

The Certain Reign of Christ

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Christ will reign on earth for 1000 years, taking back the kingdoms of this world from Satan through his judgments and ruling with God's power and authority.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses how Christ regains control of the earth through the judgment of seals, trumpets, and bowls. The next three chapters of Revelation explain how these judgments unfold in a telescoping fashion. The seventh trumpet blast signals the beginning of the rapid-fire seven bowl judgments, which take place in the last few months and days of human history before Jesus Christ returns. The sermon emphasizes the epic nature of this time, describing it as both the worst of times and a season of darkness, but also a time of hope and praise as the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ.

Transcript

We are in Revelation chapter 11. The title of this message is The Certainty of Christ's Reign, and by that I'm talking about the reign of Christ that begins on earth and goes on into eternity. I am reminded of what Charles Dickens wrote in the very beginning of the story of the Tale of Two Cities.

He wrote these words. He said it was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

It was the age of wisdom, and it was the age of foolishness. It was the epoch of belief, and it was the epoch of incredulity. It was the season of light, and it was the season of darkness.

It was the spring of hope, and it was the winter of despair. We had everything before us, and we had nothing before us. We were all going directly to heaven, and we were all going directly the other way, end quote.

That reminds me so much of where we are in the book of Revelation, and so many of those superlatives could be used to describe the section we are in and the age that is before us in the book of Revelation and what is opening up beyond it. It is the worst of times when we study that man and his foolishness in an epoch of incredulity and a long season of darkness and a winter of despair will follow such an individual as

the Antichrist and follow him with passion and devotion and then follow him to the judgment that will be theirs for having rejected the real Christ, Jesus Christ. Then before us in our studies, we have the best of times, the age of wisdom and the season of light and the spring of hope with everything before those that are going to heaven that they could ever want.

I have learned more about heaven studying the book of Revelation than I ever learned with all the rest of my studies put together. As we begin our study in Revelation chapter 11, I want to start by going back to chapter one, if we could just for a moment to the first verse. Revelation one, one, the revelation of Jesus Christ.

It is a book that reveals Christ as sovereign king, and it also is a book that reveals him as the king who is going to come and reign on this earth right here. Thousand years on this earth, and he's going to dissolve this, create a new heaven and a new earth, and he will go on reigning forever. So once he comes back and begins to reign, he will reign forever and never stop.

I love that thought. There is an end coming to the things as they are around me today. Now we've talked about how Christ regains control of the earth.

Do you know how he does it? He does it through judgments, specifically three forms. Do you know what they are? Seals, trumpets and bowls, and they come out in a telescoping fashion out of the seventh trumpet blast will then come rapid fire. The seven bold judgments, they take place in the last few months and days of man's history on planet Earth, as we know it right before Jesus Christ comes back.

Read with me from Revelation 11, 15. The seventh angel sounded and there were loud voices in heaven saying the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever. And the 24 elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, We give you thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the one who is and who was and who is to come because you have taken your great power and reigned.

What a day it's going to be when we are finally able to say that because he's done it. The angel sounds and then all of heaven breaks into an uproar of praise and worship. But basically what they're worshiping about is the announcement that Christ is going to reign on this earth and then reign eternally.

Now, the way our minds work. When we are very young, we have very little in our minds, right? That's why little kids can remember things you've long forgotten. And maybe even if it was two days ago or last week.

Do you remember when they got every little detail and you're going, yeah, you've forgotten the whole thing. Well, why is that? That's because there's very little in their minds, very little knowledge. So what is in there is very clear to them.

What happens to us is as we grow as adults and as we grow as Christians, as we fight the devil, as we work out our problems, as we deal with our own sins, as we go to our jobs and deal with our neighbors and family members and all those things, our minds become cluttered. And they become very preoccupied. So we come to the Bible and we come to a verse like he will reign forever and ever.

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and Christ and he shall reign forever and ever. And we tend to with our cluttered, preoccupied minds, we tend to go, oh, that's really cool. Praise God.

