place it before the people who, upon looking at the serpent, would live. And so it was that those who looked were saved from death and lived (Numbers 21:1-9).

Jesus reminded Nicodemus of this story the night he came to find out who Jesus was. And by this story, Jesus revealed to Nicodemus the answers he sought. He said to Nicodemus, “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:14, 15).

And so it is with us. We too have been infected with the poison of sin. We too are destined to die. The remedy for our sin is just what it was for Israel of old – “Look and live.” As our desperate condition drives us to look to Jesus in faith, His death brings life to us. It is not by trying to get the deadly poison of sin out of us through various religious exercises and discipline that we are saved, it is simply by looking upon our Savior whose sacrifice alone is sufficient to save. It is by looking to Jesus that we live!

In Him,
Pastor Chilson

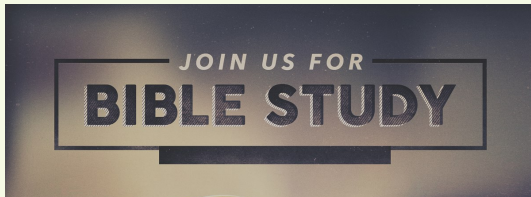


Pastor Darrell Chilson

***“We are living in
the season of
Christ’s return.”***

***Jesus said, “Watch
and be ready, for
the Son of Man is
coming at an hour
you do not expect.”***

***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.***



THE NEW BIRTH

John 3 –

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named **Nicodemus**, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these **signs** that You do unless God is with him." **3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." **4** Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is **born of water and the Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** "That which is born of the flesh is **flesh**, and that which is born of the Spirit is **spirit**. **7** "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' **8** "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." **9** Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" **10** Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? **11** "Most assuredly, I say to you, **We** speak what **We** know and testify what **We** have seen, and you do not receive **Our** witness. **12** "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? **13** "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, [that is], the Son of Man who is in heaven. **14** "And as **Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up**, **15** "that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life**. **16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not **perish** but have **everlasting life**. **17** "For God did not send His Son into the world to **condemn** the world, but that the world through Him might be **saved**. **18** "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the

name of the only begotten Son of God. **19** "And this is the **condemnation**, that the **light** has come into the world, and men loved **darkness** rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **20** "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. **21** "But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."



- 1) Who was Nicodemus, and why did he seek Jesus out **at night**?
- 2) Nicodemus made a **statement** to Jesus in verse 2. What do you think his **question** to Jesus was? Did Jesus answer that question, or did He answer a different one?
- 3) In addition to this story, Nicodemus is mentioned two other times in the Gospels. What are these occasions, and what do they tell us about how this encounter with Jesus may have affected him? (See John 7:50; 19:39).
- 4) Why did Jesus suggest that Nicodemus needed to be born again? Wasn't he a man of faith?
- 5) What did Jesus mean, "Born of water and the Spirit?"
- 6) What did Jesus mean in verse 8 when He compared the wind to being born of the Spirit?
- 7) Who are the "We" and "Our" in verse 11?
- 8) What does the story of Numbers 21:4-9 tell us about the Gospel?
- 9) Discuss the words, "perish" vs "eternal life" and "condemned" vs "saved".
- 10) Compare verse 18 with Mark 16:16. How are we condemned before faith, and what role does baptism have in our salvation?



“AN OVERWHELMING SURPRISE”

Are you watching what's happening in our nation right now? Are you really watching, with an eye for the truth, with an eye for the implications? If you are, you are seeing the backdrop for a “drama,” foretold in Scripture, for which the curtains are about to be drawn.

So what can we expect in the days before us according to the inspired prophecies of the Bible? What, on the eschatological timeline that carries us to the “end of the story” and the return of Christ, can we expect to happen next?

- 1) The abandonment of the freedoms offered by our constitution
- 2) The corruption of our established systems of justice that allows for #1
- 3) Systemic lawlessness that threatens the safety of the innocent
- 4) The replacement of our constitutional Republic, a nation “under God,” with a godless socialism
- 5) The removal of the protections of national sovereignty, resulting in the invasion of criminal and terrorist groups

So, anyone reading the above points will have one of two reactions:

- 1) “That can never happen in America – on what basis can you claim this is our prophetic future?!” OR
- 2) “That has already happened in America – how can you presume to say that this is yet future?!”

If you as my readers react as I suspect you might in one of these two ways, then I am hoping that you might actually find plausible – NO LIKELY – what follows.


As we examine the prophecies of the Book of Revelation we see the present, as it delineates the future, unveiled in clear detail:

THE THREAT TO OUR FREEDOMS:

- ♦ In the Book of Revelation, John describes the role of America in this final “drama” in these verses:

Revelation 6:9-11 (the 5th Seal) “When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both [the number of] their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they [were], was completed.

Revelation 13:11-15 “Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted [power] to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.





