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Well good morning everyone. Thank you again for taking the time to listen to the message this morning.

Kingdom Conference 2021! is less than a month away. We still have a room available, so if you want it, please let us know as soon as you can.

We will be meeting again at the Maranatha Bible Camp, Everton, Missouri - it's about 30 miles northwest of Springfield. Opening day is the 18th of what the world calls March. Check-in is any time after 1:00pm that day and the first event will be dinner at 5:00pm. We've got great preaching lined up - we've got a lot of special music lined up - this should really be a great four days of assembly for God's people.

We received lots of great emails this week once again. I am just so happy that people are getting the understanding of Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - then - they are going back and re-evaluating the things they had been taught prior to gaining this perspective.

I love it when people write to me and put their conclusions in the form of a question. Sometimes I laugh because I know they have come to that conclusion by themselves - from their own examination of the Scripture - then they write to me - asking a question that they already know the answer to. That's great. I love it.

I love to hear testimonies from you when you have an opportunity to share your faith with others. That's what really matters in all of this. Taking your faith to those around you - in boldness - not arrogance - but boldness - in confidence that you have the truth and people need to hear it.

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Then as the followers of Christ prayed:

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy Word,

Well, isn't that appropriate for today? It's actually been appropriate all along the way - but now that they are being blatantly open about forcing people to deny the Testimony of Christ in favor of their "alleged science" - and God's people are seeing that there truly is another King, One Jesus - "Yes, Lord, beholding their threatenings, grant unto us thy servants boldness so that we may speak Your Word."

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness.

Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Ecclesia the manifold wisdom of God,

According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him.

Don't ever be shy about witnessing to the Kingship of Christ. To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers - yes - now is the time to be bolder than ever in the face of those who claim to be principalities and powers. They are not God. They are not functioning in the Authority of God. They are usurpers - false - impersonators - Christ is King - Christ is King right now - and we need to be bold in the face of their threatenings - boldness and access with confidence because of our faith in Him - our system of belief has brought us to the understanding that because HE fulfilled ALL the prophecies - He became King and His Kingdom is the only Government - the only God ordained Government in the New Covenant World. Listen friends, if there were other God ordained Governments in the world today - it would be as obvious as the day is long - because those people would be living according to the teachings of the Bible.

They wouldn't be captured with this ridiculous non-sense - madness - insanity that has overtaken them concerning a conceived "enemy" - a silent - invisible killer - transmitted like a mutant vapor - but can be thwarted by a paper face mask or two or three or four - they wouldn't be locking things down, preventing people from working to provide for their families - wow - one of the most fundamental teachings - well - you know what - as far as the subject of economy in the Word of God - there is nothing more fundamental than work, labor.

Not only do the little g “governments” of this world tax labor - in total defiance to the Will of God for His Creation - now - they have gone a step further and demanded that people NOT work. Follow the quote “science.” Well, friends, someday, when God's people discover that quote “science” secular science - is in place for one thing - and that is to make people believe there is NO GOD - maybe we'll find our way back to the science of the Bible - and find life, peace and joy for doing so.

Why is it so important for the snake following deceivers at NASA to make people believe they went to Mars? It's again - for the purpose of making people believe that there is no God. The Bible is all about God's creation of this Earth. It is about His purpose for these people and this Earth. It's about the fact that God's Word says He created man and put bounds to his habitation. And if man can successfully exceed the bounds of his habitation - then there is no God.

I'm quite sure that some of you can come up with even better reasons - and I'd like to hear them from you.

The Bible says there is water above the firmament. If there is water above the firmament - then quote “space travel” cannot exist unless - well - maybe they could do it in well - SPACE SHIPS. There's water up there, friends, that's what the Bible says. Genesis 1:6; Psalm 148:3; Ezekiel 31:38; Psalm 104:2-3; the fourth book of Ezra chapter 16, verse 59 is interesting. That's Ezra from the books of the Apocrypha.

I saw a little something this week about a quote “crime” that was supposedly solved - and the lady said, “In the end, science is always better than an eye-witness.” Ok. If you allow yourself to get caught up in that - you are just a few steps away from denying the Word of God and His Will. Of course, the Bible demands two witnesses - not just one.

