

Revelation: End Times

Sermon Info

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Scripture References

- Revelation (esp. chapters 16, 19, 20, 21) - framed the talk: Armageddon, Christ's return, the Millennium, the final judgment and the new heaven/earth. Revelation passages were used to trace sequence and outcomes.
- Zechariah - cited to describe Jerusalem as a cup, siege imagery, and the Mount of Olives splitting (ties to Armageddon scene).
- Acts - quoted Jesus' promise that He will return "in the same way" (angels' reminder to disciples). Used to point to the Mount of Olives.
- Matthew, Mark, Luke (Gospels) - Jesus' warnings about end-time signs, distress, and telling believers to "stand up" and watch. Used as practical admonition.
- 1 Corinthians - Paul's summary of first importance (Christ died, was buried, was raised) emphasized as foundational.
- Job, Chronicles, Galatians, 2 Thessalonians - Old and New Testament examples of Satan's activity and the "lawless one" used to illustrate ongoing spiritual warfare and deception.

Central Message

- The talk walks Revelation to its close: Armageddon and Christ's victorious return lead into the Millennium and ultimately a new heaven and new earth. Believers are called to watch, be alert, and proclaim the gospel so others avoid the trials described.

Key Points

1. The prophetic sequence: warnings, the Antichrist, a period of trouble (the 42 months), the gathering at Armageddon, Christ's return, judgment, then the thousand-year reign (Millennium) and finally the new creation.
2. Two complementary emphases: careful biblical exegesis of Revelation events (including literal signs like Jerusalem as a cup, Mount of Olives splitting) and a pastoral warning to be watchful—do not be deceived by false interpretations or comforts.
3. Millennial views surveyed: historic pre-millennial, amillennial, post-, and pre-millennial positions; speaker leans toward a future thousand-year reign tied to Satan being bound, but stresses readiness regardless of view.

Notable Quotes

- > "We're going to try to find where I am supposed to be."
- > "I think that's the nuclear war right here." (on Zechariah's "consuming")
- > "Be always on the watch, and pray, that you be able to escape all that is about to happen."
- > "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (about Revelation's closing words)

Application

- Be alert and watchful: follow Jesus' instruction to watch for end-time signs and pray (practical spiritual disciplines).
- Teach and prepare others: share the gospel now so people won't be caught unprepared by future tribulation.
- Study Scripture carefully: compare passages (Revelation, Zechariah, Gospels, Acts, Paul) rather than relying on popular shortcuts or overly symbolic rewrites.
- Hold fast to Christ's central work (death, burial, resurrection) as the foundation for faith and hope.

Reflection Questions

- 1. Where in my life do I need to be more watchful and prayerful in light of these teachings?
- 2. How can I share the hope of the gospel with someone this week so they are not caught unprepared?
- 3. Which interpretive view of the Millennium most helps me live faithfully now, and why?

Transcript

Alright, well tonight we are going to hopefully come to the end of Revelation, and if we don't we can cheat on next week and always put it in there. And what we'll cover tonight, we'll be looking at Armageddon, and Jesus' return, and the new everything. And next week we'll do Star of Bethlehem. And this is not just the Star of Bethlehem like you might have seen it expressed before. And this one here will do everything that Matthew says it did. how it appeared twice, how it moved, how it stopped, and, roughly, how it fits the dating. And all without resorting to any astrological or mythical background. And I've tested it on my computer, on my solar system simulator, and I've placed myself in the time of Persia, and Jerusalem, back at the turn of the millenniums, and looked at the sky and traced the pattern. And it does what the book says. So, the Lord, when he made everything, wrote out the laws.

The laws of gravity, and all the laws of physics and chemistry. All of that is all, you know, what he wrote, and what he did. What nukes do.

And, it's so reassuring that he made us so that we could, made it his image, so that we could, eventually, find these things out. So, this is going to be, a little different, than what you have seen at

Christmas time. I've always, wanted to, have, Christmas time, come out, with the actual star of Bethlehem, and, just picturing a mezzanine, and just watching the Magi. And, from the time, what they see, in the east, until they come to Bethlehem.

Just watch that little guy walk around, you know, all the way around, in the course of the year. But anyway.

