

1. REVELATION FORECASTS 1000 YEARS OF PEACE

A few years ago, there was an article published in the New York Times called "What Every Person Should Know About War." In this article, the author made an astounding statement.



2. He said, "Over the past 3400 years, the world has been entirely at peace for 268 of those years, or 8% of recorded history."

Think about what that is saying? In the last 3 ½ millennia, the world has been at peace only 8% of the time. That is a mind-boggling statistic! It underscores the fact that man has been largely ineffective in establishing peace in this world. To illustrate this, let's take a brief look at the last 100 years of world history.



WORLD WAR I (1914-18)

3. The first part of the twentieth century began with World War I, when many of the superpowers of the world were thrown into conflict against each other. After five difficult years of war, finally the Treaty of Versailles was signed, and that generation thought they had established peace. But it didn't last very long.



WORLD WAR II (1939-45)

4. A few years later came the Second World War, the rise of Hitler's Third Reich, and the attack upon Pearl Harbor—and the world was thrown into another chaotic conflict. This time it lasted for six long and painful years. Finally, V-day came, and that generation thought they had established peace.

5. But then came the rise of Communism and the Korean War.



KOREAN WAR (1950-53)

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6. Then the controversial Vietnam War.



VIETNAM WAR (1964-73)

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7. Then, in the late 1980s, there was hope because you had the fall of Communism, and the Berlin Wall came down. Some of you may remember that. That generation thought that peace was coming, but it didn't happen then either.



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8. Then came Saddam Hussein, the Persian Gulf wars, and more conflicts in the Middle East.



PERSIAN GULF WARS (1990s)



911

NEW YORK (SEPTEMBER 11, 2001)

9. Then, as the twenty first century began, a terrorist attack took place in New York City and 9-11 was born. Even today, the world finds itself in a constant struggle against physical wars, social media wars, and ideological wars. When we turn on the news all we hear about is conflict, chaos, and instability.



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10. Peace is something we all want. It's what we hope for our children. It's what governments of the world work hard towards. But no matter what we do, we just can't seem to establish peace in this world. But there is good news in the Book of Revelation! Bible prophecy tells us that a time of peace is coming very soon! Most Christians refer to this time period as the Millennium. Revelation calls it the thousand years of peace. That is what we're going to study tonight.

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- A Time of Peace Only for the Jewish Nation
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11. Now, there are many different theories surrounding what the Millennium is all about. Some people say this is a time of great peace on earth before Jesus comes. Others say this is a time of peace after Jesus comes, when people will have a second chance at salvation. Others say this is a time of peace that is only meant for the Jews and the nation of Israel. Then others say this is a time after Jesus comes when the saints are at peace in the kingdom of heaven.

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12. So, what we're going to do tonight is this: we're not going to worry so much about what people say or what tradition teaches. We're simply going to open the Bible to the book of Revelation and see what God says. And you will be amazed at how absolutely clear God is on this subject. In fact, we're going to do the opposite tonight of how we usually do things. Normally we look up all the verses and then give the conclusion at the end.

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13. Tonight, I'm going to give you the conclusion right at the beginning! And then we're going to look up the verses that will help to fill in the details. Is that all right with everyone?

What we're going to discover is that the thousand years of peace begins at the second coming of Jesus Christ. When you think about it, that really makes sense because as human beings, we will never establish peace on this earth by ourselves. History has proved that. Peace will only come when Jesus Christ intervenes in human affairs!

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14. So, as we begin this study, let's take our Bibles and go to Revelation chapter 19:11. What book are we going to? And what chapter? Have you gotten used to bringing your Bibles each night? Be sure to bring them every single night. John describes for us, in a very vivid way, the second coming of Jesus Christ. But in this vision, he is describing this event in a symbolic way. He's using a lot of different images. So, I want you to picture this in your mind.

15. Revelation 19 verse 11. The Bible says....

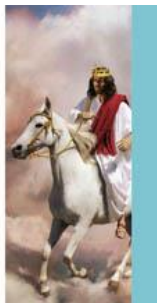


SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST & THE 1000 YEARS

REVELATION 19:11-16

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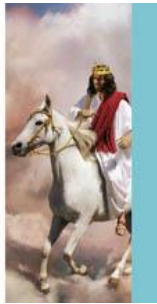
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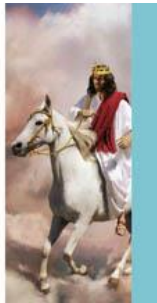
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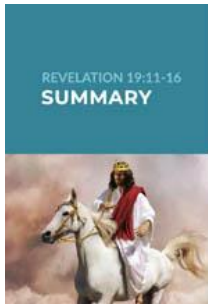
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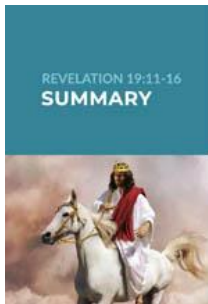
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20. Now those were six power-packed verses, so we don't want to go over them too quickly! I'm going to put on the screen a little summary of what John has just described in this vision. First of all, we have a Rider coming on a white horse. So, before we go any further, we ought to answer the question, who is the Rider on the white horse? Well, it's not too hard to figure out because there are quite a few clues in the passage itself. Verses 11-12 tell us the name of this Rider. What is He called? Faithful and True.



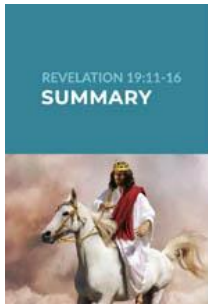
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21. Now colors in the Bible are very significant, particularly in the prophetic portions of the Bible. White is always used to represent purity—or truth—or righteousness. On top of that, verse 16 says there is a name written on His thigh. What is it? King of kings and Lord of lords. And He is described as coming with eyes like flames of fire and the armies of Heaven behind Him. So, there's no mistaking who this is. Obviously, it's Jesus Christ.