Phillipians 1:20

According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

The whole world may think we are nuts because we choose Christ, because we choose the science of the Word over the science of the world - but IN NOTHING shall we be ashamed. Continue with all boldness - magnify Christ in your body. Your bodies need to be a testimony of Christ - in boldness - defying a world that is insane because of their

refusal to embrace King and Kingdom.

The day of judgement from I John 4:17 has come and gone - but the principle remains:

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world.

We are here in this world to be as He is. He was a testimony to the Will of His Father and that is what our job is - as His followers. And we need to have boldness and confidence in the truth. What kind of confidence would we have if all we have is a future, coming, jewish messiah as a king? We'd be left with a mess of contradictory teachings from the Book that is supposed to be our blueprint.

“Well, yes, He's King, but we are supposed to obey other kings. Even when those kings are wrong - well, because God said so.”

“Well, yes, He's King, but today, Satan is the ruler of this present world. And God made it to be so - so - if they tell me I can't preach the Gospel, then I'll practice civil disobedience.”

Civil disobedience? Do you know how many times the Word “disobey” is in the Bible? Once. One time. And Who do you think was being disobeyed?

Do you know how many times the word “disobedience” is in the Bible? Seven. All 8 times - disobey and disobedience - it is a reference ONLY to disobeying God.

If the little g “governments” in the world today - were God Ordained - there would be no such thing as civil disobedience. We are either obeying God - or we are disobeying God. That's the only thing concerning “obedience” or “disobedience” that followers of Christ should be concerned with. That's it.

If you are a quote “citizen” of a quote “government” that you need to be civilly disobedient to - then you need to change citizenship. It's that easy.

And - if our faith - our system of belief is what it should be - then we know - we have all boldness - all confidence - that today as He is - so are we in the world - and He has a nation - He has a Government - He has a Kingdom - it's the Only Kingdom in existence that is God Ordained - it's called the Commonwealth of Israel - and that is where our

citizenship should be. It's all about Israel. It's always been about Israel. That was the plan from before the foundation of the world - and God's people are supposed to be citizens of His nation. Friends, I'm telling you, I'm trying to help you where the rubber meets the road - if you open your billfold or purse - and you find documents in there that identify you as something other than a citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel - you better be able to take the Word of God and justify citizenship in something other than the Commonwealth of Israel - and friends - I believe the only way to do so - is to do what the futurists have done - and twist the Bible into things it simply does not say.

You'd have to take Romans 12 and 13 and say that those chapters teach obedience to men's little g "governments" - that men's little g "governments" are ordained of God and then we are to obey them.

We'd be aligned with the 501(c)(3) government quote "churches" who teach flag-waving, military supporting, quote "law enforcement" loving. I don't know how we can have it both ways.

Look, if you've still got papers identifying you as a citizen of the world - I'm not trying to bully you today - or beat you down. I'm just trying to encourage you to have the boldness, the confidence

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

[11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the enemies.

[12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

[13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

[14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

[15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

[16] Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

[17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God:

[18] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

[19] And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,
[20] For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Those were statements from a man who said - he said it as clearly as he could - we wrestle against principalities - the rulers of the darkness of this world. How is that any different today than it was back then? How has our mission of being an ambassador of Christ - any different today than it was back then. Paul was saying - I'm an ambassador - that's a citizen of a different country - inside a country that is not his own.

Here is the blueprint. Here is the plan. Until we have the boldness and confidence to stand firm on the plan - to stand confident

of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

If it worked for them - then it should work for us.

I have had to make a change this week to the Funny Papers page on the website. I had to put a statement in there that says not everything on the page is Funny Ha-Ha but there are things on there that are Funny Strange.

For instance, there's a photo of Brittany Perez on her Facebook page with a sign about how proud she was that she received her "Covid vaccine." Then the next page is a photo of Brittany Perez from her obituary - seeing that she died the very day she took the jab.

Then, there's a photo of Julie Splattstoesser also on her Facebook page showing her proud "I got my Vaccine" sticker - then the next photo shows her page on her obituary which says she died unexpectedly on the same day she posted her proud Facebook page.