So, quickly, last week, we covered the UN, and Israel. And, the significant aspect, that happened to Israel, through its, many wars, the 1948 war, the 1956 war, the 1967 war, the 1980's and 1990's, with all of the skirmishes, and then, also, the big thing for, land for peace, type of thing, that never happens. Now, we're, seeing the consequences, of the 2023 war, and, the 2026 war. So, that seems to be, the basic history, of Israel, always being at war, but not losing. Which, is what the Lord told them, would happen. Now, this part, what I call, the Israelis, nuclear war, and Armageddon, I'm not, not being dogmatic, about that.

I don't know, if the sequence, is, correct, with regards, nuclear war, and then Armageddon. But whichever way it is, it's something, to keep in our minds, and, to see, that there's, actions, and, world, politics, going on today, where, people are trying, to avert, a nuclear war, in the future.

So, let's take a look, at least, what the scriptures say. And we covered that, in detail, last week.

But, just as a quick refresher, Zachariah gives us a view of things at the end. He says, I'm going to make, that's the Lord talking, through Zachariah, he says, I'm going to make Jerusalem, a cup, that sends, all the surrounding peoples, reeling.

Judah will be besieged, as well as Jerusalem. On that day, when all the nations of the earth, and that's easy to, imagine, by looking at, a set of troops, from the United Nations, that would cover all the nations, in the world, in one group, are gathered against her.

I will make Jerusalem, an immovable rock, for all the nations, and all who try to move it, will injure themselves. On that day, I will make the leaders of Judah, like a fire plot, in a wood pile, like a flaming torch, among the sheaves.

They will consume, right and left, all the surrounding peoples, but Jerusalem will remain intact, in her place. Now that word, consuming, is one that we'll have addressed, and see that, that w

On that day, I will set out, to destroy all the nations, that attacked Jerusalem. And right along, Zechariah defines, this is the plague, with which the Lord, will strike all the nations, that fought against Jerusalem.

Their flesh will rot, while they're still standing, on their feet. Their eyes will rot, in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths. And that's why, I think, that that's, the nuclear war, right here. If that happens, we can be sure that people aren't just going to kick back, and let things happen. I don't think that Israel will nuke, its own country, to take out, the people, that are gathering, in Armageddon. In that big valley.

So, keep in mind, that, as we study, Revelation, there are things, that are mentioned, that are sequential. You have this, and then, John writes, I saw this, and then, I saw that.

But, being able, to judge from, the events, that he was talking about, often times, it's a matter of, I saw this, at the time period, and then, I saw that. He mentions that later, but it's the same period. So, what we need to do is to pay, you know, attention to what the events are, that may make something that would casually look like this, be, like that. So, when it comes time, what we have, is, the, antichrist, who's going to rule, for its 42 months, towards the end of that, we're going to come to the Armageddon portion. Chapter 16, of Revelation, we're given, he says, they, the spirit of demons, and they go out, to the kings of the whole world, to gather them, for the battle, on the great day, God Almighty.

Then, they will, gather the kings, together, to the place, in Hebrew, called Armageddon. That takes place, near the end of the rule, of, the antichrist, in Christ's return.

This area, in Israel, where the mountain and ghetto is, is in this area. Here you have, Jerusalem is down here, you have the Dead Sea, the Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, and then, there's this big plain, in here. And, it is, a place where you can say, yeah, you certainly could have big battles there. It stretches out, what appears to be like forever. earth. But, when the nations of the world, are gathered there, that's when, Israel will see itself, in the flows of, perishing. And then, she'll be saved, by her Messiah.

She'll finally come, to realization, who that Messiah was. So, that's at the time, that Jesus returns, to save, Israel.

Now, I think Israel, will have nuked, the nations around him, and now you've got, the United Nations, under the threat of, say, we'll just fry, the whole nation. There, and they're going to quote, negotiate something. It'll probably be, one of these, land for peace, type deals. But the Lord's not going to that.

So, in looking back at our, roadmap of, events, key events, for that, 42-month period, we're right down, at, the bottom, where Christ, returns. And there, he returns, and will begin, that long period of his rule, on earth.

Now, out of our seven seals, this is the seventh one, is returning. And, that seal is the one, when it says, there was silence, in heaven. When you opened the seventh seal, there was silence, in heaven, for about half an hour. Well, if we look at that, earlier, we saw that, in the center, around, the throne, the throne, there were, there were, four living creatures, and, day and night, they never stopped saying, holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and

is to come. But, when he leaves there, when he leaves his throne, to come down, there's silence. And, what he does, will reset, all of mankind. I saw heaven, standing open. And, there before me, was a white horse, whose rider, is called faithful and true. With justice, he judges and makes war. His eyes are like, blazing fire. And, on his head, are many crowns.

