In spite of whatever demonic force is over this area, in spite of how we feel, whether good or bad about the state of the ministry, here at New Wine Lighthouse, and in spite of outward circumstances in our lives, I believe every meeting at New Wine Lighthouse should bring in the Presence of the Living Christ of God. I am no longer interested in outward results or signs and wonders as I am in PRESENCE, and I believe we are entering a season when He will graciously come to visit you in this church and in our individual lives when we forgive others and walk in love I long for a visit from JESUS, the only One who really matters!

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Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.
Revelation 19:7

THE BRIDE HAS MADE HERSELF READY
ARE *YOU* READY FOR THE LAST DAYS?

<u>Matthew 25:1-13</u>

Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish (thoughtless, without forethought) and five of them were wise (sensible, intelligent, and prudent). For when the foolish took their lamps, they did not take any (extra) oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil along with them [also] with their lamps. When the bridegroom lingered and was slow in coming, they all began nodding their heads, and they fell asleep. But at midnight there was a shout, "Behold, the bridegroom!" Go out to meet him! Then all those virgins got up and put their own lamps in order. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "These will not be enough for us and for you; go instead to the dealers and buy for yourselves." But while they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were prepared went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Later the other virgins also came and said, "Lord, Lord, open [the door] to us!" But He replied, I solemnly declare to you, "I do not know you [I am not acquainted with you]. Watch therefore [give strict attention and be

cautious and active], for you know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will come."

1. Why do I start a message on the Last Days with a story about the kingdom of heaven? Because the culmination of the Last Days will be the Second Coming and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.
2. Virgins symbolize the Church people (many theologians disagree with this and say they represent the Jewish people. I believe the parable has an immediate and local meaning but also a wider and universal meaning). There are many in the Church today who think they are saved but have no real relationship with Jesus.
3. Lamps symbolize one's witness for Christ.
4. Oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit.
5. Notice that all the virgins, whether wise or foolish, nodded off to sleep as they awaited the Bridegroom.
6. The Bridegroom came at midnight.
7. The foolish virgins did not take enough oil because they thought the Bridegroom would come sooner than he did.
8. We cannot borrow a relationship with Jesus. When He comes, it will be too late for those who have not accepted His gift of salvation .
9. We do not know the day nor the hour when Jesus will come, but we can know the season if we are sensitive in the Spirit and know the signs of the times. In fact Jesus chided the Pharisees and Sadducees for knowing the signs for weather patterns, but not the signs of the times: ***"When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is threatening .' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times*** (Matthew 16:2b-3).

But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only (Matthew 24:36).

1. **The Thessalonians**
   a. They looked to prove Paul wrong and to divide the people.
   b. This focus closes one down to the Spirit's teachings.
2. **The Bereans**
   a. They looked to reconcile what Paul was teaching with Bible to see if those things were so.
   b. This focus opens one up to all the Spirit has to say.

I encourage you to be a Berean and to judge everything taught by the Word of God.

BIBLICAL TERMS CONCERNING THE LAST DAYS

1. **The Day of the Lord**

   Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is at hand and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come (Joel 1:15).

   But of the times and seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write un to you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the LORD so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with a child, and they shall not escape. But ye brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief (1st Thessalonians 5:2-4).

   The Day of the Lord, therefore, is a period of time (not just one day) in history at the end of the age in the last days when the Lord openly intervenes in the affairs of men. It is an apocalyptic term and also a prophetic term and is thought to be the Lord's outpouring of His wrath (see Psalm 2) and will be characterized by catastrophic weather and earthly calamities such as plagues, famines, pestilence, and drought. (see Isaiah 2:12, Isaiah 13:6-9, Amos 5:18-20, Jeremiah 46:10, 1st Corinthians 5:5, 1st Thessalonians 5:2, 2nd Peter 3:8-10). According to Jay Atkinson of The Latter Rain Ministries, "It is that time between the age of evil, in which we presently live and which will be destroyed, and the golden age of peace and justice, the future Millennial Kingdom to come on the earth. It is the fall of the old order and the ushering in of the new." Joel tells us that this will come as a destruction from the Almighty, a day of wrath and fierce anger, trouble and distress, a day of gloom and thick darkness for the proud, the rich, and the lofty. Joel also asked the question in Joel 2:11, "Who can endure it?" And indeed without the fullness of the Holy Spirit we

will not be able to endure it and will not stand. The Day of the Lord will culminate in the final shaking and sifting of the Church, the fall of the Babylonian World System, the fullness of the Latter Rain, and the coming forth of the Bride who has made herself ready. The Bride will come out of the closet and meet the Bridegroom.

