



2025 Allusions, Images, Symbols: How to Study Bible Prophecy Lesson 8 In the Psalms: Part 2

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SABBATH

Read Memory Text:

- Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You. Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall **judge** the people **righteously**, and **govern** the nations on earth. Psalm 67:3-4 NKJV.

Thoughts about this text?

Doesn't this text connote the idea of a judicial process, of judging people, righteously to be sure, but still suggests, as it reads, a executive judgment?

This is a perfect example of how people can translate into the text the imposed law construct. This translation is linguistically totally within appropriate interpretation and translation—BUT IT IS NOT THE ONLY ONE!

Notice some other translations and see if they connote a different meaning from the same Hebrew, (and we will look only at verse 4, as there is no significant difference in verse 3):

- May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you **rule** the peoples **justly** and **guide** the nations of the earth. Psalm 67:4 NIV84.
- Let foreigners rejoice and celebrate! For you **execute justice** among the nations, and **govern** the people living on earth. Psalm 67:4 NET
- May the peoples of the earth be glad and sing for joy, for you **govern** the world with absolute **constancy**, sustaining your design-laws, and you **guide** the peoples all over the world back to life and health. Psalm 67:4 REM

There is no nefariousness in these different translations. All are done with honesty and integrity, seeking to be most accurate, but it reveals that the translators bring over their biases, assumptions, presuppositions, and beliefs when they translate.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God, but the words are not inspired—the penmen were inspired with truth from God and they chose the words to convey those truths. Thus, we are able to replace the

Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words with other language words **as long as we bring over the truths** those words are intended to convey.

Thus, given the many versions and lexicons available the most important thing in translation is not being an expert in the languages, but understanding the Great Controversy, what the war is actually over, God's character and Design Law methods. If one does not understand these foundational truths then when translating, in all innocence, imposed law constructs that misrepresent God will be brought into the text.

Read the second and third paragraph,

- Prophecy, however, also deals with key issues associated with sin and suffering, judgment, the battle between good and evil, the nature of justice and injustice, persecution, and more.

The Psalms also deal with these issues in great depth, exploring nearly every possible human emotion—from dark despondency to unbridled joy. We see Israel preparing for battle against the forces of darkness. We read about individuals wrestling with the question of **why doesn't God address evil more directly and immediately, a question that no doubt we all have asked**. We are directed to the sanctuary for answers, and there also are repeated appeals to God's status as Creator. Are these not issues and questions that we, in our context today, wrestle with, as well? *Adult SS Guide 2nd Q 2025*, Allusions, Images, Symbols: How to Study Bible Prophecy, p. 72, emphasis mine.

Why doesn't God address evil more directly and immediately?

What does God want and how can He get it?

Does God want an end to sin? What is sin? Is sin behavioral rule-breaking or is sin distrust of God with subsequent fear and selfishness resulting in rebelliousness, a willful choice to run from God and break away from His design laws for life—to be lawless?

As the Bible says:

- Everything that does not come from faith is sin. Romans 14:23 NIV84
- Sin is lawlessness 1John 3:4 NIV84

If sin is distrust resulting in fear and selfishness that causes people to live out of harmony with God's design laws for life, then how does God get rid of it?

What is the opposite of distrust and selfishness? Trust and love—then if God wants to get rid of sin, which is distrust and selfishness, He must restore trust and love. Can God, with the use of His infinite power by more directly dealing with sin restore love and trust?

Can God get love, trust, loyalty, friendship and devotion by using imposed law and law enforcement through inflicted punishment? No! this is violation of the law of liberty and results in the destruction of love and inciting rebellion.

Can God get love and trust by using His power to make changes inside a human heart and mind against that person's will? No, why not? Because to do so would destroy that person's mind, erase their individuality, make them into a mindless drone, robot, simulation of life incapable of love.

The only way God can win the war and get what He wants is through truth and love presented in freedom. Thus, God teaches, it is not by might, nor by power but by the way the Spirit works (Zech 4:6).

