

4-27-2025 Sunday Message

Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

Text: John 1:1-20

Title: **Blessed Those when the time is at hand**

The Bible says that the last book of the 66 books of the Bible is the word of revelation about Jesus Christ. Also, the words of this revelation were given to God to show his servants what would surely happen soon, and he sent his angel to his servant John to make it known.

Blessed are those who read and hear the words of this prophecy, which will soon follow, and those who keep the things written in it. He also says that the reason why they are blessed is because the time is near.

Then, we need to know what time it is. The Bible says that this is the ultimate time when the Lord Jesus Christ returns to the earth.

The Apostle John prophesies in detail about the things that will happen soon in the book of Revelation.

First, the letters to the seven churches prophesy about the churches that will be established on earth in the future and how they will be revived and fall at the same time. When we look at the spiritual condition of the last church, the church of Laodicea, we see that most of the churches have abandoned Christ and fallen away, just like the church in Laodicea. They have abandoned Jesus, the true Christ, and are united with the WCC, WEA, and NCCK.

Second, it is the rapture of the church, the day of Christ that will take place at the end of the church age. Apostle John prophetically testified that he would be raptured on the day of the rapture in the future.

Third, he prophesied in detail what the antichrist, the man of sin, would appear and do. The prophet Daniel made the same prophecy about the appearance of the antichrist:

**"<sup>27</sup> And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."(Daniel 9:27)**

King David also prophesied of his appearance and destruction in his psalms:

**"<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. <sup>10</sup> For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be."(Psalm 37:9-10)**

Jesus also spoke of his appearance:

**"<sup>15</sup> When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand): <sup>16</sup> Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:"(Matthew 24:15-16)**

The apostle Paul also spoke of his appearance when he prophesied about the day of the rapture:

**"<sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; <sup>4</sup> Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."(2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)**

Fourth, after the rapture of the Church of God to heaven, the whole world will be judged indiscriminately for seven years. The phosphorus plagues, the trumpet plagues, and the gourd plagues will be poured out. Even at this time, the plagues will be more severe as the Devil from heaven will be cast down to earth:

**"7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,**

**"8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.**

**"9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**

**...<sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.'**  
**(Revelation 12:7-9,12)**

Christ Jesus, who is coming back, will judge the antichrist and the false prophet, the son of perdition, alive in the lake of fire, and then establish his millennial kingdom and reign for a thousand years as King of kings and Lord of lords:

**"<sup>20</sup> And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."****(Revelation 19:20)**

Finally, the apostle John prophesied of the coming of Jesus Christ and the end of this world:

**"7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."****(Revelation 1:7)**

When He said that He would come with the clouds, he prophesied that the Old Testament saints and the New Testament saints, who had been saved and raptured through faith in Christ Jesus, would come down to earth with Him like clouds. When the Apostle Paul testified about the saints who were saved and went to heaven, he

testified that they were witnesses who surrounded him like a cloud:

**"12 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**  
**<sup>2</sup> Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."****(Hebrews 12:1-2)**

At this time, all the families of the earth who did not believe in Christ will mourn over him. The house of Israel will also be convicted of their sins, grieved, and repentant:

**"<sup>10</sup> And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."****(Zechariah 12:10)**

The prophet Zechariah prophesied that at this time someone would ask Jesus at the second coming:

**"And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."****(Zechariah 13:6)**  
**Amen! Hallelujah!**