The Day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night. The scriptures emphasize that many in the Church will be asleep and unprepared. The Word says that they that sleep, sleep in the night. This is when the thief comes. We must wake-up from our spiritual slumber and be ready. Many think that we have already entered the beginnings of this day.

2. Babylon

Babylon's very name means *confusion* (by mixing) Thus Babylon symbolizes religious confusion, what Satan is doing on the earth, and the World System (Revelation 18, Genesis 11:1-9). John writes in Revelation 18:1-5: *After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.*

In the natural Babylon was a city of Iraq noted for materialism and sensual pleasure. It is located just south of modern day Baghdad. The king of Babylon is Satan, who often comes as an angel of light (2nd Corinthians 11:14) since he is the prince of this world (Ephesians 2:2).

3. Zion

Zion in the natural is a mountain just outside Jerusalem. Zion symbolizes the place where the remnant company will walk spiritually. It is for those sold out ones who passionately want Jesus more than even life itself. Zion is a holy place (Psalm 2:6), the dwelling of the Lord (Psalm 9:11, 74:2, 76:2), a place of the Glory of the Lord (Psalm 102:16), the rod of His strength (Psalm 110:2), a

place of His blessing (Psalm 128:5), a place of singing (Psalm 127:3), a place of joy (Psalm 149:2), a place of shouting (Isaiah 12:6), a place of quick answers from the Lord (Isaiah 30:19), a place of the fire of the Lord (Isaiah31:9), a place where sinners and hypocrites are full of fear (Isaiah 33:14), a place of salvation (Isaiah 46:13), a place of joy and goodness and comfort (Isaiah 51:3), a place from where the Redeemer shall come (Isaiah 50:20), a place where the sons of those who have afflicted you and despised you will bow down at your feet and call you 'THE ZION OF THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL (Isaiah 60:14), a place of beauty for ashes and the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the Spirit of Heaviness (Isaiah 61:3), a place of quick birthing and bringing forth her children-as soon as Zion travails, she brought forth her children (Isaiah 66:8), a place of restoration of the backslidden (Jeremiah 3:14), a place to blow the trumpet, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly (Joel 2:1& 2:15), a place of the former and latter rain (Joel 2:23), a place where the Lord will restore what the enemy has taken (Joel 2:24), a place of deliverance (Joel 2:32, Obadiah 17), a place of hope and strength (Joel 3:16), a place of travail and birthing (Micah 4:10), and a place where the beauty of God shines (Psalm 50:2). Every one of us should be walking or at least aspire to be in spiritual Zion.

1st Corinthians 15:46 tells us *first the natural and then the spiritual.* What this tells us is that things that are in the natural often type spiritual things and/or point to what the Lord is about to do in the spiritual. Israel, Jerusalem, and Zion are natural place which type the different types in the Body of Christ. Israel types the Outer Court of 30 fold Christian; Jerusalem types the Inner Court or 60 fold Christian; Zion types the Holy of Holies or the 100 fold Christian.

4. The Former and Latter Rain

Rain in the Bible represents revival, refreshing, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the Word. Seasonal rainfall, the former rain (rain at planting time which softens up the soil for the plowman) and the latter rain (rain at spring time, which is the time to harvest the crops), are are important prophetic symbols of the Last Days.

The Jews believe that rain is a source of blessing that comes from God Himself, from the heavens. The Baal worshipers associated Baal with springs, wells, and stream, but only Yahweh could give and was the rainmaker (Jeremiah 14:22). This was proven to the Jewish people by Elijah in 1st Kings 18:17-40 in his showdown with the Baal priests.

Rain is the first blessing promised to Jacob's land (Genesis 27:28) and to Israel (Deuteronomy 28:12). The decent of rain is likened to the blessings of the kingdom (Psalm 72:6-7). In contrast, the presence of clouds and wind without rain is likened to a man who "boasts of a gift he does not give" (Proverbs 25:14), which is fake and phony "appearance" religion.