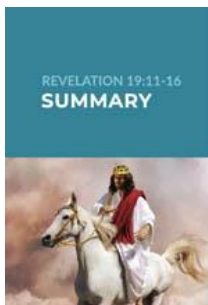
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22. Now there is some imagery in this vision that is disturbing to some people. Normally when you look through the Gospels, you always hear about the meekness and the gentleness of the loving and merciful Savior. But here, you also see imagery of wrath and war. The vision depicts Him as having eyes like flames of fire—and He's coming in the fierceness and wrath of God Almighty.



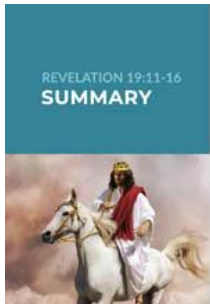
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23. That seems to be such a different picture from the Savior of the four gospels. Well, we can be assured it is still the same Savior, but you have to understand something. Revelation is describing a certain point in the future when time is no more. Sin has run its course and Christ is now coming to get rid of sin forever.



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24. For six thousand years He has seen what sin has done to His once perfect planet. He has seen His people persecuted, maligned, lied about, treated maliciously, and put to death. He has seen what Satan and the wicked have done to them throughout the centuries, and so now Jesus Christ is angry. His righteous indignation rises. He is coming to put a stop to sin forever. And in one sense we ought to say 'amen' to that.



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25. But even though this may seem to be a graphic description, if you go to verse 13, it says the Rider is wearing a robe dipped in what? In blood. So, this is a reference that takes us back to what event? Yes, the cross of Calvary. This is reminding us that this is still the same Savior who left the perfection of heaven—who left a place where millions of angels worshiped and adored Him—to walk on this messed up, sin-ridden world, so that you and I would have the opportunity to be saved. This is the Savior who gave up everything so you and I could have everything!



26. Now, the other picture that's given here is a sword that is coming out of His mouth. Does that mean he's literally going to have a knife between his teeth? No, this is obviously symbolic imagery.

In the Scriptures, a sword has always been used to represent the Word of God.



HEBREWS 4:12

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27. In Hebrews 4:12 it says, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword."

You say, now why is it symbolized that way? You see, when Jesus comes, we are going to be judged by this Word. That doesn't mean that we are saved by our works—we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ—but the decisions I have made in my life are a big indication of who I have allowed to rule my heart.



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28. The true believer chooses to follow the Word of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. The true believer doesn't compromise God's Word. Even if it means he's being made fun of, even if it means she's not in the majority, even if it costs us something. The true disciple of Jesus will always put the Bible above everything else and Jesus above everyone else. Their love for Jesus compels them to do so.



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- 29.** So that's the picture Revelation paints in verse 11-16. Jesus is now coming to save His people and to make war upon Satan and sin and the wicked. But now the vision goes a little bit further and John gets even more graphic in his description. Let's pick up the second part of this vision in Revelation 19:17-21. I'm going to read these verses straight through and I want you to picture them in your mind. The Bible says...



REVELATION 19:17-21

"Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, 'Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, that you may eat

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35. Let me ask you a question. Does this description sound positive or negative? It doesn't sound too good. So, what we need to do is stop and look a little deeper to find out what John is talking about. Here's a little summary of what we understand so far. Take a look at the screen.



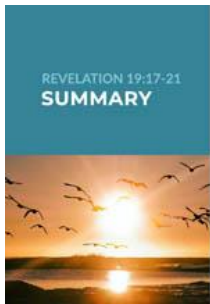
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36. As Jesus comes, Revelation shows us that the wicked are going to seek to make war against Christ and His armies. Now, I don't know exactly what that means. Perhaps the wicked are going to attempt to fire missiles or bombs to try to stop Jesus from coming to Earth. I don't know. But one thing I do know. No weapon fashioned by human hands is going to be able to keep God from fulfilling His purposes and carrying out the plan of salvation.



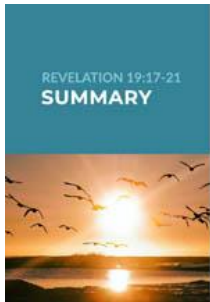
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37. You see, as we studied Revelation chapter six the other night, we saw that when the wicked see Jesus come, and they realize they are going to be lost, that they have rejected the free gift of salvation offered by Jesus, the Bible says they begin to run to the rocks and to the mountains and asking those things to fall on them and hide them from the face of Jesus.



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38. Now Revelation 19 adds another detail. Before they do that, there will be some who seek to make war against Jesus Christ. When they realize they will not be successful, then they flee from His face. Revelation describes this gruesome scene. The wicked are slain by the glory of God and they lie dead upon the face of the earth. Then John describes how the birds feed on their corpses. Now, I don't particularly like reading that verse, but the imagery is telling us something very important.



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39. When Jesus comes, we're going to be one of two places. We're either going to be among the living, preparing to spend eternity with Jesus, or we're going to be among the dead, scattered over the face of the earth.



40. Now Revelation continues, and in this vision, John describes the types of people who are lost. John describes all types of people—the kings and the great political leaders of the earth—captains of armies—the high and the mighty—the rich and the poor—the great and the small—all types of people. You see my friends, when Jesus comes, the only thing that's going to matter is: have I chosen to follow Him? Do I have the peace of salvation in my heart?



- 41.** It's not going to matter if I'm a business tycoon who's the C.E.O. of a Fortune 500 company. It's not going to matter if I have a big bank account filled with millions of dollars or if I have a stock portfolio that other people would envy. None of that will help me when time is no more.