And Bible history reveals this to be true, whenever God has used might and power it never results in love and trust, it only results in a brief period of intimidated behavioral conformity and then continuation of rebellion.

- The Flood followed by the tower of Babel
- 10 plagues of Egypt followed by the golden calf
- The thundering of Sinai followed by the princes rebelling
- The fire at Mt Carmel followed by more idolatry
- Jesus many miracles, including healing Malchus's ear followed by rejection, rebellion, crucifixion of Jesus

So the answer to the question, Why doesn't God address evil more directly and immediately? Is because of how reality works—and reality is built upon God's design laws. To use force, more direct means, perpetuates sin and the war.

God cannot get what He wants, an end to sin, by direct physical means—it is only by love, truth, and freedom winning people to choose to trust Him and open their hearts and then in freedom they receive recreation and choose to act upon the new motives of love for God and others.

When we replace the truth of God's design laws with human imposed law then we will innocently bring over the lie that God wins by imposing His will through the use of power to inflict punishment upon rule breakers, but this only undermines trust and perpetuates fear and selfishness. This is why God waits. He waits for a people to truly know Him and thereby trust Him and be healed by His indwelling Spirit of truth and love and **give the true message about Him.**

SUNDAY

Read first paragraph,

- Psalm 46 appears to touch on a theme that we find in the book of Hebrews: that of something better. Jesus is better than the earthly high priest, His sacrifice is better than all the animal

sacrifices, and the heavenly sanctuary is better than the types that existed on earth. *Adult SS Guide 2nd Q 2025, Allusions, Images, Symbols: How to Study Bible Prophecy*, p. 73.

1. A Better Hope

The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the law made nothing perfect), and a **better hope** is introduced, by which we draw near to God. Hebrews 7:18–19 NIV84, emphasis mine.

What God wants is our love, trust, loyalty, friendship, agreement. He wants to eradicate sin from His universe and restore unity, the unity of love and trust. And fear cannot be driven out of hearts by threats of punishment. Love cannot be restored into hearts by ritual, ceremony, or laws written upon stone. Lies cannot be defeated by inflicting punishment upon those who tell lies. Truth is not advanced by taking freedom, censoring speech, and silencing dissent. There is no hope in ceremony, ritual, law, and law-enforcement.

The ceremonial and written law were teaching tools, therapeutic interventions, additions given by God to enlighten our minds and lead us to experience the reality to which they were pointing. And that reality is Jesus!

No one will be recognized as having a healthy relationship with God and being like Christ in character **by adhering to a set of rules**; rather, it is through the Ten Commandments that we **become aware** of our sickly state of mind. But now God has revealed a healthy state of being—a character that is right and perfect in every way—that **did not come from the written code**, but is exactly what the Scriptures and the Ten Commandments were pointing your minds toward. This perfect state of being **comes from Christ** and **is created within us** by God **when we place our trust in him**. Our **trust in him is established by the evidence** given through Jesus Christ of his supreme trustworthiness. Romans 3:20-22 REM, emphasis mine.

Jesus is our better hope for Jesus is the reality to which all the written laws, rules, regulations, and ceremonies, (including the Ten Commandments) were pointing. And Jesus, our better hope, brings us a better covenant:

2. A Better Covenant

Jesus has become the guarantee of a **better covenant**. Hebrews 7:22 NIV84, emphasis mine.

What made this covenant better than the previous one?

But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises. For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. But God found fault with the people and said:

“The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because **they did not remain faithful to my covenant**, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I **will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘**Know the Lord,**’ because **they will all know me**, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” Hebrews 8:6-12 NIV84, emphasis mine.