The former rain usually begins in mid or late October but may be delayed until January. Again these rains are the seed planting time and cause a fall in temperature and produce a brilliance in the sky. In Israel, plowing is done after the early rains have softened the earth. The plowman represents the evangelist. The farmer must wait for the rains before he can plow the ground. Job said, "They waited for me as for the rain" (Job 29:33). Jeremiah described the lack of rain: "There was no rain in the earth, the ploughmen were ashamed; they covered their heads" (Jeremiah 14:4). Once the rain has come, the industrious farmer will start his plowing. "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold' (Proverbs 20:4). (How many refuse to evangelize because of some inconvenience, such as the cold, and because of being out of their comfort zone?) Such a man will retreat into his house and enjoy the warmth of the fire, but he will miss the harvest.

The latter or spring rain or harvest rain begins between April and early May. Latter rain showers are the last showers of the rainy season. The wheat harvest takes place in May so these rains are associated with harvest. By the middle of August the fruit is gathered, and from that time until the former rains, the weather is scorching hot and dry, much like a Georgia Indian summer. Nothing can more expressively represent spiritual blessings than copious showers after this trying time of heat and drought.

5. Last Days

The Last Days refers to the final end of time of the Church on earth. In some sense, the Last Days includes the entire period of time between the first and the second comings of Christ. From the very day our Lord rose from the dead, these were the last days. Certainly we are now in the Last Days, but in addition we are living at the end of the Age or the final days of the Last Days. During these days that we now live, there will be recurrent cycles of distress. We are experiencing these times right now. They are days when people long for peace but are beset with anxiety about the future. In the closing parts of chapter 3 and chapter 4 of 2nd Timothy, Paul shows Timothy

the twofold way out of these snares of the enemy. We are to (1) be patient in suffering and (2) be persistent in truth. He tells Timothy to preach the Word, be prepared in season and out of season, correct, rebuke, and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.

6. The End of the Age

With everything in me, I believe we are living at the end of the age. In spite of all the chaos and calamity that is going to break out more and more in our life times, we should not walk in fear. If we truly know the Savior, we know perfect love. Perfect love casts out fear (1st John 4:18), and the antithesis of fear is faith, without which it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). Faith, by they way, works or is motivated by love: *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love* (Galatians 5:6).

Another way of looking at the End of the Age is to understand that it is the last of the Last Days. We have already seen that no one knows the day nor the hour of the Second Coming, but we can know the season, and many believe that Jesus will come in the lifetimes of many living today. The final prophetic fulfillments of unfulfilled Biblical prophecy could happen very rapidly.

Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in My name saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for My name's sake. And then shall many be offended and shall betray one another and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that endure unto the end, the same shall be saved (Matthew 244-13).

Throughout the Scriptures dealing with the end of the Church age, there were three characteristics of this time that were most often mentioned. They are apostasy, false christs, and false prophets. We have already seen many examples of these three.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Some of the "Signs of the Times" concerning the End of the Age were prophesied thousands of years ago. This is not an exhaustive list but a few examples.

1. People will run to and fro (Daniel 12:4).
2. The Spirit will be outpoured on all flesh (Joel 2:28).
3. There will be universal apostasy (2nd Thessalonians 2:1-4).
4. The Gospel will be watered down with preachers preaching the doctrines of men rather than those of God (Matthew 15:9, Mark 7:7, Colossians 2:2, Hebrews 13:9, 1st Timothy 4:1).
5. False prophets and false christs will arise and deceive many (Matthew 24:11, Matthew 24:24).
6. Good will be called evil, and evil will be called good (Isaiah 5:20).
7. The Gospel will be preached to all nations (Matthew 24:14 and Revelations 14:6-7).
8. Worldly knowledge will increase (Daniel 12:4).
9. Israel has been restored (1948) as a political state (Deuteronomy 28:64 & 30:3; Jeremiah 29:14 & 20:3; Isaiah 43:5-6; Ezekiel 36:24; Amos 9:14-15).
10. Earthquakes, floods, famines, plagues, diseases will come, such as the world has never seen (Matthew 24, Luke 21).
11. Wars will increase to a level where war is practically in every land and there will be no peace (Matthew 24 and Luke 21).
12. There will be an increase in wickedness, murder and crime and a parallel increase in the belief in the occult (Matthew 24:9, Mark 13:9).
13. People will not believe the signs of the times. Even some Christians scoff at the 2nd Coming of Jesus in this generation (2nd Peter 3:3-4, Matthew 16:1-4).
14. Christians will be increasingly persecuted (Matthew 24:9, Mark 13:9).
15. There will be unusual phenomenon which the Bible refers to as Signs and Wonders in the heavens (Mark 13:25).
16. Sin will abound and the love of many shall grow cold (Matthew 24:12).
17. The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world. (***And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come***-Matthew 24:14).