He has, a name, written on him, that no one knows, but he, himself. He is dressed in a robe, dipped in blood. And, his name, is the word of God. The armies of heaven follow him, riding on white horses, and dressed in fine linen, white and clean and out of his mouth comes a sharp sword, with which to strike down, the nation. He will rule them, with an iron scepter.

He heads, excuse me, he treads, the wine press, of the fury, of the wrath of God Almighty. And, on his robe, and, on his thigh, he has, king of kings, lord of lords.

Now, it kind of looks, kind of a gross thing, saying, oh, he's got a sword, coming out of his mouth. But what he's really saying is that he just speaks the word, and all those guys go down.

You're dead.

Boom.

The battle is over. Again, there's been one. Israel didn't have to raise a bow. Or, an AK-47.

I saw an angel, standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice, to all the birds, flying in mid-air, come and gather, for the great supper of God. Now, this is a contrast, to what takes place earlier, in chapter 19, which is the wedding banquet, of Christ and his church. He does that, before he returns to earth. So, the calling of the birds, is so that they can, basically clean up, all of these, dead people.

Generals, and mighty men, horses, and their riders, and the flesh of them. All people, free and slave, small and great. But the beast was captured, him, the false prophet, who had performed, the miraculous signs, on his behalf. With these signs, he had deluded those who had received, the mark, of the beast, and worshiped his image. And the two of them were thrown alive, into the fiery lake, of fire, of sulfur. Now, there are two places that are distinct.

There's the lake of fire and then, there's the word, that's generally translated, hell. Which is, Hades. Which is the place, of the unrighteous dead. And, up until that time, there was nobody in the lake of fire. So, the beast, and the false prophet, end up being their first document. And they will be followed by a whole, flue of people. Including, Satan himself.

So, up to there, things are pretty much, continual, killed with the sword, that came out of the mouth, of the rider of the horse, and all the birds, gorged themselves, on their flesh. Like, Zachariah says, on that day, on that day, his, the Messiah, his feet will stand, on the Mount, of Olives, east of Jerusalem. Now, let's go back to the book of Acts. This was one of the questions, that the disciples had, for Jesus. And he said, in the Galilee, why do you stand here, looking, to the sky? the same Jesus, who's been taken, from you, to heaven, will come back, in the same way, that you have seen him go, into heaven. And then, they returned, to Jerusalem, from the hill called the Mount of Olives, seven days' walk from the city. So, just, prior to this, the disciples, had been, asking Jesus, about, when's the kingdom, coming? When's the kingdom, coming?

And, Jesus, didn't answer them, directly. And he left. He told them, it's not for you to know. So, now

they're looking, and they're wondering, what's the next step? And they're told by the angels, that are there, that they'll come back, just as he left. And, that place, is, is here, just east of, the city, the old city of Jerusalem.

This is the mosque of Omar, where the, used to be. And, looking out, west, and if you're here, looking east, look east, you'd see the top of the Mount of Olives.

And, when you're on the Mount of Olives, looking west, you can see, the old city, and the mosque of Omar, the Muslim Mosque. And, it says, and, the Mount of Olives, will be split, in two, from east to west, forming a great Muslim Mosque half, of the mountain moving north, and half moving south.

So, it's kind of like, you've got the ground, and it says, you know, split from, east, to west. The sites will be moving, north and south. But, when that happens, there will be some urban renewal taking place. So, what's going to happen, is that this is where the mosque of Omar, one of the big catholic cathedrals, is over here. So, all that stuff, the grounds will open, and, and it goes, of it, going into, the millennium.

The mosques, and the churches, will tumble, and, the new dwelling, will come later. The Lord's rule. Now, this is a big point of contention, in Christendom. It must do with the millennium. And, we'll get into that, a little later, in more detail. Because I think it's significant. Because that's where, a lot of people, that, generally wear the banner, of, Christian, will be deceived, and they'll end up, going into that tribulation. So, let's look at that. And what you'll see is that the millennium is mentioned six times there, various, linked to various events. And, I saw an angel, coming out of heaven, having the key, to the abyss, and holding his hand, holding in his hand, holding in his hand, was a great chain.