What made the New Covenant better and what was wrong with the first one? The first was focused on behavior, on rules, on externals, on law. The second is the reality of God’s kingdom, truth, love, and trust. It is about restoration of hearts and minds back into God’s ideal, eradicating fear, purging lies, removing rebellion, restoring trust—as Jesus said “the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:30 NIV84). And restoring love and trust cannot be accomplished through might and power, but only by the Spirit of truth and love winning heart to freely choose to say yes to God (Zechariah 4:6).

In the first covenant, God offered healing, but the people chose behavior management; God wanted a love relationship, but the people chose a legal relationship; God wanted closeness—intimacy, but the people chose distance—separation; God wanted personal connection, but the people chose a mediator; God wanted restoration of love and trust, but the people chose fear and selfishness. God spoke directly to His people, but the people didn’t want to speak to God:

When **you heard the voice** out of the darkness, while the mountain was ablaze with fire, all the leading men of your tribes and your elders came to me. And you said, “**The LORD our God has shown us his glory and his majesty, and we have heard his voice from the fire. Today we have seen that a man can live even if God speaks with him.** But now, why should we die? This great fire will consume us, and **we will die if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer.** For what mortal man has ever heard the voice of the living God speaking out of fire, as we have, and survived? **Go near and listen to all that the LORD our God says. Then tell us whatever the LORD our God tells you. We will listen and obey.**” Deuteronomy 5:23-27 NIV84, emphasis mine.

This is the first covenant, the Old Covenant, the failed covenant. It is the covenant of the people and by the people, the arrangement they insisted upon because they did not trust God and refused His plan for cleansing their hearts, minds, and characters and bringing them back into unity with Him.

The people didn’t want God to change them, to heal them, to cleanse them. They wanted a god like the pagans, one they could control through their behaviors, their performance, their law-keeping, their ceremonies, rituals, incantations, and sacrifices. They chose a rules-oriented legal covenant in which they could do good and God was then required to bless, or if they did bad then God was required to punish. They chose a covenant of law and law enforcement.

The old covenant focused on fear of punishment or promises of reward. The “new covenant” on reality, on God’s design, on God’s plan, intent, purpose, on Jesus, on our substitutionary Savior restoring God’s living law of love and trust in the human species!

And this new covenant, this new understanding, the new agreement is our agreement to trust God and open our hearts to Him, and He His agreement to heal us, renew us, recreate us, to remove fear and selfishness, guilt, and shame, and write into our hearts and minds His living law of love and trust. When that happens God no longer needs to think about and focus upon our sin, because our sin, the breakdown of love and trust, the rebelliousness, the fear and selfishness which causes all the pain, suffering, and death, has been removed! He doesn’t have to think about it anymore because it is gone. It is like a physician father whose child is dying of cancer saying, once you trust me son, and let me heal you, I will never have to think about your cancer again.

Yes! The new covenant in which Jesus heals us by restoring His design law into our hearts and minds, cleansing us from fear, selfishness, and distrust is so much better than the old covenant of imposed law and law-enforcement.

3. A Better Sacrifice

It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with **better sacrifices** than these. Hebrews 9:23 NIV84, emphasis mine.

What made Jesus’ sacrifice better than the animal sacrifices and how is it Jesus’ sacrifice cleanses heavenly things?

Again, all the animal sacrifices were merely symbol, theater, object lesson teaching the reality that Jesus accomplished, but what did His sacrifice accomplish?

The gifts and sacrifices being offered were **not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper**. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—external regulations applying until the time of the new order... But those sacrifices are an annual **reminder** of sins, because **it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins**. Hebrews 9:9,10, 10:3,4 NIV84, emphasis mine.

Wax fruit can represent real fruit, but we can never get life, nutrition, health from eating wax fruit. Likewise, the sacrifices of animals can represent the real sacrifice of Christ, but we can never get life, spiritual nurturing, healing of our souls from animal sacrifices—only through Jesus. And why is Jesus’ sacrifice effective? Because Jesus provides the reality-based solution to the sin problem that restores trust and recreates sinners in righteousness.