That's funny - but not funny ha-ha. That's really strange.

As of the last time it was updated, on 2/12, there were almost 1,000 deaths posted to

VAERS - the CDC's Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System - of which I have read that only about 1% of all adverse effects from quote "vaccines" ever get reported to VAERS - that's pretty staggering.

The Corona Hoax page continues to grow and grow - each day with more people contributing to the page.

Sometimes I wonder if I should even keep going with the page. At what point is "enough is enough?" We get it. I know that. Those of you listening to me preach get it - not because of me - of course - I' not saying that at all - you get it because you get the Scriptures. You understand what's going on. We need to be focusing on what we are going to do about it all. I get that.

Then, I hear from people who are not listening to the messages each week. They don't get the Scriptures, they don't get Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - their in the wee early stages of beginning to think for themselves - and - just think about where you were years ago - or even for some of you - just months ago - if the shock of what is going on in the world today forced you to search for something else - then I guess we'll keep trying to point out these things - but trying to balance them with what we know we should be doing - and that is - coming Out from among them and being separate. Not like a reclusive Amish community - though that's probably about a million times better than what most of us are doing right now - but a called out Christian community of believers who are living as a separate nation - the commonwealth of Israel - like the Bible commands.

We are going to be on the same soil as everyone else in the world today. But we do not have to share "associations" or "assemblies" - governments - citizenships.

Each of these whack-job little g "governments" in the world - demand obedience from their citizens - but we are supposed to be strangers and pilgrims to all of them. While Abraham and Isaac, and even David and others were declaring they were strangers and pilgrims looking for a city - looking for a nation - looking for a place whose builder and maker is God - we don't have to do that any longer. He built it. It's the Commonwealth of Israel and it is supposed to cover the whole earth. So wherever God's people are - anywhere under heaven - they can gather together as the people of God - the nation of God - and live separate from the wild-eyed - crazy edicts of men who want to live in rebellion to the King - and make up their own definitions of good and evil according to their own whims.

We have a nation. The New Covenant World has given this to us. It began in the first century - during the time where the entire world - ha - whether they like it or not - the entire world changed their dating system - to begin with century one - the time of Christ - the first coming of the Messiah - and the second coming of the Messiah where He was revealed as King of kings and Lord of lords - in the New Covenant World - we have the city whose its maker and builder is God - all we have to do is come together - escape the nations - and have the boldness and confidence to live in it.

Thank goodness for Jeff. He is like a great assistant that helps in the forgetfulness of the preacher. This past week, he gave me a gentle reminder that when we started the Revisiting Revelation series - we were in Revelation 21 and basically got through the first 3 verses.

Well, I get excited sometimes. And I get on a trail and I just keep on going down that trail and it all leads to great things - so I just kind of find me a camping spot on that trail and just stay there for a while. Nothing wrong with that. But, let's go ahead and get back to the exciting fork in the road that took us down that trail.

Open your Bibles please to Revelation chapter 21.

I was going to play for you this morning a little bit more of the NASA clown show. But Teresa said she thought last week was enough - so I'll skip that. But for those of you that would like a little more - go to Youtube and watch Neil Armstrong's first interview after returning from the soundstage they called the moon. Listen to him say they could see nothing but blackness. No stars, nothing, just blackness.

Then, find the video showing the modern astronuts when they were asked about the stars - they just went into this great drama about the endless stars and milkways and oh the lights and the - oh brother - total opposite of Armstrong. Watch Armstrong's lack of animation - and compare it to the modern guys. It's hilarious. But that's the way it is when it's a lie.

When someone is telling a lie, when they are pressed on that lie, the story just changes and changes. And oftentimes they even forget what they said. The truth never changes. But lies always change. Somehow more details emerge, more drama. So, I won't play any of that today - but I'll try to get those links up for you so you can see it, if you haven't already. Revelation chapter 21. Let's recap a little and begin in verse 1.

[1] And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Again, now, as you read through the book of Revelation, no matter what chapter you are in - you have to remember the first verse. It sets the stage for everything in the book. Things which must shortly come to pass. Verse 3, the time is at hand.