He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who was called, the devil, or Satan, and bound him, for a thousand years. Now, all millennialism, see that as, oh, that event takes place, at Christ's resurrection. See that as an event that's already taking place. And, this angel, he threw him, Satan, into the abyss, and locked, and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations, anymore.

Until, the thousand years were ended. Right? Second mention. After that, he must be set free for a short time. So, already, see that, there's two ways of seeing this. One is, ritualizing it, and the other, and the other, is taking it, at face value, a thousand-year period is starting. And, that saint has bound. So, what we can do, is, see what else, what other clues, are there.

Now, continuing, in that same chapter 20, I saw thrones, on which were seated, those, who had been given authority, to judge. And, I saw the souls, of those, who had been beheaded, because of their testimony, for Jesus, and because, of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast, or his image, and had not received his mark, on their foreheads, or their hands. They came to life, and reigned, a thousand years. The, of the dead, did not, come to life, until the thousand years, were ended. So, now, again, we end up, with, markers, that these thousand years, has a beginning, associated with, Satan being bound. It also, has an end, with Satan being, let go. And, in between, you have, this, period, of, ruling, the nations. This, is the first resurrection.

Right? Blessed, and holy are they, part, in the first resurrection. The second, death, has no power, over them. They will, be priests, of God, and of Christ, Christ, and will reign, with him, for a thousand years. Again, highlighted, with a task, being performed, in between.

So, when the thousand years, are over, Satan, will be released, from his prison. And will go out, to deceive, the nations. In the four corners of the earth, Gog, and Magog, gather them, for battle. Alright? For then, a thousand years, will be after Armageddon. So, this is going to be a different kind of battle. It will be like the sand, on the seashore. Now, this here, is, you've had Satan, walked up, you've had, Christ, and his church, rule, for a thousand years.

Now, at the end, he is let go. All the people, that came to be, in that time period, will have a point, of decision, to make.

Satan, will be there, just like it was, in the garden. People will have to make, a decision. Just like we've made our decision. The result is a battle. But it's going to be a different kind of battle. March across, the breadth, of the earth. And, surrounding, surround the camp, of God's people. The city he loves, Jerusalem. But fire came down, from heaven, and devoured them. So, it wasn't, so much, a big war. He said that they just got wiped out. Now, what we end up with, is, how do you reconcile us?

So, let's take a view, of the millennium. And there's several views, we can't go into details, for all of them, but we'll take the two key ones. What we have is, this first one here, it's called, historic pre-millennium. And, it's basically saying, that Jesus comes, before, the millennium starts.

Then, there's, amillennialism. And, that says, there is no millennium. It's just a long period of time, between, the time that Jesus, is resurrected, and his conquering of Satan, to the time that he returns. Post, that's, that the church will rise, and conquer, the world. And present it to Christ, as a finished work, when he returns. Now, this started back in seven, in the eighteen hundreds, and it didn't go very far, after you had World War One and then, after you had, World War Two. Then, all of the other wars, and the Cold War, with the nuclear threat, of nuclear weapons. That view, kind of, dissipated in popularity. Then you had, pre-millennialism, which is, yeah, it's before, the thousand years. It's also, before, the great tribulation, Jesus comes, from the church, at that time. It's all before. So, there are common things. One is the cross, and the other one is the second coming. But, what's in between, varies quite a bit.

All of these views, have their periods, of, uh, let's say, popularity. The first one, was basically, the most, uh, historic, from the beginning, there wasn't many details, that were, expounded, one way, or the other, other than, Jesus comes back, before the millennium.

Then, from about 500, to today, this view, you know, brought forth by, a very, Augustine, ended up being, taken by the church, and, has been, the, the end time, doctrine, of the Catholic Church. I remember being taught that, I remember saying that. Then, period with the post, uh, millennialism, some of it today, but it's primarily, all extinguished. You have various, premillennial, views. And this has its difficulties also. Look at these, we want to keep, Jesus gave us, oh I wanted to mention, then there's, the pan-millennialists.

All right? The pan-millennialists basically say, hey look, it all pans out in the end. That's kind of cute. But it's deadly. People that will have to be, making decisions, at the beginning, of these time periods. It's a nice way to wash your hands. If having to, try to sort all that stuff out. But it is something that is, I don't know, I don't take it seriously, at all. As a matter of fact, I coach people, to not take that.