Now, that's why I'm a Christian. Hey, you know, we kind of let it go at that move on. Well, I think there's a problem with that.

What happens is it becomes a habit. In our reading and we fail to plow deep in the word as the years go by. We can become very broad, but not very deep.

We need to go deep on this fact that Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth to rule and reign on this earth. He's going to take the kingdom of this world back from Satan and he's going to do it his way. One of the things I love about studying Revelation, it is the most.

Incredibly organized, tightly woven. Book, and it leads me back to other books in the Bible, and it causes me to with each passing day and week that I study it, it causes me to marvel at how organized the Bible is, how tightly woven it is, and to see how the mind of God is woven all the way through it so that there's nothing random anywhere. What happens to you then as you begin, as it happens to you, you begin to read your Bible a little more slowly.

You start to look for things. And as you read your Bible, you seek to retain what's there because you might run into it somewhere else. And if you do, the light goes on in your head and your heart and you suddenly understand more of the kingdom of God.

You understand how to walk closer with God. And in the process, you understand how to defeat the devil on a more regular basis. You also understand more and more how God works and why his way is better than the devil's way.

So you start saying yes to Jesus and none of the devil, a lot more. As you study and pay attention now, we read in our text an announcement, Christ will reign on this earth eternally, and we read a verse 15, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. I love this.

He's going to take the kingdoms of this world if they're the kingdoms of the world and they become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. And who did they belong to before that? Satan. He's going to take the kingdoms of this world away from Satan.

Luke, chapter four, verse five. When Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan afterwards, the spirit of God drove him into the wilderness to be tempted for how long? Forty days. So for 40 days he was tempted for 40 days.

He was fasting and a man in tremendous condition. Jesus walked a lot. He ate a lot of fish.

He was a stonemason carpenter type. So he was lean. He was in really good shape.

So for 40 days he's fasting. But at the end of 40 days, he's going to begin to starve to death. So a human being in the best of condition can live for 40 days fasting and be OK.

But after that, you start to starve to death. All right. Along the way, we tend to think he went there.

He was there 40 days. He's fasting. And at the end of it, the devil comes and tempts him.

Now, the devil was tempting him the whole time as he gets weaker and weaker. He starts to hit him with the bigger and bigger temptations until when he hits the 40 day mark. And now he's beginning to starve to death.

He is hit with the biggest guns the devil has, the kingdoms of this world. We read in Revelation 11, 15, look at Luke 4, 5. Now at the 40-day mark with Jesus, the heaviest temptations come. Then the devil, taking him up on a high mountain, showed him, what does it say, all the kingdoms of the world.

And he did it in a moment of time. Tell me the devil doesn't have power. He took the Son of God to the top of a high mountain.

He showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. Satan has power. And the devil said to him, all this authority I will give you and the glory of these kingdoms.

Verse six, very interesting statement by Satan, for this has been delivered to me. Thank you very much, Adam. This has been delivered to me.

I just threw that in because that's how he got it. This has been delivered to me and I give it to whomever I wish. If you will worship before me, all will be yours.

Very interesting. A lot of insight on the power of the devil. A lot of insight on who is running the kingdoms of this world.

And if he runs them collectively, in the end, it's one kingdom run by the devil. He's called in the Bible the God of this world. Now he says you can have all of this if you will just do one thing.

What did Satan want in the beginning when he rebelled against God originally? What did he want when he led one third of the holy angels in rebellion against God? And what did he want? He wanted to be God. He wanted to be worshipped. Here he says to the son of God, I'll give you all of this, verse seven, if you will just get on your knees now, Jesus of Nazareth, carpenter man, rabbi in tattered robe.

You can just see it all. He's playing directly to his humanness. Why this, though, why all the kingdoms of the world? Because he wants Jesus to give up his plan of going to the cross.

And dying on the cross and raising again. Why? Because he knows for one thing what that's going to do for all the people of the world. He's been trying to overthrow that plan since the beginning when it was announced to him in Genesis 315, the cross.