Remember when you were young and learning to write. You were taught, very simplistically speaking, your book, or letter, or what have you, has an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. Why does this not apply to the book of Revelation? Well, it does. It does apply. The opening, the introduction says the book is about Things which must shortly come to pass. The body of the book describes in much greater detail that what Christ did in Matthew 24, Luke 23, etc., but it stays inside the time frame of which the book begins - then at the end of the book, from the last chapter, it once again stays consistent with the angel of God telling John NOT to seal up the sayings of this book - why? - because the time was at hand.

This should not be hard. But for two or three verses in Revelation 20 - this should not be hard. But as I have explained many times before - a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day for the Lord. That's how those couple verses in Revelation 20 fit inside the things which must shortly come to pass.

A couple weeks ago, we looked at that again, because there were elements to the body of the book of Revelation that Peter spoke about. II Peter 3 - just like Matthew 24 - is talking about the events in the book of Revelation - and God told Peter to address the thousand years of Revelation 20 - by telling him to write that in that instant - it was actually a very short period of time.

So, at the time of the writing of the book of Revelation - a new heaven and a new earth was soon coming to pass. The passing of the heaven and the earth - means - the end of the Old Covenant Age. That's what the phrase means. The end of the Old Covenant heaven and the Old Covenant earth. That took place in the first century. That's what we are seeing in Revelation 21:1.

[2] And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Now this is where this gets as perplexing as can be when going back - like a dog to its

vomit - for just a brief moment - when we were playing quote "church." The "churchmen" love to say it - they did when I was a little kid - then growing up - and still today -

"The church is the bride of Christ."

Really? Then why do they teach Revelation 21 as unfulfilled Bible prophecy. John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven - prepared as a bride. How can they not see this? The holy city, the new Jerusalem - this is the Ecclesia - it's not the quote "church" - it's the Ecclesia - it's the Kingdom of God - it's the bride of Christ - it's the New Covenant. It's all of that rolled into one. It's what God planned from before the foundation of the world.

It's the removal of everything in the Old Covenant World - it's the removal of the experiment of self-rule for mankind - it's the removal of the - having a king like all the other nations - and finally - the King of kings, the Lord of lords, revealed as King of kings and His Kingdom came down from heaven from God - and is now available for any one who will just take it. Leave your earthly citizenship. Leave the rebellious system of men ruling over one another with their definitions of good and evil and take the Kingdom. It's a free gift. It's your birthright for embracing Christ. Just take it.

But no, somehow these guys have managed to convince the overwhelming majority of people in the world today - look around you - if they are wearing a face diaper - they probably believe Revelation 21:1-2 is future - but somehow they have convinced people that these verses are future. Incredible.

They seem to be so close - in that if they could just get rid of that word "church" - but calling this occurrence in Revelation 21 - the bride of Christ. They get that right. But then somehow shoot themselves in the foot - by saying that it's future. That is staggeringly - profoundly strange to me that they cannot see this.

I guess when they are pre-conditioned to believe in an actual physically new Jerusalem - with a physically new temple - complete with physical animal sacrifices - I guess when they read this - they can be so blinded that they just can't see what is so clearly being stated right in front of them.

But we aren't going to let that trap snare us. Revelation 21:1-2 has been fulfilled. It's the New Covenant World and all that goes with it. We won't go back to Hebrews 12 this

morning - but if you are new to these messages - go to Hebrews 12 and it's as clear as anything can possibly be in the Bible - the new Jerusalem, the holy city, is the New Covenant. It just can't be any clearer. It says so - word for word - says that they new Jerusalem is the New Covenant - Hebrews 12:22-24. Now verse 3 of Revelation 21:

[3] And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Once again. This is the purpose. This is the goal. This is what God wants for His people. He wants people who have the faith of Abraham. He wants people who had a system of belief - a faith - prior to the days of "give us a king like all the other nations." This is what God wants in the New Covenant World. Listen, when the people rejected Him in I Samuel 8 - Samuel the preacher was upset. But Yahweh told him - they haven't rejected you - they rejected Me - that I should not reign over them.