Now, the other part, often that comes up, is that Jesus warns us, right? He tells us, to watch out, to keep watch, to be on guard, to be alert, be always on the watch. If he tells us that, there's got to be a reason for that. Another way to hide from all of that, is just to say, well, people are more, it's more important, you know, for the day-to-day stuff that people must contend with. And that's true. We must contend with day-to-day stuff.

But the day is coming, so that the day-to-day stuff will be contending with what is about to happen. And, if we take it, you know, a look at the history, of what happened, when Jesus came the first time. The established, leaders, most of the leadership, did not believe the prophecies. They focused on their day-to-day legalisms. Right? So, that, ought to be a warning to us. The other part is that what we're told is going to happen is not going to be pretty.

My take is that most of the people that attend churches will end up being deceived. And they'll go through that mess. So, being cautious, by looking at these, we want to look at what happens. Even with the one that, probably most, uh, aware of, is, premillennialism. And the one, the one, big danger that I see there is the fact that rapture is imminent. It could occur at any moment. It doesn't have to be, any other event, to take place. No, no antichrist, no, anything else. It could happen, at any time. Well, we're told that, that's not the case. Jesus tells us, when you see these things, referring, to these things, at the end, starting to take place. Look up. So, yeah, we're going to see the beginning of it. He gives us, an indication, that it's a short period of time.

Casey identifies it, like, 10 days. Another one, he says, wait a little while. Then, within that, that's why I have, this little, red arrow, over here, which is at, the beginning of it. The rapture will take place, over here.

Millennials, believe, that the rapture, takes place, at the same time, that Jesus returns. It can't fit, because, at the time, that Jesus returns, there's no faith, on earth. So, then you have, those that say, well, it's in the middle, of the tribulation. Some just say, oh, it's before the really, bad times happened. And others say, well, it's when Jesus is arriving. They go up with them.

And then, they come right back down. So, seeing, two, big groups, the pre-millennialist, and the amillennialism.

The amillennialism, I think, is the easiest, to just dismiss. The reason for that, is, look at it, churches, it's the Catholic Church, and this is my, Catholic catechism. It's about like that. 676, reads, the church has rejected the kingdom to come, under the name of, millennials. So, it makes no bones about it. The kingdom is going to come.

The kingdom is here. We are in the kingdom now. That is going on. And there's not a period of, this great, peaceful, thousand year of the rain.

The devil, he's supposed to be bound, and he is. He's doomed. But he's on a long leash. The first time I heard that, I said, "What? How can you test that? Well, just look at, what Satan does.

What does he do? Christ, then, since Christ, is there any difference? Then, I went looking for, as many books as I could, especially dealing with, Catholicism, since we, came out of there, came up, found this one. And it was interesting. Here, the writer, comes out and he says, the traditional Catholic teaching is that the earth lasts only a reasonably short time after the death of the Antichrist. It's not a thousand years.

We're currently in a symbolic millennium. Antichrist shall come a short time before the end of the world. And, after Antichrist, once comes the last judgment. Is there anybody else that believes this?

Found in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, they have, also, in section 4.2. With the Augsburg Confession, we reject, every type of, millennialism, or Chilean, the opinions that, Christ will return, visibly, to the earth, a thousand years, before the end of the world, and establish a dominion. of the church. Others are consistent with Catholicism. And then what I found interesting, was that, when we talk about the Antichrist, we talk about the, I guess it's right here. To the Antichrist, we teach, that the prophecies, of the Holy Scriptures, concerning the Antichrist, when he lists them, have been fulfilled, in the Pope of Rome. And, it's interesting that, two large denominations, the largest denomination, and another large one, come out and say, we both believe the same thing, with regards to the millennium. In one case, we see that the other guy, is the Antichrist.

When we look at that, and say, well, Satan is supposed to be bound. Look at, the Old Testament, and we won't read all of this, but, in Job, chapter one.

One day, the angels came, to present themselves, before the Lord, and Satan, also came with them. The Lord said to Satan, hey, where have you come from? And Satan answered the Lord, from roaming through the earth, and going back, and forth in it. Job feared God, for nothing. And he talks, skipping a few verses, and Satan replied, because the Lord had said, have you seen Job? Yeah, it's no wonder he likes you. You know, he's taking good care of him. Who wouldn't like you?