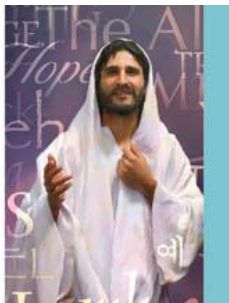
- 42.** It won't matter if I'm some kind of entertainment star or celebrity. I may have been in scores of movies and people know me as a household name. I may grace the cover of many magazines. I may be a sports star whose face is on every little boy's bedroom wall. I might be one of the most beautiful women or one of the most handsome men in the world, but the only thing that's going to matter when Jesus comes is not what the world thinks of me, but what Jesus thinks of me. Can you say amen?



- 43.** Clearly, Revelation is telling us that when Jesus comes, the only thing that is going to matter is if I have followed Jesus. The only thing that is going to have any significance is whether I have chosen to kneel at the foot of the cross. Have I chosen to allow Jesus' perfect life to count for me? That's all that is going to matter.

HEBREWS 3:7-8

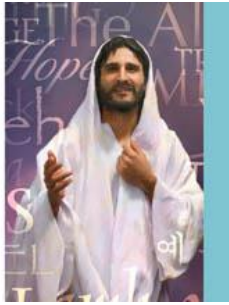
"Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."



- 44.** Brothers and sisters, if you and I are wanting to follow Jesus in the last days, then we need to follow Jesus today. That's why the Bible says in Hebrews 3:7-8, "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." Have you chosen to surrender your heart to Him?

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45. Jesus wants to share with us the reality of how things will be in the last days, and He's willing to be vivid if that's what it takes to wake us up. He's willing to be graphic if that's what it takes to help us to realize that the priority in our lives is our relationship with Him. You see, even your titles and positions can't save you. You may be a BA or MA, or a MD or PhD, but when you are D-E-A-D, you will discover that your degrees can't save you, only Jesus can.

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46. So, here is the picture Revelation 19 gives us up to this point. These are some of the final events of Earth's history. You have the second coming of Jesus Christ—the righteous living are transported to heaven—the righteous dead are resurrected meet the Lord in the air and are taken to heaven.

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47. The wicked who are alive when Jesus comes are slain at Christ's coming—the wicked who are already dead remain in their graves. Their resurrection comes later, as we'll discuss in chapter 20. But this now marks the beginning of the thousand years. A thousand years of peace, because the righteous will be in heaven with Jesus, and all the wicked will be deceased, so no sin will be going on. After that, there will be the inevitable—a final judgment.

REVELATION 20:1-3

"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that



48. Now let's make our way to chapter 20 because Revelation is about to tell us something amazing. Something that's going to happen at the beginning of this Millennium. Something that involves Satan himself. Let's pick it up now in Revelation 20:1-3. The Bible says,
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BEGINNING OF THE 1000 YEARS

Angel Descends From Heaven
Casts Satan Into Bottomless Pit
Binds Him With a Chain
Satan Can Deceive the Nations No More



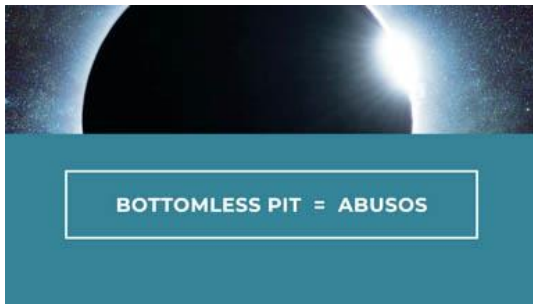
51. The second coming of Christ has taken place, and the chapter is telling us about the start of the Millennium. John describes an angel coming down from heaven. The angel takes hold of Satan and casts him into this place called the bottomless pit. Then he binds him with a great chain so that during that time he can deceive the nations no more. So, the question is, what does all that mean?



52. Well, let's think about it for a moment. I guess the biggest question we should ask first is, what is this bottomless pit? Is this literally going to be a pit with no bottom and Satan is just going to be constantly falling for a thousand years? Is that what God is trying to tell us? We have to remember that Revelation is a symbolic book. It's filled with imagery. Now before we go to the original language to get some answers, let's ask some logical questions.



53. In chapter 19, when Jesus comes, He's coming from heaven to where? To this earth. The events of chapter 19 are happening where? On this earth. Where has the great controversy between good and evil been taking place for the last few thousand years? On this earth. What we're going to discover is the bottomless pit simply refers to this earth in its destroyed and partially desolated condition after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.



54. You say, well how do you know that? We can also go back to the original language. The Greek word for "bottomless pit" in Revelation is "abusos". But there's a big clue in the book of Genesis. When you go back to Genesis 1:2 in the Greek Old Testament, the same word "abusos" is used to describe the earth as being without form and void before God created life on it. Let's take a look at that verse.

GENESIS 1:2

"The earth was without form and void. . ."

Genesis uses the word 'abusos'



55. *"The earth was without form and void. . ."*
Genesis used the word "abusos". So what Revelation is telling us is that this earth is the bottomless pit! It is without form and void! Partially destroyed and desolated at the second coming of Jesus Christ! And when you understand that, it makes a lot more sense!
To understand this better, I want you to notice how Peter describes what happens to this earth when Jesus comes.



2 PETER 3:10

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise,

56. In 2 Peter 3:10, the Bible says, *"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise,*



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and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”

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- 58.** So when Jesus comes, not only is the sky going to recede like a scroll—not only are mountains and islands being moved out of their places—but even other passages of Scripture are telling us that this earth is going to be partially destroyed and desolated. The Bible says here, “the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”



- 59.** This is where Satan is forced to be for a thousand years! And what’s going to keep him on the earth? Verse 1 told us that an angel binds Satan with what? Yes, a great chain.

