

LIVING WITH PURPOSE

THE REVELATION OF CHRIST



THE MISSION

- ^{ESV} **MATTHEW 16:18** AND I TELL YOU, YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.
- ^{NIV} **ACTS 1:7** HE SAID TO THEM: "IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW THE TIMES OR DATES THE FATHER HAS SET BY HIS OWN AUTHORITY. ⁸ BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."

OUR CALLING

- ^{NAS} **1 PETER 2:9** BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN RACE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR GOD'S OWN POSSESSION, THAT YOU MAY PROCLAIM THE EXCELLENCIES OF HIM WHO HAS CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT;

OUR COMMISSION

- ^{ESV} **MATTHEW 28:19** GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ²⁰ TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU...

HIS PROMISE

- ^{ESV} **MATTHEW 28:20** ... AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE."

BUT THEN HE LEFT

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 1:9** AND AFTER HE HAD SAID THESE THINGS, HE WAS LIFTED UP WHILE THEY WERE LOOKING ON, AND A CLOUD RECEIVED HIM OUT OF THEIR SIGHT.

WHY DID HE GO?

- ^{NIV} **JOHN 14:1** "DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. TRUST IN GOD; TRUST ALSO IN ME. ² IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE ARE MANY ROOMS; IF IT WERE NOT SO, I WOULD HAVE TOLD YOU. I AM GOING THERE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. ³ AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AND TAKE YOU TO BE WITH ME THAT YOU ALSO MAY BE WHERE I AM.

HE IS COMING BACK

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 1:10** AND AS THEY WERE GAZING INTENTLY INTO THE SKY WHILE HE WAS DEPARTING, BEHOLD, TWO MEN IN WHITE CLOTHING STOOD BESIDE THEM; ¹¹ AND THEY ALSO SAID, "MEN OF GALILEE, WHY DO YOU STAND LOOKING INTO THE SKY? THIS JESUS, WHO HAS BEEN TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN, WILL COME IN JUST THE SAME WAY AS YOU HAVE WATCHED HIM GO INTO HEAVEN."