So, the Lord said to Satan, very well then, everything he has, is in your hands. But, on the man, himself, do not lay a finger story. He goes down there, and just messes up, Job's life, and family, and the like. On another day, the angels came, to present themselves, before the Lord, and Satan, also came with them, to present himself, before him. And now, we know. And what goes on? He says, oh yeah, but if you were to hit this person, he'd change his mind about you. What goes on there?

Yet, he said to Satan, very well then, he is in your hands, and you must spare his life. So, Satan went, from the presence of the Lord, and he afflicted poor Job. You know, the diseases, and everything else. Job, even his wife, said to him, are you still holding on to your integrity?

Curse God, and die. And he replied that you are taking, you are talking, like a foolish woman. Shall we, not accept good from God, and not trouble? In all of this, Job did not sin, in what he said. So, a couple of examples, of times, of Satan dealing, in the Old Testament, after the fall. And then, in Chronicles, Satan rose up, against Israel, Israel, and incited David, to take a census, that he had been forbidden to do. And he goes ahead and does it. Because of Satan's influence.

In the New Testament, while Jesus was on earth, we see in Matthew 4, that Satan even goes after Jesus. Right? In Luke, we see how Satan goes after Judas. In Acts, after the resurrection, we see how Satan goes after Ananias and his wife. Paul, in 2 Thessalonians, coming of the lawless one, will be in accordance with the work of Satan, displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders. And then, every sort of evil, deceives those who are perishing.

So, we see the devil acting in the Old Testament, just like he acted in the New Testament. Here's a book, by a, I guess you could call it a kind of a renegade priest. And, in his book, he makes the point that, hey, this amillennialism doesn't make any sense. After the death of his, Satan's agent there, the Antichrist, and all the collaborators, he, Satan, shall be bound for a thousand years, so that he, may no longer interfere, with the, the cemetery activity of the church. Then he goes on to say, in verse 4, which talks about the martyrs. He says that it is impossible, of logical interpretation, for those who place the thousand years, chronologically, ahead, of, the reign, of the Antichrist. Because, it is counter, right, its contents, are the positive contradiction, of that theory. Because, you end up now having, the, people, being martyred, alright, Christ is supposed to have come.

So, the martyrs, who shed their blood, under the Antichrist, shall rule the world, like Christ, for a thousand years. So, he says, you can't make it fit that way.

It's impossible, alright, to be logical about it. And the reason I met a priest in, Quebec, when we were up there, that ended up having that, very sane, argument. And he got called to the bishop, time and time again. Then, when you look at first John, he says, we know, that we are, children of God, and that the whole world, is under the control of the evil one. And the NIV. And, the Douay Reims, the Catholic Bible.

The Chalmer Reims, another Catholic Bible, that preceded the Douay. And then, we have King James. And we know that we are, of God. The world, might have, in wickedness.

So, the Catholic Church, in there, Bible, ends up saying things that, don't fit, with their overall, amillennial view. Now, with the pre-millennial, I think the only big concern there is, in that little period of time, at the beginning. I think we want to be ready. When that, starts, we're going to see it.

The problem with the people that, when they see the beginning, they say, we're not supposed to be here. What are they going to do when these other options pop up? The mark of the beast. The amillennialism. It's not just hanging there. Keep going.

So, for those, reasons, I think, it is good, for people to know, these things, so that, for the ones that think, that it was going to be eminent, and it's not, they at least, can go back, to their scriptures, and

find out, that, it really, is not. So, going back, to our big chart, what we see, is that, yeah, Jesus returns, and, Satan is, locked up, and then, go into, the eternal. Between that, and going into the eternal, is the general judgment.

As I learned it, I said, in all the boy's school. This was all done in French, but it means, the general judgment. This is where, everybody gets his due, Catholic Church. So, the books, were open, and you'll notice, it's plural. in the plural. What my, brother, and his, and his, would say, right? It's in the plural.

So, the dead, were judged, according to what, they have done, as recorded, in the books. The sea, gave up, the dead, that were in it. The dead, and Hades, gave up, the dead, that were in them. And each person was judged according to what he had done. Dead, then, and Hades, were thrown into the lake of fire. And, if anyone's name, was not found, written, in the book of life, then, he was thrown into, the lake of fire.