18. The Lord God will use His people, especially the Remnant Company, which is sold out to Him, to make His enemies His footstool (Psalm 110:1).
19. Perilous or difficult times will come. (*You may as well know this too, Timothy, that in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian. For people will love only themselves and their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to parents, ungrateful to them and thoroughly bad. They will be hardheaded and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will think nothing of immorality. They will be rough and cruel and sneer at those who try to be good. They will betray their friends; they will be hotheaded, puffed up with pride, and prefer good times to worshiping God. They will go to church, yes, but they won't really believe anything they hear. Don't be taken in by people like that* (2nd Timothy3:1-5-Living Bible).
20. The days will be like the days of Noah and the days of Lot (Luke 17:26-32).

SOME OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE LAST DAYS

1. **The Falling Away:** ***"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow whole."*** Matthew 24:12
2. **The Persecution of Christians Worldwide:** ***"Then they will hand you over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake."*** Matthew 24:9 AMP
3. **Men's hearts will fail because of fear:** ***"And there shall be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth [there will be] distress (trouble and anguish) of nations in bewilderment and perplexity [without resources, left wanting, embarrassment, in doubt, not knowing which way to turn] at the roaring (the echo) of the tossing of the sea; the sea and the waves roaring; men swooning away or expiring with fear and dread and apprehension and expectations of the things that are coming on the world; for the [very] powers of the heavens will be shaken and caused to totter."*** Luke 21:25-26 AMP
4. **The Persecution of Christians Worldwide:** ***"Then they will hand you over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake"*** *(Matthew 24:9 AMP).*

5. **The Great Harvest:** …*Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house, and his disciples came unto him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." He answered and said unto them,* ***"He that sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom, but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sows them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this age. The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend and them who do iniquity and shall cast them in to a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear"*** (Matthew 13:36-43). We see from this scripture that the Great Harvest is at the end of the age.

Therefore, He said unto them, ***"The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest"*** (Luke 10:2). The number of people coming to Christ at the end of the age will be great. Yet sadly there are few laborers. Perhaps it is because so many will fall away and be lukewarm and cold hearted towards the Lord.

Do you not say, It is still four months until harvest time comes? Look! I tell you, raise your eyes and observe the fields and see how they are already white for harvesting (John 4:35). The two things that usher in revival are intense corporate prayer and repentance. Yet we never know when the Lord is going to show up in a service. In the Asbury Revival in Kentucky in 1970 they were having a typical weekday chapel service. No one, I am sure, went to that mandatory chapel thinking that the Holy Spirit was going to come down on that body and use those people to carry revival all over the world. They were so caught up in the Lord that classes had to be called off because everyone was spending as much time as possible in Hughes Auditorium. Oh, that the Lord would grant our prayer that His Presence fall here and revive us and fill us so that we can go with the anointing to all the world!

6. **The Gathering of the Remnant:** *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be* (Genesis

49:10). The Old Testament is not obsolete, as some teach, and has great significance for today's new millennial Christians. St. Augustine reportedly was the originator of the famous quote: *The New Testament is in the Old Testament concealed. The Old is in the New revealed.* Paul backs up this theme when he told the Corinthians that everything that happened to the Old Testament followers of Yahweh happened to them so as examples for us (1st Corinthians 10:11). The fact of the matter is that no one can understand the New Testament very well without some knowledge of the Old. Shiloh, for example, is a type in the Old Testament of Christ Jesus, the Messiah, and this scripture speaks of the gathering of the people. What it is referring to is really the people who will walk in obedience to Christ. This gathering together of the people is usually just a remnant of people who really make Jesus the center of their lives. God has always had a remnant. Perhaps the most well known is Gideon's Army. There are many, many more. I will just name a few: "The Zion Company," "The Manifested Sons of God," "The Elijah Company in Malachi," "The Bridal Company," "The Third Day Church in Hosea," and "Those who have kissed the Son in Psalm 2." I believe, however, that He is saving the best for last and that the remnant of the Last Days is already being gathered together.