When God sent His Son in the first century - they still said, "We will not have this man to reign over us." Well, the patience of God ran out on that world. It was never the plan of God to Create His world so that men could just do whatever they felt was right and wrong in their own eyes. That was never the plan. God has always wanted a people who would live the way He wants it done. He allowed it in the Old Covenant World - but it is not allowed in the New Covenant World. Not if we want to be His people.

He gave us His Kingdom. And we need to take it and live in it. Verse 4, and for those in the first century who DID take it -

[4] And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

So many people have read this verse and have again, mistakenly attributed this to a time not permitted by the book of Revelation. This was a promise to those first century saints who embraced the King and His Kingdom - in a world still dominated by those who rebelled against the King. They had endured indescribable persecutions. Listen now, I'm going to be very strong here - but I want you take this as a fact of where we are - and where we need to get back to - not as a beat down. I'm not trying to beat you down. Not trying to bully you. But it has to be said.

The saints in the first century lived in a time where the wicked little g “government” of that time said - “You will take our mark - or we will behead you.” And the follower of Christ in the first century STILL refused to take the mark - and some of them were in fact - beheaded. I do not believe those things written in Revelation 13 and 14 to be totally symbolical. Those saints would not take Nero's 666 mark - and they were tortured - and killed because they would not take the mark of that government.

Most, in this world today, have pretty much taken every single “mark” that every single little g “government” in this world has required. We did not follow the example left by those who went before us - mainly because we believed the lies of the “church” and the “churchmen” that those things don't apply to us.

Those first century saints knew that their fathers had committed grievous sins by taking to themselves kings like all the other nations. They knew that their sins and their iniquities had separated them from their God - and they repented - and they took up their crosses - in anticipation of turning those crosses into crowns - and they followed the One True King - the Only Potentate - the King of kings and Lord of lords.

We, on the other hand, have allowed ourselves to be marked by this world from cradle to grave. Our parents caused us to get marked at birth. We got filled with all sorts of adulterated abominable things in our youth. Our minds got filled with all sorts of abominable things while our parents forsook the command of God to teach us daily - instead sending us off to government indoctrination centers. We have further allowed marks called licenses, tax receipts, identification cards, passports, - you name it - whatever has their seal on it - call it what you want - it's a mark.

And none of us, not one single one of us has been beheaded or even threatened with beheading if we didn't take their mark. Yet, countless numbers of followers of Christ in the first century suffered indescribable things because they refused to be marked by the world.

And then the “churchmen” have the gall to teach that Revelation 21:4 is yet to be fulfilled. As families were separated and torn apart, as husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, sons and daughters were beheaded because they would not bow down to other gods - tears and crying and pain - was possibly the norm rather than the exception for many of those first century saints - and when the King returned to them - exactly the way He said He would - in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who had killed Him and persecuted the saints - their tears and their pain and their sorrow was

instantly transformed into - "it was worth it all." And they remembered it no more.

Most who claim the name of Christ in this present world today have suffered nothing for the cause of Christ - because they have willingly allowed themselves to be marked - in order to escape ridicule - or whatever perceived persecution they thought they might incur as a result of standing for Christ.

Churchians had the opportunity to shine for Christ in the year 2020 by standing against the face diaper. But not many did. I'll assure you that when things are revealed to us when we finally see Christ - it will be revealed that the face diaper was a mark - it is a mark of a beast - and very few people did not take it.

There are absolutely followers of Christ in our generation who have suffered for refusing to take a mark of a beast. I know many who have suffered. They've been beaten up, they've been jailed - they've had their possessions taken away from them - but in what is commonly known as the U.S., I've not heard of any of them being beheaded in our generation. It's possible. It's absolutely possible. I just don't know of any. I've been jailed and tortured - but I'll tell you this - it was nothing compared to what those saints in the first century went through. I'll never claim Revelation 21:4 for myself - never.

I was in a jail cell. Yeah, complete with air conditioning and heat. Somewhat of a blanket on something that resembled a bed - but the vile, filthy place I was in was probably a five star hotel compared to what those first century saints went through. For me, personally, I become very sorrowful when I get reminded that the "churchmen" in our generation say that Revelation 21:4 is yet to be fulfilled. For the people that fulfilled that verse - what an indescribable time - having their cross changed into a crown. Verse 5.