So, then we have this, book of life. You notice that there's one book of life, and there's many books. This becomes consistent, with, hey, wide is the gate, and too many find it. And, narrow is the gate, few find, which leads, to the eternal life.

So, our book of life, that, if anyone's name, was not found, in the book of life, into the lake of fire. So, he who overcomes, will like them, be dressed in white, will never be blotted out, of the name, from, the book of life.

And, that was the promise, made, to the churches. And, all the inhabitants of the world will worship, the beast, all whose names, have not been written, into the book of life. And, the inhabitants of the earth, whose names, have not been written, in the book of life. So, the book of life is the book, to be in. That's the book that has the names of those that go into, the new everything. Then I saw, a great white horse, great throne, excuse me, I got two charts here.

Then I saw, a great white throne, and him, who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. I had no idea how to describe, like I say, when I look, at my telescope, there's lots of stuff up there. Then I saw, a new heaven, and a new earth.

For the first heaven, and the first earth, had passed away. And there was, no longer, any sea, or beaches. So, when you have this problem, of, trying to figure out, what does that mean? If any of you, get insights, I'd like to hear, I mean, not to criticize them, I just would like, to hear them, because, all I can think of, is that, this universe, that the Lord has created, is so vast, and has, so many things, going on in there, that we can look, and see, the formation, of solar systems, at different stages, where you're going to end up, with a sun, and planets around it, and seas, stars with, dust clouds around it. So, I think that we're in for, a thousand years of phenomenal learning, that's going, to make the rest, of creation, come alive. I saw, the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down, out of the heaven, from God, prepared, as a bride, beautifully, dressed, for her husband, and I heard, a loud voice, from the throne, saying, now, the dwelling, of God, is with men, and he, will live, with them, and they, will be, his people, and God, will be, their God. So, what we see, is God, coming to man, for the long run.

Not the other way around. If you look, at the words, that are there, we find, that, we have God, with us and, what we'll be, aware. You know, right now, we're facing, this, big, called the AI, and it is, a phenomenon.

Rightfully, we ought to be cautious, with it, because already, they started, having some things, and automatically, they started, the AI started to go, and, knock out, other people's, AIs. Have you ever seen, the movie, 2001, Space Odyssey?

All right? And you see the, IBM, well they call it, HAL.

All right? It's basically one letter, before, IBM, for HAL, 9000, or 8000, because at that time, IBM was building the 7000 series of computers. I thought that was hilarious, he must have been, writing that, he must have been, jumping up, and down. Because the very thing that he had in that story is what we're facing today. And it's not so much, the fact that it takes a lot of energy, it makes a lot of noise, and uses up a lot of water. That's not, the key thing, the key thing, is that, how we can go, and alter things, to its light.

So, our new heaven, and our new earth, will be, something, where, God is with us, and we'll be, on the right track, for whatever, his plan is, for the rest, of all of that, space. We'll wipe away, every tear, from our eyes, and there'll be, no more, death, mourning, crying, or pain.

For the old, order of things, has passed away. So, you'll be able to tell us what chemistry is, to fix our bodies. And put our faith in him, to fix our minds. He, who was seated on the throne, said, "I am making, everything new. Then he said, write this down, for these words, are trustworthy, and true. He said to me, it is done. I'm the alpha, and the omega, the beginning, and the end, and to him, who is thirsty, I will give, drink, without cost, from the spring, of the water, of life.

So, he, who overcomes, will inherit, all of this, and I will be, his God, and he will be, my son. And then he goes on to repeat what we saw, in his promises, to the church, when he was evaluating the church, to all his overcomers.

Right? So, we can see that he goes through the churches and gives them what they will have for the overcomer. And even for the, churches, that were basket cases, the overcomers, that are in there, are going to receive, his promise.

So, Revelation 21, then tells us, but, the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexual immoral, practice the magic arts, the idolaters, and all the liars. Their place will be, in the fiery lake, of burning sulfur. And this, is the second death. 35 years ago, in Toronto, I mentioned, I said, you know, there are places, in the solar system, that have lakes, of molten sulfur, and volcanoes, of molten sulfur. Think of this, as just being, some hyperbole. The little moon, of Io, that goes around Jupiter, has volcanoes, the biggest volcanoes in the solar system, are on that. So, it's just hyperbole. Galatians 21, I did not see a temple in the city. Because the Lord, God Almighty, and the Lamb, are, its temples. The city does not need, the sun, or the moon, to shine on it.

