



Is it ~~It's~~ the End of the World as We Know It! ~~??~~

A sermon series exploring the end times and the Book of Revelation

HOW TO LIVE IN A WORLD DROWNING IN EVIL 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18; 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-10

¹³ BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE UNINFORMED ABOUT THOSE WHO SLEEP IN DEATH, SO THAT YOU DO NOT GRIEVE LIKE THE REST OF MANKIND, WHO HAVE NO HOPE. ¹⁴ FOR WE BELIEVE THAT JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN, AND SO WE BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL BRING WITH JESUS THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP IN HIM. ¹⁵ ACCORDING TO THE LORD'S WORD, WE TELL YOU THAT WE WHO ARE STILL ALIVE, WHO ARE LEFT UNTIL THE COMING OF THE LORD, WILL CERTAINLY NOT PRECEDE THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP. ¹⁶ FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, WITH A LOUD COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL AND WITH THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD, AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST. ¹⁷ AFTER THAT, WE WHO ARE STILL ALIVE AND ARE LEFT WILL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR. AND SO WE WILL BE WITH THE LORD FOREVER. ¹⁸ THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS.

CONCERNING THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND OUR BEING GATHERED TO HIM, WE ASK YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ² NOT TO BECOME EASILY UNSETTLED OR ALARMED BY THE TEACHING ALLEGEDLY FROM US—WHETHER BY A PROPHECY OR BY WORD OF MOUTH OR BY LETTER—ASSERTING THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD HAS ALREADY COME. ³ DON'T LET ANYONE DECEIVE YOU IN ANY WAY, FOR THAT DAY WILL NOT COME UNTIL THE REBELLION OCCURS AND THE MAN OF LAWLESSNESS IS REVEALED, THE MAN DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION. ⁴ HE WILL OPPOSE AND WILL EXALT HIMSELF OVER EVERYTHING THAT IS CALLED GOD OR IS WORSHIPED, SO THAT HE SETS HIMSELF UP IN GOD'S TEMPLE, PROCLAIMING HIMSELF TO BE GOD.

⁵ DON'T YOU REMEMBER THAT WHEN I WAS WITH YOU I USED TO TELL YOU THESE THINGS? ⁶ AND NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IS HOLDING HIM BACK, SO THAT HE MAY BE REVEALED AT THE PROPER TIME. ⁷ FOR THE SECRET POWER OF LAWLESSNESS IS ALREADY AT WORK; BUT THE ONE WHO NOW HOLDS IT BACK WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO TILL HE IS TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY. ⁸ AND THEN THE LAWLESS ONE WILL BE REVEALED, WHOM THE LORD JESUS WILL OVERTHROW WITH THE BREATH OF HIS MOUTH AND DESTROY BY THE SPLendor OF HIS COMING. ⁹ THE COMING OF THE LAWLESS ONE WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOW SATAN WORKS. HE WILL USE ALL SORTS OF DISPLAYS OF POWER THROUGH SIGNS AND WONDERS THAT SERVE THE LIE, ¹⁰ AND ALL THE WAYS THAT WICKEDNESS DECEIVES THOSE WHO ARE PERISHING. THEY PERISH BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO LOVE THE TRUTH AND SO BE SAVED.

BE _____ FOR THE _____

FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, WITH A LOUD COMMAND, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL AND WITH THE TRUMPET CALL OF GOD...

“THEREFORE KEEP WATCH BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE WILL COME BACK—WHETHER IN THE EVENING, OR AT MIDNIGHT, OR WHEN THE ROOSTER CROWS, OR AT DAWN. IF HE COMES SUDDENLY, DO NOT LET HIM FIND YOU SLEEPING. WHAT I SAY TO YOU, I SAY TO EVERYONE: ‘WATCH!’”

(MARK 13:35-37 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

BE ABLE TO _____ EVIL

HE WILL OPPOSE AND WILL EXALT HIMSELF OVER EVERYTHING THAT IS CALLED GOD OR IS WORSHIPED, SO THAT HE SETS HIMSELF UP IN GOD’S TEMPLE, PROCLAIMING HIMSELF TO BE GOD.

WHO IS THE LIAR? IT IS WHOEVER DENIES THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST. SUCH A PERSON IS THE **ANTICHRIST**—DENYING THE FATHER AND THE SON... BUT EVERY SPIRIT THAT DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS IS NOT FROM GOD. THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF THE **ANTICHRIST**, WHICH YOU HAVE HEARD IS COMING AND EVEN NOW IS ALREADY IN THE WORLD... MANY DECEIVERS, WHO DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS CHRIST AS COMING IN THE FLESH, HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD. ANY SUCH PERSON IS THE DECEIVER AND THE **ANTICHRIST**.

(1 JOHN 2:22, 4:3; 2 JOHN 1:7 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

_____ IN SURE & CERTAIN HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION.

...AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST WILL RISE FIRST. AFTER THAT, WE WHO ARE STILL ALIVE AND ARE LEFT WILL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR.

“DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. YOU BELIEVE IN GOD BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. MY FATHER’S HOUSE HAS MANY ROOMS; IF THAT WERE NOT SO, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I AM GOING THERE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU? AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AND TAKE YOU TO BE WITH ME THAT YOU ALSO MAY BE WHERE I AM.”

(JOHN 14:1-3 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)