Jesus’ incarnation into humanity, sinless life, sacrificial death, and resurrection:

1. Revealed the truth about God that destroys the lies that Satan has told about God thus removing all doubt from the loyal angels and solidifying them in eternal loyalty.

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to **reconcile to himself all things**, whether things on earth or **things in heaven**, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Colossians 1:19,20 NIV84, emphasis mine.

2. Destroyed the power of Satan and freed us from death.

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by **his death he might destroy him** who holds **the power of death—that is, the devil**—and **free those** who all their lives were held in slavery by their **fear of death**. Hebrews 2:14-15 NIV84, emphasis mine.

Jesus, God in humanity, revealed the truth about God that destroys the lies of Satan and wins us back to trust. Life eternal is that we know God and Jesus Christ. It is in Jesus that God is revealed. Life eternal = knowing God; eternal death then, is not knowing God. Therefore, Satan's power of death is the lies he tells about God that when we believe them, keep us from knowing God. Jesus destroyed this power by His life of selfless love and sinless death. But more than this, Jesus also frees us from the fear of death by providing the remedy that heals us and gives us eternal life. This is symbolized by His sinless blood. His sinless blood represents His sinless life that we receive when we trust Him. As Leviticus states, "the life is in the blood" vs 17:11. And Christ's perfecting, healing, restoring of the species human is described in Hebrews 5:

Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, **once made perfect**, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. Hebrews 5:8, 9 NIV84, emphasis mine.

Wasn't Jesus always perfect? Jesus was always sinless, but Bible perfection is about maturity of character. Jesus, as a human, using only human abilities was tempted in all points just like we are (Hebrews 4:15) and chose with His human mind, heart, and will to say no to every temptation and ultimately destroyed the infection of fear and selfishness with which Adam infected humanity. And thus Jesus destroyed the death causing principle He partook through Mary, purging it from the humanity He assumed, and restored the life causing principle He received from the Father of His humanity (the Holy Spirit) and became the source of salvation for all who love and trust Him. Thus Jesus' sacrifice is better than the animal sacrifices because it accomplishes what was necessary to destroy death and bring life and immortality to light (2 Timothy 1:10), to defeat Satan, to restore love and trust in God, and to heal God's creation. For more on how Jesus cleanses us from sin see our blogs [Salvation and the Cleansing of our Spirits Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).

4. Better Possessions

You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had **better and lasting possessions**. Hebrews 10:34 NIV84, emphasis mine.

What are the better and lasting possessions? Jesus said,

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Mark 8:36 NKJV.

The world focuses on money, precious metals, jewels, cars, houses, lands, stocks, fame, social-media “clicks” and followers, but what does any of that matter if one dies eternally? What do riches and fame matter if one is tormented in heart, mind and soul, if one doesn’t have peace within oneself? How many rich and famous die by suicide because they don’t have mental, emotional, or spiritual health?

We possess something much more valuable, something that results in eternal life. We have the remedy of Jesus. We have God’s love, mercy, grace, forgiveness, and Spirit that heals us and recreates us in righteousness.

Better a little with righteousness than much gain with injustice. Proverbs 16:8 NIV84, emphasis mine.

How much **better to get wisdom** than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver! Proverbs 16:16 NIV84, emphasis mine.

Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud. Proverbs 16:19 NIV84, emphasis mine.

What is the better and lasting possession? A clear conscience, a mature Christlike character, wisdom, clarity in thinking, good judgment, self-control, love for God and others, a gentle and kind spirit. And these are only possible through Jesus Christ. And when we possess this, then we become God’s trusting and trustworthy friend (John 15:15), a person like Job, Daniel, the three worthies. Someone whom God can trust to be faithful to Him and say of Him what is right—and what could be more precious than that?