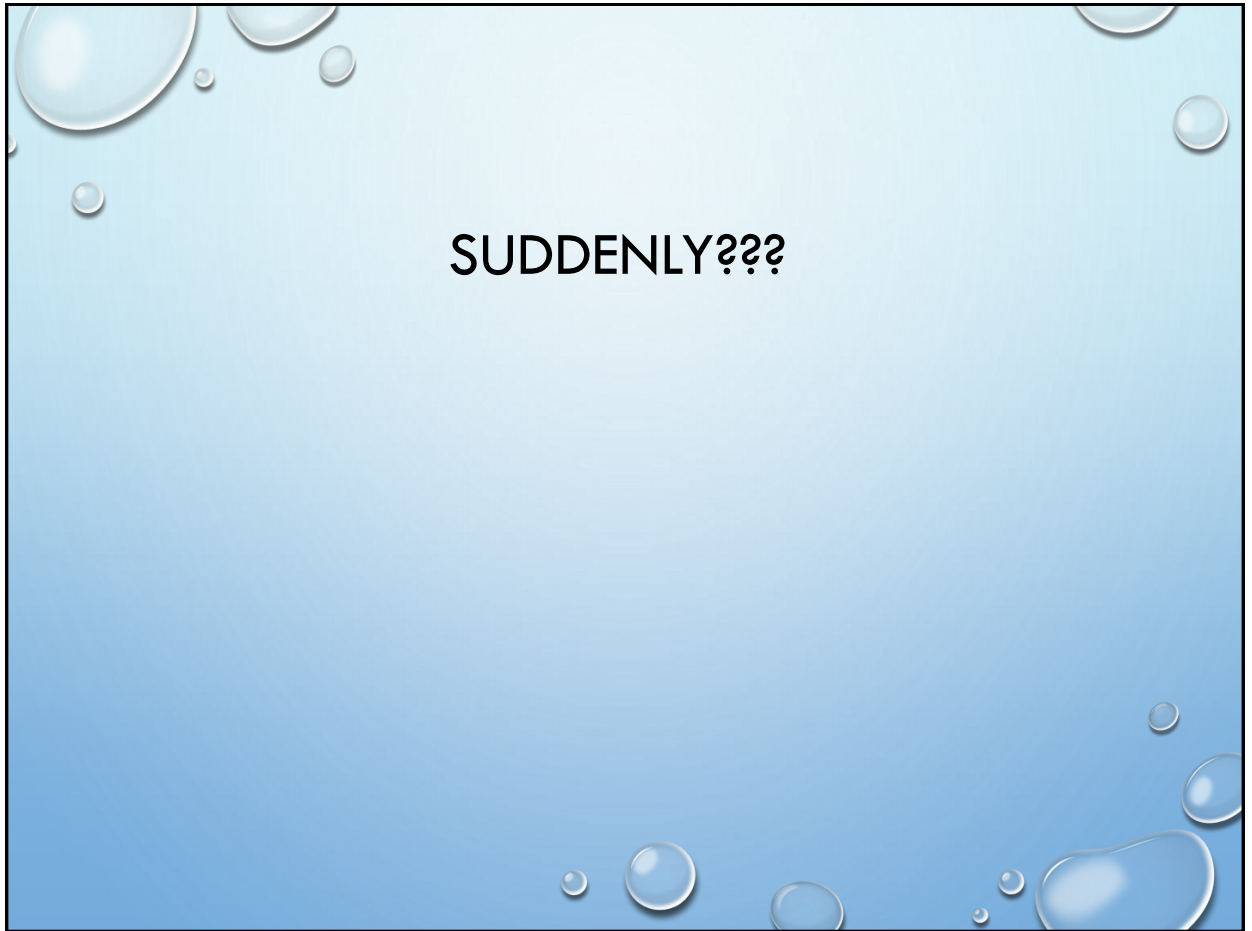
COMING IN THE SAME WAY

- ^{NIV} **MATTHEW 24:30** "AT THAT TIME THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN WILL APPEAR IN THE SKY, AND ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH WILL MOURN. THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY, WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY.
- ^{ESV} **LUKE 17:24** FOR AS THE LIGHTNING FLASHES AND LIGHTS UP THE SKY FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER, SO WILL THE SON OF MAN BE IN HIS DAY.
- ^{NIV} **LUKE 21:27** AT THAT TIME THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY. ²⁸ WHEN THESE THINGS BEGIN TO TAKE PLACE, STAND UP AND LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, BECAUSE YOUR REDEMPTION IS DRAWING NEAR."

- ^{NIV} **REVELATION 19:11** I SAW HEAVEN STANDING OPEN AND THERE BEFORE ME WAS A WHITE HORSE, WHOSE RIDER IS CALLED FAITHFUL AND TRUE. WITH JUSTICE HE JUDGES AND MAKES WAR. ¹² HIS EYES ARE LIKE BLAZING FIRE, AND ON HIS HEAD ARE MANY CROWNS. HE HAS A NAME WRITTEN ON HIM THAT NO ONE KNOWS BUT HE HIMSELF. ¹³ HE IS DRESSED IN A ROBE DIPPED IN BLOOD, AND HIS NAME IS THE WORD OF GOD. ¹⁴ THE ARMIES OF HEAVEN WERE FOLLOWING HIM, RIDING ON WHITE HORSES AND DRESSED IN FINE LINEN, WHITE AND CLEAN. ¹⁵ OUT OF HIS MOUTH COMES A SHARP SWORD WITH WHICH TO STRIKE DOWN THE NATIONS. "HE WILL RULE THEM WITH AN IRON SCEPTER." HE TREADS THE WINEPRESS OF THE FURY OF THE WRATH OF GOD ALMIGHTY. ¹⁶ ON HIS ROBE AND ON HIS THIGH HE HAS THIS NAME WRITTEN: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

HE'S COMING SUDDENLY

- ^{NIV} **MATTHEW 24:36** "NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THAT DAY OR HOUR, NOT EVEN THE ANGELS IN HEAVEN, NOR THE SON, BUT ONLY THE FATHER ...⁴² "THEREFORE KEEP WATCH, BECAUSE YOU DO NOT KNOW ON WHAT DAY YOUR LORD WILL COME.
- ^{NIV} **1 THESSALONIANS 5:1** NOW, BROTHERS, ABOUT TIMES AND DATES WE DO NOT NEED TO WRITE TO YOU, ² FOR YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT.
- ^{NIV} **2 PETER 3:10** BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE A THIEF. THE HEAVENS WILL DISAPPEAR WITH A ROAR; THE ELEMENTS WILL BE DESTROYED BY FIRE, AND THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING IN IT WILL BE LAID BARE.



NO DELAY IN GOD'S EYES

- ^{NIV} **PSALM 90:1** LORD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR DWELLING PLACE THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS. ² BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS WERE BORN OR YOU BROUGHT FORTH THE EARTH AND THE WORLD, FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING YOU ARE GOD ...⁴ FOR A THOUSAND YEARS IN YOUR SIGHT ARE LIKE A DAY THAT HAS JUST GONE BY, OR LIKE A WATCH IN THE NIGHT.