7. **The Rise of the Antichrist:** *And the king shall do according to his own will; he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. He shall regard neither the God of his father nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things* (Daniel 11:36-38). Some believe this wicked man, who will be totally demonized and a Satanist, is already on the earth today. Because of the above passage, some believe that he will actually be Jewish. Others believe he will come out of the old Roman empire and be Muslim. Still others believe he could come from most anywhere, and some have even suggested that certain men living today are the Antichrist. At any rate he will not receive his full power until Satan gives him that power to subdue the people on the earth (Revelation 13:1-4) He most likely will not be

publically known, at least on a worldwide basis, until he has taken his position as a world ruler. His rule shall be for 7 years, and there will be great tribulation on the earth. He will make a peace covenant with Israel but will break that covenant after 3 ½ years. The Antichrist will eventually declare himself as God and will enter the temple in Jerusalem and set up his throne in the holy of holies. This is referred to in Scripture as the "abomination of desolation." In Scripture the Antichrist is called the Man of Sin (2nd Thessalonians 2:3), Son of Perdition (2nd Thessalonians (2nd Thessalonians 2:3), the Lawless One (2nd Thessalonians 2:8), the Antichrist (1st John 2:18 & 22), the Beast (Revelation 11:7). He is described as lawless (2nd Thessalonians 2:3-12), opposing God (2nd Thessalonians 2:4), working wonders (2nd Thessalonians 2:9), deceiving the world (2nd John 7 & Revelation 19:20), persecuting Christians (Revelation 13:7), Satan-inspired (2nd Thessalonians 2:9), denying Christ (1st John 4:3 and 2 John 7), and seeking man's worship (2nd Thessalonians 2:4).

He is coming in the last days (1st John 2:18), before Christ's return (2nd Thessalonians 2:3&8), and he is coming by Satan's deception (2nd Thessalonians 2:9 -10). He will be destroyed at Jesus' return (2nd Thessalonians 2:8 & Revelation 19:20) and he will spend eternity in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10).

John reminds us in 1st John that there also are spirits of antichrist in the world and have been since the days of Jesus. *And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that spirit of antichrist, of which ye have heard that it should come and even now already is it in the world* (1st John 4:3). John is not suggesting in any way that there will not be *an Antichrist* ruler of the world at the end of the age.

9. A Day of Judgment, Deception and Great Tribulation: <u>Deception</u>

False Christs and false prophets will come and perform great wonders and miracles. They will try to fool even the people God has chosen, if that is possible. Now I have warned you about this before it happens. Mathew 24:24 NCV *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them who cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ but their own belly, and by good works and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the innocent.* Romans 16:18-19 *Let no man deceive you.* Ephesians 5:6, 1st John 3:7

Very difficult times are coming: *But know this, that in the last days*

perilous times will come (2nd Timothy 3:1).

The world will be under judgment: *Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead* (Acts 17:30-31).

For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot, who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her (Revelation 19:2).

10. **The Battle of Armegeddon:** Armageddon will be, according to the Book of Revelation, the site of a gathering of armies for a battle during the end times. The word "Armageddon" appears only once in the Greek New Testament, in Revelation 16:16. According to one premillennial Christian interpretation, Jesus will return to earth and defeat the Antichrist (the "beast"), the False Prophet and Satan the Devil in the Battle of Armageddon. Then Satan will be put into the "bottomless pit" or abyss for 1,000 years, known as the Millennium. After being released from the abyss, Satan will gather Gog and Magog from the four corners of the earth. They will encamp surrounding the "holy ones" and the "beloved city" (this refers to Jerusalem). Fire will come down from God, out of heaven and devour Gog and Magog. The Devil, death, hell, and those not found written in the Book of Life are then thrown into Gehenna (the lake of fire burning with brimstone.) (Taken from Wikipedia)

10. The Rapture and/or The Second Coming (He's coming back just like He said): ***"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect"*** (Matthew 24:42-44).