I have a brother in Christ whose name is David. David is a fellow pastor who lives in the Maryland area. And he would like to have a dog. But his family disagrees on what type of dog to get.



- 60.** You see, David wants a big dog--- one that can knock you over when you play with it. He would love to have a German Shepherd or a Great Dane.



61. The problem is his family wants a smaller dog. In fact, his daughter wanted a dachshund. They don't want a German Shepherd because his wife had a bad experience with them as a home care nurse. She doesn't want a Rottweiler because she doesn't trust them. And she thinks a Great Dane is just too big. She said they could get a lab or a retriever. So, they've been negotiating back and forth for a while now. But David is still hoping for Great Dane. (You could tell your own dog story here).



62. Now how many of you have a dog? Can I see your hands? Now when a dog is outside in the yard, what do many people do? Put a chain on the dog. Or when they are taking the dog for a walk, what do they do? Put a leash on the dog. Why do they do that? So that the dog doesn't roam around the neighborhood. A chain or leash restricts a dog to a certain territory. The dog can only go so far, and no farther.



63. What Revelation is saying here is that Satan will be restricted to this desolated, destroyed Earth during the thousand years of the Millennium. So, God is saying to Satan: "You're the one that made this planet the way it is. You're the instigator of sin. You're the father of lies. You're the one who caused all these people to be lost. Since you made the world the way it is now, you're going to live in it for a thousand years"!



64. So why is this a punishment for Satan? Think about it. For the last six thousand years of history, what has his life been consumed with? Leading people astray. Deceiving them away from Jesus Christ. But during the thousand years, where will people be? The righteous—they're in heaven with Jesus. And the wicked? They're dead upon the face of the earth. And that's why Revelation says Satan cannot deceive the nations during the thousand years—because there is no one left to deceive!



65. I don't know if you've ever bought a dog and tried to house train it. It's hard work, isn't it? You put newspapers on the kitchen floor. So, when you'd go away, you'd say to the dog: "Please, if you have to go, will you just do your business on the newspaper?" But when you come home instead of your well-trained dog staying on the newspaper, somehow he made his way through the gate to the living room, and to your horror, you find a nice big pile of "dew dew" on your beautiful, expensive carpet.



66. Now your patience has run out. And you take the dog to the mess he has made, and you say: "Bad dog! Bad dog! Look at what you did!"

One day God's patience with Satan is going to run out. He's been going all over the earth making a mess. So, God is going to take him to the mess that he has created, and say, "Devil, Deceiver, stop and look at what you did. Now you get to live in it for a thousand years. By yourself. With nobody to tempt!"



67. Did you know that God gave some of his Old Testament prophets a glimpse into what this earth would look like during those thousand years? Would you like to see what they wrote? Let's go to Jeremiah 4:23-27. This is what's called a dual or double application prophecy.



68. That means, we see two things. We see that Jeremiah is describing what would happen to Jerusalem in his day if they continued to be unfaithful to God. But as you read what he wrote, it becomes very obvious that Jeremiah was also looking down through the corridors of time and describing this earth during the millennial period. So, let's read what he said in Jeremiah 4:23-27.

JEREMIAH 4:23-27

"I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; And the heavens, they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and indeed



69. The Bible says, "I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; And the heavens, they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and indeed

JEREMIAH 4:23-27

they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. I beheld, and indeed there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. I beheld,



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JEREMIAH 4:23-27

and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of the Lord, by His fierce anger.



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JEREMIAH 4:23-27

For thus says the Lord: 'The whole land shall be desolate; yet I will not make a full end.' "



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- Earth Without Form & Void.
- Earth Had no Light.
- Mountains and Hill Moved.
- Land Is a Wilderness.
- Cited Destroyed.
- No Life on Earth

73. So, let's summarize here. Jeremiah describes the earth as without form and void. He says the earth had no light. Mountains and hills were moved out of their place. The land is like a wilderness. Cities are destroyed. And specifically, Jeremiah says there was no life on this earth. He's looking forward into the time of the Millennium! But Jeremiah is not the only prophet who was given a prophetic glimpse of this time period. Isaiah was also shown something.

ISAIAH 24:19-22

"The earth is violently broken, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard,



74. Let's notice what Isaiah wrote in chapter 24 and verse 19. The Bible says,

"The earth is violently broken, the earth is split open, the earth is shaken exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard,

ISAIAH 24:19-22

and shall totter like a hut; its transgression shall be heavy upon it, and it will fall, and not rise again. It shall come to pass in that day the



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Lord will punish on high the host of exalted ones, and on the earth the kings of the earth. They will be gathered together, as prisoners



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ISAIAH 24:19-22

are gathered in the pit and will be shut up in the prison; after many days they will be punished."



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**ISAIAH 24:19-22
SUMMARY**



- Earth Is Broken.
- Earth Is Shaken.
- Earth Reels to and Fro.
- Transgression Heavy Upon It.
- Satan & Wicked in the Pit.

78. It says the earth will be broken down. The earth will be shaken exceedingly. It rocks back and forth like a drunkard. Sin is heavy upon it. But is also says something extremely important that ties this passage to Revelation 20. It says the prisoners, that is, the wicked, will be gathered in the pit. Clearly this is referring to the earth during the millennium after Jesus comes. The earth is the bottomless pit.



ISAIAH 14:12, 15

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!... Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit."

79. See, that's why Isaiah also wrote in chapter 14 and verses 12 and 15. . .

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!" And then in verse 15 it says, "Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the [e]lowest depths of the Pit."

There's that word "pit" again! Very clearly, when you look up the different verses of the Bible, they are telling us that the Bottomless Pit is the desolated, destroyed Earth during the one thousand years of peace.