5. A Better Country

Instead, they were longing for a **better country**—a **heavenly one**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11:16 NIV84, emphasis mine

And this better country is not received here. It is not a small strip of land in the Middle East with perpetual violence and wars. It will not come through earthly governments; it will not come through imposed law and law-enforcement. That is what the beastly system is going to sell to the world—the lie that we can have peace and safety with more law and law enforcement. But the righteous long for a better country—a heavenly one.

Where safety and security doesn't come from 100% community surveillance by an omniscient God, or from a perfect “police-state” by an omnipotent God who has angels with flaming swords on every street corner. No, heaven will not be safe because God has perfect law-enforcement. It will be safe because every person there has perfect Christlike character restored within them. God's law of truth, love, and liberty is written upon their hearts and minds and every person there would rather die than harm another, every person there is like Jesus, every person there is perfectly trustworthy just like Jesus is! Yes, we are looking forward to a better country! (If you would like to read more about God's promises for the land in Palestine see our blog [Israel and the Promised Land Today](#)).

6. A Better Resurrection

Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a **better resurrection**. Hebrews 11:35 NIV84, emphasis mine.

The better resurrection is the resurrection into eternal life with immortal bodies into a world free of all sin. It is not the resurrection of the Shunnamite's son (2 Kings 4:18-37). It is not the resurrection of the dead man who was thrown into the cave and touched Elisha's bones (2 Kings 13:20). It is not the resurrection of Lazarus (John 11:14-43). It was not the resurrection of the widow's son (Luke 7:11-17). It was not the resurrection of Jarius' daughter (Mark 5:21-43). All of these were resurrections to this mortal life, to a life of sin, turmoil, disease, decay and death. No, our hope is in Jesus who provides a better resurrection, the resurrection of eternal life.

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the **perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality**. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 NIV84, emphasis mine.

7. Something Better

These were all commended for their faith, yet **none of them received what had been promised**. God had planned **something better for us** so that only together with us would they be made perfect. Hebrews 11:39-40 NIV84, emphasis mine.

None of the long list of God's faithful through history, who by faith longed for the better land, the land of promise, have received what had been promised—including Enoch who is included in that list. Even though Enoch was translated to heaven without seeing death, even though Enoch can talk to Jesus face to face, he has not received the things promised because what has been promised is a universe free of sin, and the restoration of our Eden home here on Earth. As Jesus said, one day the meek will inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5). The promise that has not been received is that humanity, with Jesus at our head, as our second Adam, are restored to an Earth made new, an Earth free of all sin, an Earth that flourishes as God originally planned. And we do not receive that promise until the end of the thousand years when all sin, sinners, sickness, disease, Satan, death, and the grave are eradicated from existence and the Earth is recreated in perfection the home of the righteous.

Read last paragraph,

- One cannot help but be reminded of the scenes that will take place at the Second Coming: “Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place” (Rev. 6:14, NKJV). And this: “Looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat” (2 Pet. 3:12, NKJV). Our present world, with all its attendant evils, isn't going to last forever, and **what comes afterward promises us something that our minds now can barely fathom**. For now, though, we just need to hold on, persevering in faith and clinging to the revelation of God that we have, especially in Jesus on the cross. *Adult SS Guide 2nd Q 2025, Allusions, Images, Symbols: How to Study Bible Prophecy*, p. 73, emphasis mine.

What is it our minds can barely fathom? Isn't it a world without fear?

And after God has used revealed Himself in His unveiled glory, after all sin and sinners are gone, after the elements melt in the heat, after God uses power beyond our imagining to recreate the Earth in perfection, why do we not live in fear? Why with all that might and power not instill fear?

Jesus who did not think His equality with God was something to be held onto but humbled Himself... The revelation of God's character of love, that Jesus demonstrated that despite having all power God does not use His power to force His way, but leaves all His creatures free, truly free, to decide for themselves and God NEVER uses His power to coerce, to force, to inflict legal punishments—but leaves all free to reap what they have sown.