[5] And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

I don't understand how someone can read this verse and not see that the New Covenant World has to be included here. And, it has to have taken place in the first century.

The "churchmen" still have it all wrong when they say the Old Covenant ended at the cross - but how can they even say that - then read this verse of Scripture and say that it

is future? I don't get it. The Old World - that Christ prophesied would come to an end - He said that end would take place when the temple was destroyed. "Not one stone left standing." That took place at AD70.

The book of Revelation was written just a few years prior to AD70. Inside the things which must shortly come to pass - He made ALL things new. These words are true and faithful. Full of faith. Fill up your system of belief - your faith - with these faithful words. If you do so, if you will allow these Words to consume you - it will change your life.

What good is any of this? What good is any of the Bible, if it doesn't change our lives? How are our lives any different from the rest of the world? Sure, not all the world quote "goes to church" on Sunday - but how is the life of most people who claim to be followers of Christ any different on Monday than the rest of the world? Our faith - our system of belief - must be seen in our lives. He wants us to be His people - not the people marked by the world. Verse 6.

[6] And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

Here it is. He's the same, yesterday, today, forever, He's the beginning, He's the end. Take the gift. He gives it freely. The Kingdom - the fountain of living water - it's here - it's now - it's free - all we have to do is take it. Verse 7.

[7] He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Once again, we are drawn back to the time period for the book of Revelation. Very explicitly detailed - particularly chapters 13 and 14 - the followers of Christ were to - even while facing the potential of beheading - they were to overcome the beast, his system, his marks.

I don't know why this is, but it is, and I believe the sooner we acknowledge it in life, the better it will be. Turn with me to Job chapter 5. Keep your finger in Revelation 21, but turn to Job 5. Let's begin in verse 1.

[1] Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and to which of the saints wilt thou turn?

[2] For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one.

- [3] I have seen the foolish taking root: but suddenly I cursed his habitation.
[4] His children are far from safety, and they are crushed in the gate, neither is there any to deliver them.
[5] Whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber swalloweth up their substance.
[6] Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
[7] Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.
[8] I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:
[9] Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number:

I don't know why this is so - other than the fact that God must allow adversity to make us strong. In my nearly 60 years - so says my Mom - I have discovered that life is all about overcoming. Rarely is there not something in life that needs to be fixed. And I even mean trivial things. You manage to scrape up the means to get 4 brand new tires on your car - then - out of the clear blue sky - one gets a flat. All of a sudden one day, you look up and there's water dripping from the ceiling. You go outside and there's a mole that's decided to take up residence in your yard and destroy it - then - before you can do anything - the family dog - destroys even more of the yard trying to get the mole.

I know those are silly, unimportant things, but life is continually about overcoming. It's not surprising that the follower of Christ is constantly facing serious obstacles - serious things that are thrown into our lives to try to keep us from staying true to our King. Being an overcomer is what we are supposed to be striving for. Constantly vigilant. Constantly on our guard to find the attacks of the enemy and then overcoming as a soldier for Christ. Adversity is a generational challenge. And we are to be overcomers. Back to Revelation 21, verse 8.

- [8] But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

This verse comes right after the overcomers. These are the non-overcomers - these are the conformists. These are the ones we are to be separate from. These are the ones we are to overcome and resist. Verse 9. Purposefully skipping much comment on verse 8 - let's get to some joy. Verse 9.

[9] And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

Alright. Once again, we opened this chapter with the new heavens and the new earth. The holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven like a bride adorned for her husband, and now, we are seeing it described again.

The quote "church" cannot be the bride, the Lamb's wife - if Revelation 21 is yet to be fulfilled. But the truth is the Ecclesia is absolutely the bride, the Lamb's wife. The new heaven and the new earth, the holy city, the new Jerusalem - that is the bride, the Lamb's wife.

[10] And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

This is the New Covenant World and all this occurred inside the things which shortly come to pass. It all happened inside the time is at hand - it all happened inside, "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book, because the time is at hand."

I don't understand how everyone who has ever claimed the name of Christ, does not see this. This is the New Covenant. This is the New World.