But further, he knows what's going to happen to him when Jesus goes to the cross. Right. So I will give you all the kingdoms of the world if you bow down and worship me.

The temptation is geared to the human side of Jesus. Further, it's pointed at the human side of Jesus, because right now he's starting to suffer 40 days of fasting. He will have to suffer at the cross.

So what he's saying to this is, I know you're going to go to the cross and get the kingdoms of the world. But I have a way around the cross for you. Suppose I could tell you, Jesus, that you can have all the kingdoms of the world.

You could be a king of kings, a king of kings. If you just bow down and worship me and you wouldn't have to go to the cross, you could bypass the suffering of God's will. And yet still get most of what you want and most of what he wants for you.

Satan is saying, I will make you a king of kings. He would then be the devil's puppet king. Right.

So what is happening here is Satan is making an offer to Jesus, really hitting at his humanity to cause him to turn away from the father's will. And I love the answer of Jesus in verse a. Jesus answered and said, get behind me, Satan, for it is written, you shall worship the Lord, your God and him only shall you serve. See, he's attacking Jesus from the angle of his humanity to get him at his weakest point.

And I love the fact that Jesus doesn't come back and say, get behind me, Satan, because I'm God and I don't have to put up with any more of this because my 40 day plan of coming to the wilderness to be around you is over. So get away from me and don't come back until I offer you another season. No, he doesn't say, I'm God, you're defeated.

He says, get behind me, Satan, for it is written. I love it. I don't have to be God to beat you.

I only need to be a man born of the spirit and filled with the spirit and filled with the word of God. You're done, get behind me, for it is written, you will worship only the Lord, your God. And you know what else it says to me here is that it doesn't matter what Satan offers you to steer you away from the plan of God.

The answer is you will worship the Lord, your God. And Satan is going to offer you different offers to steer you away from some suffering that might be involved in the will of God for your life. He will make you offers.

The answer is I don't bargain with you, Satan. I worship only the Lord, my God. He will even offer you.

Watch this. He will even offer you things that if you continue to walk in the will of the Lord, the Lord will give you. But you will have to suffer with God to get them.

He will offer you those things in such a way that you won't have to suffer. But you know something, he cannot offer you the blessing of God with those things. You may be able to counterfeit and give you those things, but he can't give you the blessing of God.

And without the blessing of God, what good is anything you've got? I would much rather, as Peter said, suffer according to the will of God. And then have God give me or bring my way whatever he wants and do it by worshiping God than by selling out to the devil. My brother has an old saying, the devil pays up front.

But he pays in counterfeit money and you get caught when you start using it, and that's how it is here. Doesn't matter what's offered. You don't ever forget that.

It doesn't matter what's being offered me. I will worship the Lord, my God. And you know something, when you come to Revelation chapter 11, verse 15, that's how Jesus gets the kingdom of this world, because he's been worshiping and obeying only the Lord, his God, his father.

Go back to Revelation 11, 15. By the time we come to this passage, Jesus gets it all. He gets everything Satan offered him.

And this is the way it always is with God. More, much more, infinitely more. So verse 15, the seventh angel sounded Revelation 11.

There were loud voices in heaven saying the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ and he shall reign forever and ever. I just love that because here Jesus takes over. He takes the kingdoms of this world, which are the devil's kingdom.

He takes the things the devil offered him. And at the same time, he's defeating the devil himself. And he already went to the cross and secured our salvation.

And here it is. He's getting it all. But he got it all God's way.

And that tells me that's the way that I'm going to go in my life. And I thank God that as Hebrews tells me that Jesus Christ is the forerunner of our faith. He is the line leader.

He's the captain of our salvation. The original Greek is the forerunner or the leader of the rank and file, the marching soldiers. He's the pioneer.

He's the one out front. And I thank God these things are recorded in Luke, then recorded all the way over in Revelation, recorded on Earth. Follow this recorded on Earth in the desert and Luke, then recorded of all of this taking place in heaven in the book of Revelation, but recorded on Earth and Luke in an encounter with Satan, who's from that other dimension.