And God established a sign, an evidence, a memorial, a reminder that He will never take our freedom, that He will not use power to coerce, to punish—what is that sign? The Sabbath! In the beginning of the war, when Satan was lying about God's use of power, about God's law, God created this world and at the end of creation of this world, after the display of unmeasurable power, instead of punishing Lucifer, instead of forcing compliance, instead of making him kneel, God stopped using power, God rested. And in that act God created the Sabbath, the day in which God refused to use power to force His way upon His creatures, but instead left all His intelligent creatures free. And the Sabbath stands as an eternal reminder that God, though all powerful, never uses His power to force the conscience.

And this is why we love the Sabbath, because we remember what it reveals, what it stands for, our Creator God of love who gives us real freedom. It is also why Satan hates the Sabbath and why he has worked to either replace it with another day under the banner of Roman imperial law, made up rules with external enforcement, because imposed law incites fear and undermines love and trust. Or Satan tries to get those who still recognize the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week to teach it is an arbitrary made up rule that God enforces through inflicted punishment. And those who value the Sabbath as a legal requirement end up like the Sabbath-keeping Jews who crucified Christ.

MONDAY

The lesson asks us to read Jeremiah 4:23-26:

- I looked at the earth, and it was formless and empty; and at the heavens, and their light was gone. I looked at the mountains, and they were quaking; all the hills were swaying. I looked, and there were no people; every bird in the sky had flown away. I looked, and the fruitful land was desert; all its towns lay in ruins before the LORD, before his fierce anger. Jeremiah 4:23-26 NIV84.

What is being described? The Earth during the 1000 years.

This is what I understand will happen in the near future:

- The three groups of people solidify into two: historically there have always been three groups of people. Those solidified into rebellion against God such that no amount of truth and love will win them to God; those solidified into loyalty to God such that nothing will shake them from it (Job, Daniel, three worthies etc.); and those in the middle, those who have solidified into one or the other camp. As events unfold, the middle group evaporates as people solidify into one or the other camp. We see it happening, the polarization of society. But the trick is that Satan divides his followers into various subgroups that fight against each other and thus it appears that there are more than two groups forming, but this is not so. When you understand the principles, methods, design laws of God, as one solidifies in God's kingdom there is a unity inherit in our faith, we become one with God and with each other in love, trust, and principles of life. But the wicked, those who reject God and His design laws, fragment and fracture into many different sub-groups that appear, on the surface, to be different, but they are all practicing the same methods of fear-based selfishness through imperial rules, laws, law-enforcement, coercion, deceit, control, manipulation. COVID was the perfect example of this, all the various governments coming together to practice the exact same methods of lies, propaganda, censoring, mandates, restrictions of liberty, coercion of consciences on their citizens. And the two big groups of Satan, the King of the South—godlessness in all its manifestations (communism, humanism, greenism, wokeism, paganism, evolutionism, scientism, materialism, secularism etc.) warring against the King of the North—religious imperialism in all its manifestations (Imperial Christianity with its legal enforcing god,

Judaism, Islam—all claiming the God of the Bible but willing to use imposed law and law enforcement to coerce consciences).