ISAIAH 14:12, 15

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80. This is how you let the Bible interpret itself! What we could have done is formed a little committee and asked, "What do you think the bottomless pit is?" Then take a vote and let the majority rule. Now, is that a good way to find truth? Of course not, but you realize that many times throughout history, that's how truth was determined! That's why it's important to always go to what the Bible actually says. When you take the Bible and you look up all of the verses on a given topic, you will come to Bible truth.



ISAIAH 14:12, 15

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81. If all I do is look up one single solitary verse and isolate it from the rest of the Bible, I am very likely to come up with a misinterpretation. That's why we have thousands of different doctrines in the world today.



ISAIAH 14:12, 15

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82. If I am willing to take the Word of God—and when I am studying a subject get out my concordance and look up all the verses on a subject—and then put all those verses together, I can be sure that I am going to come to a conclusion, guided by the Holy Spirit, that will be founded not on what I say, and not on what you think, but based solely on what the Word of God says. Can you say amen? *That's* how we study the Bible!



83. Now some may wonder, what in the world is Satan going to do for the thousand years that he roams back and forth on this desolate earth? I imagine he is going to consider the rebellion he instigated in the courts of heaven. I imagine he's going to think about the path that he has taken, because he can look all around him and see the results of his rebellion.



84. He'll probably walk back and forth and perhaps in his mind he will think of that young man he once held within his grasp. He was a young man who grew up in a broken home. He had every disadvantage that a person could have. Parents who didn't love the Lord. There was drug addiction—alcohol—abuse—yelling and screaming—all going on in that home. As he grew up and went to school, the young man didn't take education seriously.



85. And eventually, he got involved with the wrong group of guys—a gang who would give him acceptance. Little by little, they began to shoplift from convenience stores, just for the fun of it—just to get kicks out of it. But as he got to be a teenager, the group he was hanging with moved on to bigger things.



86. They decided to steal a car, just to get a high from it. And in less than an hour, they were caught. The young man is sent to prison, and as he lays on his bed, he thinks about how he's wasted the early part of his life. He wonders if there's any hope for him. But there's a Godly old gentleman who believed in prison ministry. Despite the grey hairs on his head, he ventured into that jail cell. He went and prayed for that young man. He gave him a Bible and encouraged him to read it. And since the young man had nothing else to do during the day, he did begin reading.



87. He read about this Man who was called the Son of God. This man who was sent from heaven, named Jesus Christ. He read how He healed the lepers—gave sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf—spent time with prostitutes and tax collectors. And for the first time, this young man came to the realization that maybe there was hope for him, too. That maybe he, too, could have the record of his life wiped clean. That maybe he, too, could be changed. And right there in jail, that young man accepted Jesus as his Savior.



88. And when his time was served, he found a good Bible-believing church. He got involved in a ministry helping other disadvantaged youth, and now this young man is in the kingdom of heaven while Satan is roaming a desolated destroyed Earth! Praise God for the power of the Holy Spirit that can change a human heart! Can you say amen? The good news is, He can change your heart too, my friend, if you'll surrender it to Him!



89. Maybe the Devil will walk a little bit farther. He will see the face of that young woman lying on the ground. A young woman he knew very well. She grew up in a Christian home. She had all the advantages a person would want to have. Godly parents who loved the Lord and took her to church every weekend. They even had family worship and made the sacrifice to send her to a Christian school.



90. But as she got older, she didn't take her faith seriously. In college, she got straight A's. She got a business degree, began to work in the business world, and her main concern began to be climbing up the corporate ladder.

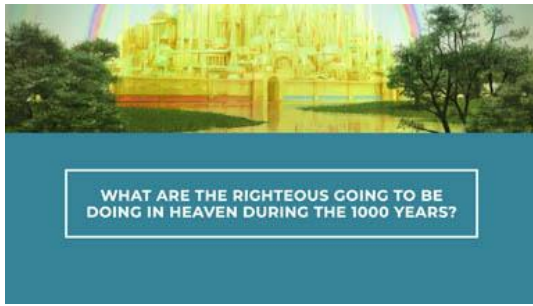
It came to a point where she forgot about Jesus. She left her faith behind. She didn't have time for the Bible, because her God was her bank accounts. Her God became worldly ambition. And even though she may never have committed some great sin, she simply forgot about Jesus.



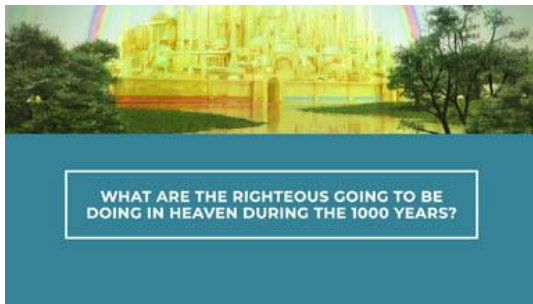
91. And the next thing you knew, the heavenly trumpet was blowing, Jesus came, probation was closed, and it was too late. She had every opportunity to accept Christ as her Savior. And now her family is in the kingdom of heaven while she lies among the lost on a desolated earth, all because of Satan's deception in her life.



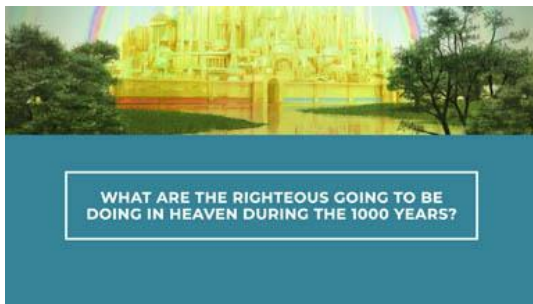
92. You see, brothers and sisters, we're going to be in one of two places. Either in heaven with Jesus or lying upon a desolated earth. But the only question that matters is, where do you want to be? Where is your life leading you now? Is it time to get on a different path? Is God telling you it's time to change course? My sincere prayer is that every person in this building would choose that they want to be with Jesus for eternity.