The above prophecies of what's ahead for the followers of Christ **cannot** happen in America without the freedoms of our constitution first being abandoned. Our nation **cannot** ultimately resort to a verdict of "guilty" and a sentence of "death" for anyone refusing to "worship" Antichrist (Revelation 13:1-10) without the freedoms we have enjoyed being taken away!

Further, an abandonment of constitutional rights for Christians who choose to "worship" the Creator (Revelation 14:7) rather than "worship" Antichrist **cannot** possibly take place without the corruption of our established systems of justice! The courts would not otherwise allow it!

Finally, what should alarm EVERY CHRISTIAN is that these freedoms, protected by our constitution, are quickly being taken from us as our constitutional Republic is literally crumbling at the highest levels of our justice system! I believe this trend has now passed the point of no return – the prophecies of Scripture are surely being fulfilled before our very eyes!

THE THREAT OF BLOODSHED AND DEATH

♦ Revelation 6:3-8 predicts a tremendous loss of life in our world – AND OUR NATION:

Rev 6:3-8 "When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, 'Come and see.' Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that [people] should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

"When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, 'Come and see.' So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, 'A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.'


"When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, 'Come and see.' So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades [the grave] followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth." (See also Matthew 24:7, 8).

These verses describe that which is about to come upon our world – tremendous bloodshed, and subsequent famine and disease that will destroy **one-fourth** of the inhabitants of the earth – the first set of God's warning judgments intended to "get the attention" of a sleeping and evil world.

I don't pretend to know exactly what events will soon effect this tremendous loss of life as prophesied in the verses above, but these things I do know:

- 1) The verses above describe "sword, famine, and pestilence" as the first set of judgments to be experienced by our world, which, according to Scripture and based on current world population, will result in the deaths of over 2.5 billion people! We have already tasted the impact of such "plagues" in a small way – worldwide terrorism, including the most recent terrorist attack against Israel, and the recent "pandemic" that killed 3+ million people, according to the WHO.
- 2) Lawlessness is rampant today in our nation, **and without consequence**! Government leaders are weak or corrupt, **without consequence**. Courts are political machines and **answer to no one**. This "justice" system is no longer a protection for the innocent, and soon followers of Christ will suffer as a result. We are no longer a nation "under God," and godless socialism is currently the norm in American government policy and practice.



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- 3) In 2001, Americans experienced the first foreign assault on our nation, killing just under 3,000 Americans in a coordinated 4-pronged terrorist strike. It was a surprising and bitter reminder that we are not immune to presence in our nation of people who have infiltrated our country with evil intent.
 - 4) Over the past 3 ½ years, at least 10 million people from over 100 countries have infiltrated our nation – many of whom come from hostile countries who hate America. Many who sit in positions of power within government circles are warning of potential terrorist attacks as a result of our borderless nation. United States Attorney General Merrick Garland said just this week that the threat level has increased “enormously” for a terrorist attack on U.S. soil since October 7, 2023. He said, “I am worried about the possibility of a terrorist attack in the country....” (Newsmax).

While we cannot “see around the corner” and know for certain how the John the Revelator’s prophecy of the coming bloodshed and death will play out, the influx of hundreds on the government’s terrorist watch list, the political division and unrest, the corruption of government, and the abandonment of the protections of our constitution, all pave the way for any number of scenarios that will, by divine revelation bring bloodshed and death any moment – as an “overwhelming surprise” to the world!

- 5) In addition to the domestic threats of terrorism is the threat of bloodshed and death on the world stage. While the War in Israel continues to rage, the unrest in the Middle East is not the only front on which the potential exists for the prophecy that “peace will be taken from the earth” and “that people will kill one another” (Revelation 6:4) will be fulfilled. China is a huge threat to American security! Not only are “Chinese migrants the fastest growing group crossing from Mexico into the U.S. at the southern border,” according to CBS News, “China’s cyber operatives have infiltrated computer networks used to control critical U.S. infrastructures in preparation for future attacks to disrupt American society during a conflict, the director of the National Security Agency [NSA] warned.” (*The Washington Times*, Monday, June 3, 2024). China, a communist enemy nation, literally “owns us” – our land, and our goods! China, and Chinese migrants, are a clear and present danger to our national security!
- 6) Add to all this the potential for upheaval and backlash resulting from the tremendous political tensions in our nation today. Our nation is a divided nation. We are not “indivisible,” just as we are not a nation “under God”! A critical election is upon us as an American people, and if it doesn’t go well, there’s no telling what kind of revolutionary conflict might result!

It’s time for the “household of Christ” to wake from their slumber and begin preparing for the major events the Bible warns us are upon us. “Knowing the time,” Paul says, “it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand....” Romans 13:11, 12. If ever this was true, it is certainly applicable to us today!

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