- As events unfold people solidify into either being loyal to our Creator by being settled into the truth of His character and methods both intellectually (understanding) and spiritually (motivation to action) that they cannot be moved or into loyalty to Satan by internalizing his methods of lies, fear-driven survival motivation with imposed law, law enforcement, and coercion of conscience.
- As billions harden their hearts against God, the Holy Spirit is slowly withdrawn from the Earth.
- Satan and evil forces gain every increasing control over humanity and humanity becomes more debased, violent, decadent, unreasonable, fear-driven, irrational, and delusional (like believing that gender is fluid—that is a mental sickness, a delusion that occurs when minds no longer are grounded in reality and truth); and nature begins to have more problems as God’s sustaining presence loosens control as He let’s go and sets people free to reap what they have chosen, a world without Him. (God keeps His protective hand and angels around His faithful remnant while all of this is happening).
- Human governments and those who don’t really know God become more frightened, like during COVID, and increase fear inducing messaging.
- Some new existential threat will arise—climate, pestilence, aliens, nano-technology, AI, famine, something to incite fear.
- Into this chaos of fear and desperation supernatural forces will emerge, whether this is through spiritualism or whether it presents through science and the claim of either alien encounters or alternate universes or quantum tunneling, or a combination of both, Satan and his forces will make themselves known.
- But Satan will not present himself as Satan, but as our creator and savior. He will claim to have created life on this planet and will frame his presentation in a way that will garner the support of both the scientific community and the religious community—all but the elect. Ghosts and spiritual influences may be presented as quantum projections from distant galaxies; those who hear the dead or had visions from God as recorded in the Bible, will be described as being neuroatypical, with brains that are capable of receiving input on quantum frequencies the rest can’t hear. Thus the scientific godless community and the spiritual community can be brought together.
- He will describe how our planet is heading for a global disaster, an extinction level event of some kind. He could present the truth that there is an intergalactic war that has been waging for eons, but claim that he is the one who created life here and he is coming now to save us from his enemy who is on the way here to destroy the planet and lay it to waste, which is exactly what the Bible says Jesus is going to do, for 1000 years. But Satan impersonating Christ will have his fallen angels impersonate dead loved ones supposedly in heaven, will have them impersonate Elijah and Moses and appear around the planet speaking for him. They will tell world leaders that according to galactic law he can only intervene and protect us if we as a unified planet choose to accept him as our head, our ruler, our savior. If we refuse, then we will be abandoned to our fate—and he will appear to cry over us. All but the very elect will accept him and the elect will come under incredible pressure from other humans to accept him as well, much more pressure than people felt to take the jab.

- The righteous will have their liberties restricted, some will be imprisoned, and they will be threatened with death. But before they are killed, Jesus appears in the clouds and the wicked are slain by the brightness of His coming, the righteous living are transformed in the twinkling of an eye, and the righteous dead are raised immortal and we all arise in the air to meet Jesus. The wicked dead stay dead and the planet is turned back into a void similar to Genesis 1:1 before God created life here. And for 1000 years the righteous are in heaven with Jesus and Satan and his angels are alone on the void and abysmal planet Earth.
- At the end of the 1000 years Jesus, the NJ, the angels and the saved all come down from heaven and the wicked dead are raised from the dead. There is a period of time that goes by while the wicked, led by Satan, build implements of war to attack the city. This entire time the gates of the NJ are open and none of the wicked enter. Only when they march in mass on the city to attack are the gates closed. What does this reveal? That God keeps no one out, all the lost prefer Satan as their ruler and his methods of fear, selfishness, imposed law, and coercion to truth, love, and freedom. And then, Jesus rises above the city, fire comes down from Him into the city and out the gates demonstrating the fire is not harmful, it is the fire of infinite truth and love that the righteous live in. But for the wicked they can no longer deny the reality of their condition, who they have chosen to become, and they also get awareness of the unrepented sin, suffering, harm their sins have caused others. This is not an infliction, it is reality, it is the truth of what they have chosen and solidified into their being and they are no longer shielded from this. Some are many days struggling against the truth, others surrender in a second, finally only Satan is left and in the end, all of the wicked, including Satan voluntarily surrender their lives back to God. They do not want to live in a universe of truth and love and freedom, and all the saved watch this unfold and realize that God never uses power to cause harm, it is sin that harms, God doesn't use power to cause death, sin causes death, and God doesn't use power to terminate the wicked, He leaves them all free, and when God stops using power to shield His life giving presence and all are bathed in it again, the wicked choose death rather than life for life in God's presence is torture to them. And thus God cleanses His universe from sin and sinners through the only means that brings eternal security, truth, love, and freedom.
- And then God uses power to recreate the Earth in newness and perfection the eternal home of the righteous.