THERE IS A PURPOSE

- ^{ESV} **2 PETER 3:8** BUT DO NOT OVERLOOK THIS ONE FACT, BELOVED, THAT WITH THE LORD ONE DAY IS AS A THOUSAND YEARS, AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS ONE DAY. ⁹ THE LORD IS NOT SLOW TO FULFILL HIS PROMISE AS SOME COUNT SLOWNESS, BUT IS PATIENT TOWARD YOU, NOT WISHING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD REACH REPENTANCE.
- ^{ESV} **JOHN 6:37** ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVES ME WILL COME TO ME, AND WHOEVER COMES TO ME I WILL NEVER CAST OUT.
- ^{NIV} **MATTHEW 24:31** AND HE WILL SEND HIS ANGELS WITH A LOUD TRUMPET CALL, AND THEY WILL GATHER HIS ELECT FROM THE FOUR WINDS, FROM ONE END OF THE HEAVENS TO THE OTHER.



CHRIST: OUR EVERYTHING

- ^{NIV} **1 PETER 1:3** PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, ⁴ AND INTO AN INHERITANCE THAT CAN NEVER PERISH, SPOIL OR FADE-- KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU, ⁵ WHO THROUGH FAITH ARE SHIELDED BY GOD'S POWER UNTIL THE COMING OF THE SALVATION THAT IS READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.

OUR TRIALS, HIS GLORY

- ^{NAS} **1 PETER 1:6** IN THIS YOU GREATLY REJOICE, EVEN THOUGH NOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE, IF NECESSARY, YOU HAVE BEEN DISTRESSED BY VARIOUS TRIALS,⁷ THAT THE PROOF OF YOUR FAITH, *BEING* MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD WHICH IS PERISHABLE, EVEN THOUGH TESTED BY FIRE, MAY BE FOUND TO RESULT IN PRAISE AND GLORY AND HONOR AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST;
- ^{NAS} **1 PETER 4:13** BUT TO THE DEGREE THAT YOU SHARE THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST, KEEP ON REJOICING; SO THAT ALSO AT THE REVELATION OF HIS GLORY, YOU MAY REJOICE WITH EXULTATION.

LIVE NOW AS IF HE WERE HERE ...

- ^{NAS} **1 PETER 1:8** AND THOUGH YOU HAVE NOT SEEN HIM, YOU LOVE HIM, AND THOUGH YOU DO NOT SEE HIM NOW, BUT BELIEVE IN HIM, YOU GREATLY REJOICE WITH JOY INEXPRESSIBLE AND FULL OF GLORY, ⁹ OBTAINING AS THE OUTCOME OF YOUR FAITH THE SALVATION OF YOUR SOULS.

... BECAUSE HE IS

- ^{ESV} **EPHESIANS 1:16** I DO NOT CEASE TO GIVE THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS, ¹⁷ THAT THE GOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF GLORY, MAY GIVE YOU A SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND OF REVELATION IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM, ¹⁸ HAVING THE EYES OF YOUR HEARTS ENLIGHTENED, THAT YOU MAY KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED YOU, WHAT ARE THE RICHES OF HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS,
- ^{NAS} **MATTHEW 18:20** "FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, THERE I AM IN THEIR MIDST."

- ^{ESV} **1 PETER 1:13** THEREFORE, PREPARING YOUR MINDS FOR ACTION, AND BEING SOBER-MINDED, SET YOUR HOPE FULLY ON THE GRACE THAT WILL BE BROUGHT TO YOU AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.



CONCLUSIONS

OUR GAME PLAN

1. SEEK GOD'S GLORY AND KINGDOM
2. PRAY FOR NECESSITIES
3. RECOGNIZE DEPENDENCE ON GOD

- ^{NIV} **1 CORINTHIANS 1:4** I ALWAYS THANK GOD FOR YOU BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE GIVEN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS. ⁵ FOR IN HIM YOU HAVE BEEN ENRICHED IN EVERY WAY-- IN ALL YOUR SPEAKING AND IN ALL YOUR KNOWLEDGE-- ⁶ BECAUSE OUR TESTIMONY ABOUT CHRIST WAS CONFIRMED IN YOU. ⁷ THEREFORE YOU DO NOT LACK ANY SPIRITUAL GIFT AS YOU EAGERLY WAIT FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO BE REVEALED. ⁸ HE WILL KEEP YOU STRONG TO THE END, SO THAT YOU WILL BE BLAMELESS ON THE DAY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. ⁹ GOD, WHO HAS CALLED YOU INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, IS FAITHFUL.