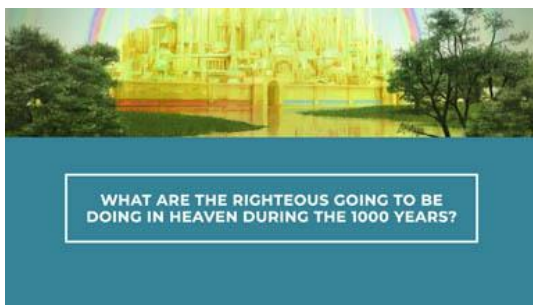
93. Perhaps another question comes to our minds. What are the righteous going to be doing in heaven during the 1000 years? Some people think we're going to be a bunch of spirits floating on a cloud just playing harps for all eternity. Well, I sure hope not because that sounds awfully boring to me.



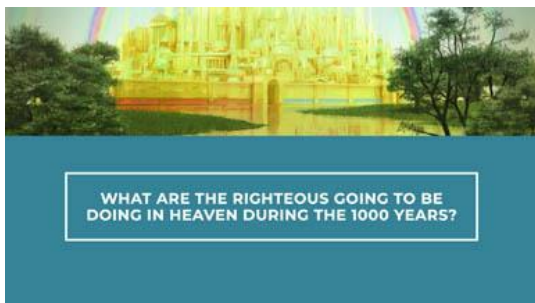
94. Later in the series, we'll read together what the Bible says we'll be doing throughout eternity on the earth made new. But as far as the 1000 years is concerned, I imagine during that time we're going to be healing from sin. We're going to be healing from all the pain, the heartaches, and the trials that we have gone through during our life on this earth.



95. But do you know what else we're going to do during that time? Here is something that the Book of Revelation tells us that is absolutely awesome. When you get to heaven, it's possible you might have a few questions. You look around and first of all, you're glad that you're there. But then you might see people there that you thought would never be there. And then you might see some people are not there that you thought for sure would be there.



96. What would happen if I look around and all of a sudden, I see the bully from high school there in heaven? There's the guy that terrorized me and made my life miserable. What's he doing here? Then as I look around, I notice a friend of mine is not there. We used to go to church together. She even had a ministry for the homeless—but she's not there. How is it that the high school bully is there, and my friend is not? So, I might go to God with some questions. 'God, are You sure there wasn't some mistake in the heavenly computers? Help me to understand it, Lord.'



WHAT ARE THE RIGHTEOUS GOING TO BE DOING IN HEAVEN DURING THE 1000 YEARS?

- 97.** Do you know what God does? God becomes transparent with us. He could say, “Just be glad that you’re here. Don’t question My judgments.” But that’s not what God does. That’s not His character.

Revelation tells us that God is going to open up the books of record in heaven so that we can understand. Did you know that there are books of record in heaven? There are books kept of every person's life. Now whether that means literal books like we have on earth, I don't know, but even on earth we talk about storing things in the cloud!



REVELATION 20:4

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their

- 98.** Notice what John wrote in Revelation 20:4. The Bible says,

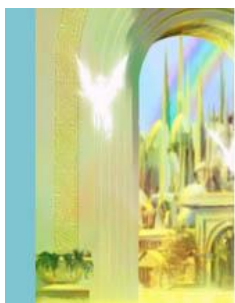
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witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or

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on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

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“They,” meaning the righteous, “*sat on thrones and judgment was committed to them.*” What does that mean, exactly? It means that God is going to let us check His judgments. Not that God could ever be wrong, but so that we get all our questions answered and we are at perfect peace.



REVELATION 20:4

on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."

101. In fact, Revelation is not the only book to refer to this. Paul actually wrote about this in his letter to the Corinthian church.

Notice what it says in I Corinthians 6:2. The Bible says,



I CORINTHIANS 6:2, 3

"Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?... Do you not know that we shall judge angels?"

102. *"Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?... Do you not know that we shall judge angels?"*

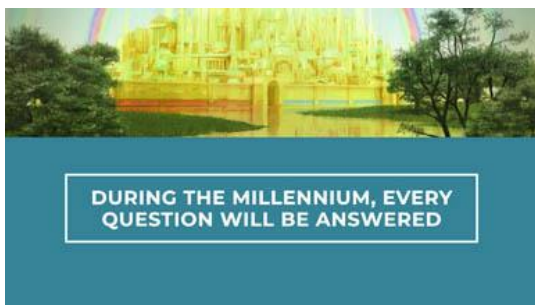
This refers to the evil or the wicked angels that were lost. Just think about what that says about the character of our Creator? He is willing to be so open, honest, and transparent with us. He says: "Look, here are the books. Let's open them together and I'll explain everything. Let's get your questions answered." What a beautiful, touching picture of God! That's a personal Savior!



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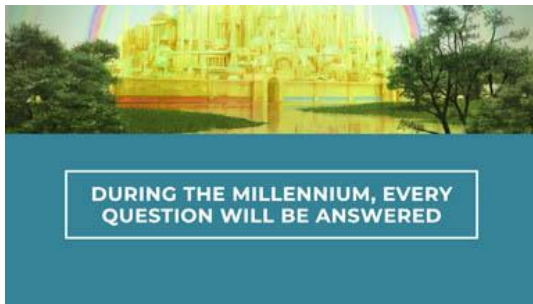
103. And for the first time we will be able to see this world through the eyes of God instead of just seeing the limited picture. Now the veil is removed. We can see things the way God saw them. And we'll understand why some persons are in heaven and some are not.