For the glory of God, gives it light. And the Lamb, is its lamp. The nations, so nations still exist. The nations will walk, by its light. And the kings, of the earth, will bring, their splendor, into it. No day will its gates ever be shut. And there, will be no night there. The glory, and honor, of the nations, will be brought into it. Nothing, impure, will ever enter it. Nor will anyone who does what is shameful, or deceitful, but only those whose names have been written in the book of life.

That's basically, the big book, of citizenship. Then he talks about the water. Then the angel showed me, the river, of the water of life. That's clear, as crystal flowing from the throne, of the land. The river sees the trees, on either side. Then, the angel showed me the river, of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of the land. Excuse me for putting that in there, twice. Down, the middle of the great street, of the city. And on each side, of the river, stood, the tree of life. Now, I tried to find, a bible, that would have that, in what we would probably, think of, as the right English.

On each side, of the river, stood the trees, of life. How can one tree stand on both sides of the river? So, the tree of life has got to be more like a species, rather than a unique tree. So, whatever. Goes all the way, back to Genesis, to the tree of life, that was in the center, of the garden. Tree, tree, that had to be, guarded.

Because, man had fallen, and now, would live forever, if you took it. So, 12 weeks, these 22 chapters. You get down to the end, and the big therefore is, go and tell. Get people, saved, faith, so that, they don't get, to go through, all of this.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the Gospel writers, quote Jesus' answers, to the question, concerning the circumstances, preceding his return, by telling them. Then, there will be great distress, unequal, from the beginning, of the world, until now, and never, to be equaled again. And Luke, men will faint, from terror, apprehensive, of what is coming, on the world. And when these things begin to take place, stand up, lift your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Be always on the watch, and pray that you be able to escape, all that is about to happen. If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. And what I say to you, I say to everyone, watch. And when we look, at our little timeline, of that famous 42 months, is that you have, a little period of time, right here, at the beginning, where all of this starts to take place.

You know, the whole thing. So, the Lord has told us, we're aware. Jesus has made us, aware also. He made his disciples aware. He said, after he was risen, he told the women, he said, do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee.

There, they will see me. And then the eleven, disciples, went to Galilee, to the mountain, where Jesus, had told them to go. And when they saw him, they worshiped him. But some want to be ready for that. A lot of people will doubt it. I can say, hey, you take your word, you take the book, you take the, what Jesus has given us, what the Holy Spirit, has protected, through the centuries, and the millennia, take it to heart.

For those of us, that are involved, in teaching, and preaching, churches, and so on, we want to remember, the warning, at the close of the book. Jesus was joined, he says, I warn everyone, who

hears the words, of this prophecy, of this book, if anyone adds, anything to them, God will add, to him, the plagues, described in the book. And the way you get that is that you go through the tribulation. And, if anyone, takes words away, from this book of prophecy, God will take away, from him, his share, in the tree of life, and in the holy city, which are described, in this book. So, in a lot of cases, people will take away the words, but they'll say, oh, but the word doesn't mean that, it means something else. That's basically, substituting the words. So, I really believe that this is not something to be taken lightly. But we must keep it in its place. The first place, is, this one.

Now, the first Corinthians. And, Paul writes, he says, for what I received, I pass on to you as of first importance. This is what is, out of all of those writings, this is what is first importance. That Christ, has died, for our sins, according to the scriptures. He was buried, and that he was raised, and that he was raised, on the third day, according to the script, that, he appeared, to Peter, and then, to the twelve, and so on. So, yeah, we keep, Jesus, at the forefront, of that, because of what he's done.

The rest, is, to protect those, that we love, to make sure, that, they don't have to go through, any of that. Because that day is going to come, for somebody. See how it can be avoided. And, if it comes only, after we've passed on. Right? And some of us are probably closer to them, passing on, than others. Right? So, it's a joy. I have problems, with my eyes, and so on, but it's still a great joy. And I want to remind you that, next week, we'll do Star of Bethlehem. And I won't disappoint you.

The Lord has got little details in there and just gets passed over. So, thank you for your involvement, and I look forward to seeing you next week, a week after that.

I'll call it again. Any questions?