Now, if you want people to continue on with the lie of "church and state." If you want people to continue in the deception of the divine right of kings - then - yes - you teach people that all this is future - yet to be fulfilled.

If you want people to believe that God has somehow ordained it to be that rich people - and I only use that word in the modern understanding - as in people who have the ability to buy more than others because of their manipulations - if you believe that the quote "rich" are ordained by God to define good and evil - then create legislation to force people to obey their definitions - then - yes - you make all this futuristic.

That's the only way you can do it. If people knew they had a choice - knew there was an alternate Government available to them - and that that Government came in the first century - and actually to be the people of God they were commanded to be citizens of

that Government - the enemies of Christ and His Kingdom would have a much harder time convincing everyone to conform to their ways.

But when you take the Scriptures - particularly the prophecies regarding the coming of the King - and you twist them into things they were never intended for - because it creates a faith - a system of belief - and that faith - that system of belief is not based on the truth - men will be led to death and destruction. Just like we are seeing today.

Sometimes it can seem like God has sent strong delusion - like He did in the first century - but today - it's not His fault. God is not sending strong delusion today. That is happenstance, it's a by-product of reaping and sowing. It doesn't have to be this way.

Keep preaching. Keep teaching. Preach the truth with all boldness and confidence - and let the Word of God work. The Word of God is powerful. It's sharper than any two-edged sword. That's what God said about His Word.

Let's keep going with the awesome symbolism and dramatic description of the city, the nation, the Kingdom that came down from heaven - that city that the first century saints had given to them - and the city that we have available to us. Verse 11.

[11] Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

[12] And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Again, the city has references to Israel - yes - I get that it's Old Covenant Israel - but this was Abraham's family - that's certainly a heritage we can look at and claim - and have family - for lack of a better word - family pride - that we have the same faith - the same system of belief that Abraham had.

[13] On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

[14] And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Oh how awesome this is. Listen friends, you want founding fathers? You want to talk about founding fathers? Here it is. Abraham. Peter, James and John. For the follower of

Christ, for the citizen of the Kingdom of God, for the citizens of God's nation, the commonwealth of Israel - these are our founding fathers - with Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.

[15] And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

[16] And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

[17] And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

[18] And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

[19] And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

[20] The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

There's never been a city like this built by men.

[21] And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

[22] And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

This is fulfilling exactly the conversation Christ had with the woman of Samaria. Listen to this. John 4:19-26:

[19] The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

[20] Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

[21] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

[22] Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

[23] But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship

the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

[24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

[25] The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when He is come, He will tell us all things.

[26] Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am He.

He told her the "hour was coming." Why would you tell someone the hour was coming? There is not going to be a physical temple in Jerusalem any longer. And it's not thousands of years later, it's not hundreds of years later - it's hours later. That is soon coming. Is the Bible just one giant deception - where no one that Christ or His disciples spoke to understood what they were saying?

No. The physical temple in Jerusalem was not going to be any longer. It was going to be replaced with something else. And the time of that replacement was soon. It was not thousands of years after Christ spoke - and the Bible must be twisted into things it does not say for a man to teach these things as futurism.

[23] And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

[24] And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it:

Oh my word. If you are quote "saved" if you are of Christ - then you will walk in the light of what has been described in Revelation 21. The nations, the families, the kindreds of the earth - if we are of God - this is what we walk in. We walk in the Kingdom of God. We walk in the New Jerusalem, the holy city that came down from God out of heaven. This is what we are supposed to be doing.

Instead, somehow, we've traded all this great imagery of Revelation 21 - we've traded a city - with gold streets and jasper walls - with the name Abraham written on it - with the name Peter, James, John, with the Cornerstone bearing the name of Christ - we've traded that for a city that has names on the walls that say, Pelosi, and McConnell, and Biden and Harris - what have we done?

We've traded away our birthright just like Esau did for not even something worth a pot of stew.

Brethren, we have all of this described in Revelation 21 as our inheritance. This is not

futurism. This all took place when the New World began. When even the pagan world reset their calendar - it's been around that long - and it's sitting there waiting for us to just walk through the gate.

and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

[25] And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

[26] And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

[27] And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.