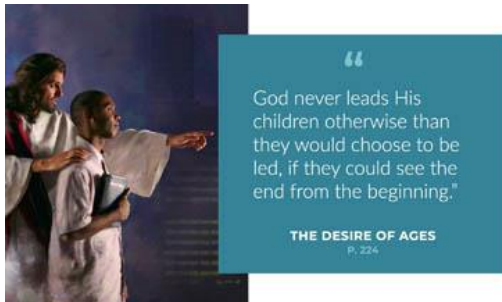
104. During the time of the Millennium, every question will be answered. Every wrong will be made right. We will be able to walk away saying, "I fully and completely trust God". And we will declare, as it says in Revelation 15:3: "Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!"



105. But do you know what else this means? Do you think you might have some questions about your own life? I know I will about mine. “God, why did you let certain things happen in my life? Why did you let my little boy die in childbirth? Why did you let me lose my father when I was just six years old? Lord, why did you let me lose that job? Why did you let my marriage break up? Why? Why? Why?”

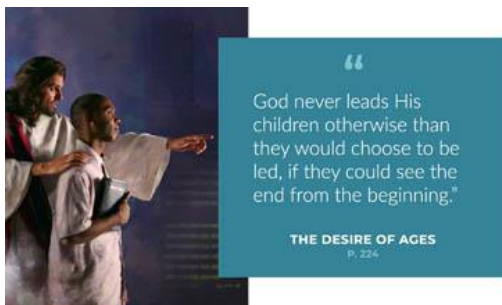


106. During the Millennium, all our concerns are brought before God. We can look through our books of record. Won't that be amazing that for the first time we can see our own life as God sees it?

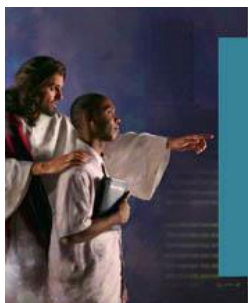


107. One Christian writer said, “God never leads His children otherwise than they would choose to be led, if they could see the end from the beginning” (The Desire of Ages, p. 224).

We will be able to see the big picture. Every question will be answered. We will be able to look at God and say, “now that I've seen the big picture, I would not have wanted you to handle my life in any other way. Thank you, Jesus!”



108. This means every seed of doubt will be removed and sin will never rise again. How do we know that? What was it that caused sin in the first place? Later we're going to talk about Revelation 12, where it says Lucifer caused rebellion in heaven. Remember, he did that by sowing seeds of what in the heart of the other angels? Doubt. Doubting the character of God. Doubting that God is love. Doubting that God could be trusted. He's been doing the same thing on this earth.



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109. Because God doesn't want us to have any seed of doubt in our hearts—because He does not want rebellion to happen all over again—He opens those books of record. And that's why the Bible says every question will be answered.

NAHUM 1:9

“Affliction will not rise up a second time.”



110. Nahum 1:9 promises, “Affliction will not rise up a second time.”

That's the beauty of the thousand years of peace. It shows us a God who is so transparent that He sits by my side and He chooses to answer my questions—and yours!



REVELATION 20:7-8

“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the

111. Well, what happens at the end of the thousand years? Let's pick up the rest of the vision now by taking a look at verses 7 through 8. Revelation chapter 20 and verse 7. The Bible says,

“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the



REVELATION 20:7-8

four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.”

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As soon as you read verses 7 and 8, there ought to be a great big question popping up in your mind. What does it mean that he goes out to deceive the nations? I thought all the wicked were dead. That's a pretty good question, isn't it? Here's what happens. Listen carefully.



REVELATION 20:7-8

four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea."

113. Now comes the resurrection of the wicked at the end of the thousand years. The wicked have not yet had the opportunity to stand before God and understand why they are lost. God is not going to sentence anyone to be lost without having them understand why that decision is made. As they stand before God and their life is open before them, they can see where they have chosen to reject Christ and the salvation that He has offered.

REVELATION 20:11-13

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God,



114. Let's look at verses 11-13. John fills in some of the details. It's as if he wrote verses 7 and 8 and then said, let me add some more color to my painting. So, he adds verses 11-13:

"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God,

REVELATION 20:11-13

and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the



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John describes this Great White Throne Judgment. He sees the dead standing before God and books were opened. This is now the resurrection of the wicked! They are resurrected to face judgment. By the way, did you know the Bible talks about two different resurrections? Let's pause here for a moment. I want to take you back to something that Jesus said when he walked this earth. It's in John 5:28. Jesus said,



JOHN 5:28

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the

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JOHN 5:28

to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."

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TWO RESURRECTIONS

Second Coming of Jesus
Resurrection of Life
Righteous Are Taken to Heaven

1000 YEARS - MILLENNIUM

119. You see, there are two resurrections. But they don't happen at the same time. The resurrection of life happens at the second coming of Jesus when the righteous are taken to Heaven.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-17

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."



120. First Thessalonians chapter 4 verse 16 says it this way, "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first."

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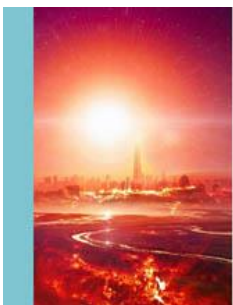
121. The resurrection of damnation happens at the end of the thousand years—when the millennial period is over—and the wicked must stand before the great white throne judgment of God that Revelation just described. As they stand before God, they realize they are lost but refuse to repent.



122. Revelation says that Satan now goes out to deceive the nations—the resurrected wicked. They are numerous—as thick as the sand of the sea. Think about it—all the wicked from throughout the thousands of years of earth's history. How many do you think that's going to be? More than millions—probably billions and trillions.