TUESDAY

Asks us to read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17:

- Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 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. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 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. 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. Therefore encourage each other with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 NIV84.

What are the significant points of this passage?

That when Jesus comes again He does not set up a kingdom for 1000 years on this Earth, that the righteous living and dead rise to meet Him in the air and for the next 1000 years we live in heaven with Him.

But also that the righteous dead are described as being in a state of sleep, and in that state of sleep they are coming down from heaven with Jesus, but they are also coming up out of the grave—what does this mean?

Consider a computer—three parts, hardware, software, energy; humans have three parts, body, soul (psyche), spirit (pneuma). And it takes all three together to have an operational computer or person.

What happens to a computer that runs out of power—it sleeps. And what happens to a human when the body dies? They sleep. And where to the righteous sleep? They are backed up on a cloud server, the Lamb's book of life, they sleep safe and secure with Jesus in heaven and when Jesus returns He brings with Him those who have fallen asleep in Him and He creates new hardware, new bodies, and downloads their individualities into them with the breath of life and they live again.

WEDNESDAY

Read second paragraph,

- One of the things that God corrects in the judgment is the misappropriation of power that has taken place in our fallen world. Fallen humans no longer live for others or for the glory of God but for self. Today, in many ways, we are living with the consequences of choosing to believe that there is no meaning or objective moral standard in the universe. If there is to be a meaning, the philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche insisted that we must invent it for ourselves and pretend as if the universe exists for our benefit. Each individual, in effect, behaves as if he or she is a god. *Adult SS Guide 2nd Q 2025*, Allusions, Images, Symbols: How to Study Bible Prophecy, p. 76.

What do you think about the idea of judgment corrects the misappropriation of power?

The issues to me is that Satan and the wicked do two things God does not and cannot do:

1. They use powers that God does not use
2. They use powers that God does use for purposes that God will not and cannot use those power for

Satan and his followers use the power of lies, deception, flattery, manipulation

- God will never use the power of deception—God is truth and always leads people to truth.

Satan and his followers use other powers for purposes that God does not and will not—they use physical might and power to inflict punishment, God disciplines; they use physical power to coerce conscience, God leaves free. They use imposed laws to establish governments and promote their brand of righteousness; God uses imposed laws only in this world of sin and only to restrain evil to allow space for His design laws of truth, love, and freedom to operate in hearts and minds.

God uses the power of truth, love, freedom gospel power (Romans 1:16) and then when trust is restored He uses the power of Creation to recreate people in righteousness. Satan cannot wield the powers of God—Satan can only corrupt the powers of God. Satan can take a truth and introduce a lie.

My point is that Satan cannot win by using God's powers and God cannot win by using Satan's powers.

So what is the judgment that corrects this? **It is the judgment of people** who realize the difference between truth and lies, love and selfishness, trust and fear, freedom and coercion, evidence and claims, and **they judge** God to be a completely different person that Satan has made Him out to be, ultimately surrendering themselves to God and choosing to apply God's methods, God's powers of truth, love, liberty, trust, to their lives and reject the powers of Satan.

In other words, things get set right in hearts and minds when the truth and love of God wins people to trust Him and they choose to agree with Him and choose to prefer and practice His methods and thus are settled in mind and heart into God's kingdom. It is not a judgment made and enforced by God's external power, that is how Satan governs—it is a judgment of God's people operating upon the internal power of the Holy Spirit. As Jesus said, the kingdom of God is within you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September 24-27, 2025, Nashville TN: Dr. Jennings will speak at the conference American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. On September 24 he will present a talk on Drug-free Treatments for Depression and on September 26 he will present a talk on dementia prevention. For more information visit the AACC event website at <https://worldconference.net/>

October 10-11, 2025 Bydgoszcz, Poland: Dr. Jennings will be the keynote speaker for the Impact Congress presented by the West Polish Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. For more information contact:

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