

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS - WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

### THEME: "Armageddon"

#### FINAL BATTLE

**Sunday ..... Read: Revelation 19:11-20**

*"And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army."* Remember that we are engaged in war against the most formidable enemy ever: Satan himself. God gives us that warning in I Peter 5:8: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* To resist the devil, believers are given these orders in Ephesians 6:10-11: *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."* Equipped with that armor and following the orders of the Captain of our salvation, Christians are assured of victory as we read in I John 5:4: *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."*

#### SIGNS OF THE END TIMES

**Monday ..... Read Matthew 24:6-8**

*"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilence, and earthquakes, in divers places."* Our God, the Creator of the universe, has on His calendar of events with all the ages for mankind. Currently we are in the Church Age which ends with the Rapture. That is followed by the seven-year-tribulation which ends with the Battle of Armageddon. It is good to be prepared for these momentous events. Our Lord has graciously given signs of the times to help us prepare. It is telling that the news, in recent months and years, have included reports of record setting earthquakes and rapidly spreading disease, not the least of which was Covid. The northeast recently experienced a serious earthquake, mighty unusual for this area of our nation. We are seeing the fulfillment of signs that our Lord centuries ago said would occur! Given this information, it is important to be prepared.

#### CHRIST'S RETURN

**Tuesday ..... Read Revelation 3:1-3**

*"Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."* The first three chapters of the book of Revelation give a summary of the Church Age in which we are living. In the seven letters, there are details of God's expectations and His disappointments. The Holy Bible covers such times when the Church highly prospered and finally became lukewarm. There always was a faithful remnant as well as many Christians who were greatly influenced by temporal, worldly affairs. If God had announced the date of Jesus return, all believers would be highly prepared. Since we do not know the day or the hour, it would be well to be living in constant expectation.

#### KING OF KINGS

**Wednesday ..... Read: I Timothy 6:10-16**

*"Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords."* There are many appropriate titles for the Lord Jesus, some that are appropriate are the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior of the world, the Lamb

of God, and the Head of the church. The ultimate, which emphasizes God's eternal plans, is the King of kings. There have been many great kings and emperors, but none comes close to Jesus, the King of kings. It was the title mockingly posted at the time of His crucifixion because the Jewish people were looking for the promised eternal King. God, however, had to deal with the sin problem first. He did on the first coming of Jesus. The next will be the eternal King as promised to King David in II Samuel 7:13: *"He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever."*

### **GOD'S KINGDOM**

**Thursday ..... Read: II Thessalonians 1:3-10**

*"Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer."* God's kingdom will be the epitome of righteousness: totally sinless, the citizens of the kingdom of heaven will be cleansed from all sin and, at the resurrection, given bodies that are incorruptible and immortal. The truth of I Corinthians 15:52-53: *"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."* They will be the inhabitants of God's kingdom!

### **GOD'S ARMY**

**Friday ..... Read: Daniel 4:34-37**

*"And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?"* God's reference to the "army of heaven" means He and His people are engaged in war, a spiritual war. It is a war in which God and His righteousness are fighting against Satan and the "rulers of the darkness of this world," as referred to in Ephesians 6:12: *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* The angels of God, have always competed against the devils and demons. True believers have to be on constant alert, and allow the indwelling Holy Spirit to empower them to resist Satanic attacks! As soldiers in the army of Christ, our Captain, we must do as advised in I Peter 5:8-9: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."*

### **CHRIST THE CAPTAIN**

**Saturday ..... Read Hebrews 2:8-12**

*"For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."* The final battle on planet earth takes place in what is known as the Battle of Armageddon. The nations of the world will have joined forces to wipe out God's Chosen nation Israel. This will be the last effort of God's enemies to destroy Israel. Instead, it sets the stage for God to forever get rid of the forces of evil. Satan and unbelievers will be destroyed in the lake of fire mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 25:41: *"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."*