123. Satan deceives them and says, 'Listen our numbers are like the sand of the sea. Look, the holy city is now descending from God out of heaven. We can take that city. We are more than they are!' And the Bible says they go to attack the New Jerusalem as it comes down from God out of heaven. This shows the whole universe that even after a thousand years, Satan has not changed. Even the wicked who have stood before God have not changed either. And now God can choose to destroy Satan, and sin, and the wicked, and be perfectly just before the eyes of the universe.

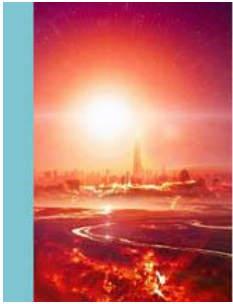


REVELATION 20:9

"They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.

124. That's why it says in Revelation 20:9,

"They," meaning the resurrected wicked, "went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city.



REVELATION 20:9
And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them."

125. *And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them."*

And even though that is somewhat of a sad verse, it also means that sin is now gone forever. We can live in perfect peace—on a new earth—in the presence of Jesus—somebody ought to say amen to that!

REVELATION 21:1, 4

"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth...And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;



126. Listen to what God has in store for us. Let's move to Revelation 21:1 where it describes the new heavens and the new earth. The Bible says,

"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth..." And verse 4 says, "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes;"

REVELATION 21:1, 4

there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain..."



127. *there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more..." what? "... pain..."*

Do you want to be in that new earth where there is no death, no sorrow, and no more pain? Do you want to be in the presence of Jesus? The wonderful thing is, that's the place God has prepared for you and me, and He desperately wants us to be there.



128. Tonight, I'd like to end with this story. Mike and Vanessa were a couple in their early 20s. They met at a college in Tennessee. When they first started dating, she brought Mike home to meet her family. Mike discovered that her father had a strange habit that he didn't understand at first. He liked taking Vanessa on walks through the graveyard. Whenever they would go visit her grandparents in the northern part of the state, Vanessa's dad would want to stop and visit the cemeteries.



129. When you're in your early twenties and you're getting ready to be married, walking through cemeteries isn't exactly your favorite thing to do. You're not thinking about death. You're thinking about life. But after a while Mike began to understand why Vanessa's father wanted to do this. He would take her through the cemeteries because he wanted Vanessa to know about her ancestors—great grandparents, or great great grandparents, or great uncles that she never had the opportunity to meet.



130. You can sometimes tell a lot about a person's life by what's written on the tombstone. So, he wanted to show her the tombstones and tell her stories about the person's life.



131. So, Mike went along with it. But you notice something walking through a cemetery. The tombstones near the front of the cemetery—the ones that are fairly new— maybe five to ten years old--- many of those gravesites have flowers or wreaths around them. They are always well kept.

And most of the time, you can easily read the writing on the tombstone. It's obvious somebody continues to remember that person. They've not been forgotten.



132. But when you go towards the middle of the cemetery—to tombstones that are twenty, thirty, or forty years old—there's a little difference. Sometimes there are weeds growing up around the edges. Sometimes there are cracks along tombstone. And it's a little bit harder to read the writing, because dirt has gathered in between the cracks. And there's not nearly as many wreaths or flowers on those gravesites. And you begin to realize that, as time has passed, people have started to forget.



133. But then you get to the back of the cemetery---to those tombstones that are sixty or seventy years old. Many of them are not kept up at all. Sometimes the tombstones are broken in two and you can hardly read the writing on them. Almost never do you see wreaths or flowers beside them, because after seventy years the vast majority of people have forgotten. They hardly even know the person existed.



134. You see, my friends, we spend our lives trying to be popular. I can spend my life trying to please everyone in this world. I could spend my life trying to make sure everyone knows my name. But the truth of it is, the only thing that matters in the end is, does Jesus know my name? Have I accepted Him as my Lord and as my Savior? That's all that matters.



MARK 8:36

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

135. The words of Jesus speak to our hearts tonight. In Mark 8:36 He said, "For what will it profit a man 1[or a woman] if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

Do you want the world? Or do you want Jesus? God has prepared a place for you. And if there are decisions in your life that you need to make—if there is anything that stands between us and Jesus—the Bible encourages us to let it go. Just let it go. There's nothing in this world that's worth missing out on spending eternity with Jesus.



MARK 8:36

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

136. Prophecy is telling us it's time to turn our eyes upon Jesus. Tonight, are you willing to say, "Lord Jesus, help me surrender my heart to you. Help me to make the decisions I need to make. Give me the courage to follow you fully"? Is that your desire tonight?



MARK 8:36

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

137. Heavenly Father, we are sinful, erring human beings. You know our struggles. But we know You are a mighty Savior, One who understands our weaknesses and sympathizes with us. We are asking you to send your Holy Spirit to give us the power to follow You, to give us the strength to make decisions that are long overdue. Take our hearts, Lord, and give us Jesus.



MARK 8:36

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

138. Tonight—with our heads bowed and eyes closed—if you would like to say, “Lord Jesus, I want to follow you fully. I have some decisions to make. I want to ask you to fill my heart with Your love and give me the desire and the strength to follow you with all my heart” -- then I invite you to raise your hand just now. Every head is bowed. All eyes are closed.



MARK 8:36

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

139. This is between the individual and Jesus. Would you like to say, “Lord, fill my heart with Your love and give me the desire and strength to follow you fully”? Then I invite you to raise your hand just now. Lord, you see every hand that is raised. Bless that person. Bless their families. Answer their prayer. Fill their hearts with Jesus. We ask these things in His name. Amen.



140. Before you leave tonight, remember to take time to fill out your response card and turn it in at the registration table, so you can have a chance to win a free book at the next meeting.

- The teaching tonight was clear. It was a blessing to me.
- I have some questions about tonight's study.
- I desire to follow Jesus and be baptized.
- I'd like to have a visit with a member of the pastoral team.
- I have a prayer request.



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