John to the seven churches which are in Asia; Grace be unto you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne; And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness and the first begotten of the dead and the prince of the kings of earth. Unto Him that loveth us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. And hath made a kingdom of priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory

and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Behold, He cometh with clouds and every eye shall see Him, and they also who pierced Him and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Even so Amen. ***"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending,"*** *saith the Lord who is and was and who is to come, the Almighty.* Revelation 1:4-8

He who testifieth these things saith, ***"Surely, I come quickly."*** *Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.* Revelation 22:20

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If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema [cursed]. *Maranatha* [Our Lord Cometh]. 1st Corinthians 16:22

11. The 1000 year reign of Christ on the Earth

HOW HAS THE BRIDE MADE HERSELF READY?

1. **She has come out of Babylon.** (ARE YOU NO LONGER CHARMED BY WORDLY PURSUITS AND THE WORLD'S DELIGHTS? DO YOU NO LONGER STRIVE FOR MEN'S APPROVAL, BUT DELIGHT IN THE LORD?) *The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and all who were slain on the earth.* Revelation 18:23-24
2. **She has changed her garments.** (HAVE YOU COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND SEPARATED YOURSELF UNTO THE LORD? DO YOU WALK IN HOLINESS AND DO RIGHTEOUS ACTS IN HIS NAME?) *Then Jacob said unto his household and to all that were with him, Put away the foreign gods that are among you and be clean and change your garments.* Genesis 35:2/ *I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorned herself with her jewels.* Isaiah 61:10/ *And the Lord said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan, even the LORD who hath chosen Jerusalem, rebuke thee. Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua*

was clothed with filthy garments and stood before the angel. And he answered and spoke unto those who stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a clean turban upon his head. So they set a clean turban upon his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by. Zechariah 3:25

3. **<u>She has overcome.</u>** (HAVE YOU OVERCOME BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB-ACCEPTING CHRIST- AND THE WORD OF YOUR TESTIMONY-SPEAKING THE WORD OF GOD?) *Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell in them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."* Revelation 21:2-8
4. **<u>She walks in joy, even giving the sacrifice of praise.</u>** (ARE YOU WALKING IN AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE AND PRAISE NO MATTER WHAT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES?) *The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness; the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride; the voice of them who shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts; for the Lord is good; for His mercy endureth forever; and of those who shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord.* Jeremiah 33:11
5. **<u>She longs for the Second Coming so that she can be with the One she loves.</u>** (ARE YOU LONGING FOR THE COMING OF JESUS?) *And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say,*

"Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take of the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17

Quote from Derek Prince

As we await the day when our heavenly Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, will return to deliver us fully from this present evil age, we must be set apart from the world. When the Scriptures say "world," *they generally refer to the world system-the political and social order that rejects God, is ruled by Satan, and governs the minds and manners of people who have not been saved* (2nd Corinthians 4:3-4; 1st John 5:19). *Through Jesus' death and resurrection, God secured ultimate victory over the devil. Satan may rule this world, but his reign is fast approaching its end. Our deliverance-and God's glory-shall endure for all ages. With this in mind, we are to share God's light and love with the world-not to be confused with falling in love with the world or seeking to receive its love. Focusing on our heavenly home, we must clothe ourselves with humility. We must put off all self-seeking efforts and motive. These only fuel our pride, a dangerous attitude that blinds us to Satan's deception and makes us vulnerable. And we must cling to the cross, the same instrument that deals Satan's death sentence and secures our salvation through Christ's victory.*

Redemption Draweth Nigh
Gordon Jensen

Years of time have come and gone since I first heard it told
How Jesus would come again some day.
If back then it seemed so real, then I just can't help but feel
How much closer His coming is today.
Wars and strife on ev-ry hand, and violence fills our land,
Still some people doubt He'll come again.
But the Word of God is true. He'll redeem His chosen few.
Don't lose hope. Soon Christ Jesus will descend.
Signs of the time are ev'ry where,
And there's a brand new feeling in the air.
Keep your eyes upon the Eastern sky.
Lift your head. Redemption draweth nigh.

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