Christ is in our dimension in a human body, then recorded in heaven. He went back to heaven with that body after he rose from the dead. What I love about Revelation, what I love about the Bible, as I put it all together, is it begins to have the dimension of Earth and the dimension of heaven crisscross and interact.

And it more and more and more enables me to understand that it's not just about me. It's not just about us. It's not just about human beings running around on this little planet Earth.

It's not just about us. It's about us. And there's other beings God's created angels.

And there's a plan and there's dialogue and rejoicing. And it's this is real. This is a real relationship with the living God that spans different dimensions.

And the dimension on Earth is only one in a very small space of time. And what is real and lasting is what we're studying about here. The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

This fills my mind with the truth. It makes me free. It really does.

It straightens out my thinking because, you see, this is Satan's world. This world is under one king, Satan, and you know what? God even scattered his kingdom. You know that there was a point in time in the Bible when God scattered the kingdom of Satan.

You know, when he did it, you know how he did it. Is that the tower? I'll give you a hint. Is it the tower of.

Starts with a B and it's called Babel. There you go. The tower of Babel, their tower is a united effort of mankind spawned by the devil, really to build a tower of worship and leave God out.

So they're following the devil. Well, God came along to the tower of Babel and they were out there working and they were really getting along quite well and proceeding quite fast. And God said, that's about enough.

If I don't do something, they were, after all, created in my image and the residual that's still there in the human brain after the fall, empowered by the devil. Follow that. OK, then man is still capable of a lot.

If I don't scramble their languages there, that's going to be awful. And so here they are. And you got this guy over here.

He's pushing his wheelbarrow full of cement. Another guy saying, hand me another brick. Another guy going, hey, how are you doing? You know, and pounding some nails and doing a little carpentry work.

And so they're hanging out together and it's lunchtime. They sit down. One guy says, hey, could you pass a little of that warm pita bread? The other guy says, say what? Because what he heard was.

And he said, what do you don't don't don't mess with my head, just give me some of the pita bread. And he's like, hey, don't you don't you be doing that to me? And pretty soon nobody can understand anybody. And because he scrambled their languages, they scattered.

And in the scattering, the kingdom of the devil was scattered. So now he rules in this world, but his kingdom is in fragments. He rules it in fragments.

Does that make sense to you? And he is known by many names in the Bible as the king of the fragments of his worldly kingdom. I think you should know those names. Paul said we are not ignorant of Satan's devices.

Thus, he had victory over him. Give you some of the names you find in the Bible for the devil. How many names do you think, you know, for the devil in the Bible? Let's see.

Devil is one. Satan, that's two. OK, how about this? What the Bible has for the names, the devil, the accuser, revelation, the adversary, first Peter, Beelzebub, Matthew, Belial, 2nd Corinthians, the dragon, revelation, the evil one, John 17, the god of this world, 2nd Corinthians 4, the prince of the power of the air, Ephesians 2, the roaring lion, 1st Peter, the ruler of the demons, Mark 3, the ruler of the world, John 12, the serpent of old, Revelation 12, the tempter, the devil, Satan.

All these names speak of the different things that he does in the way that he rules his kingdom. And all these names speak of evil that he brings our way as Christians. So to identify those names is already more truth to help you stand against him in his ways.

Christ comes here and in Revelation 15, we find out he's going to take back the kingdoms of this world from Satan and they will become his. He will write on this earth now. Back to Revelation 11, 15 and down to verse 17, they say, we give you thanks to the Lord God Almighty, the one who is, who was and who is to come, because you have taken your great power and reigned now.

After the angel sounds and I alluded to this a few minutes ago in Revelation, after the angel sounds, you don't get the bold judgments. And that's all that's left after the seventh trumpet blast. Why not? What happens in the next three chapters? Well, what happens is critical to understanding the book of Revelation.

You get lost right away. If you really do understand that God takes back the earth and the title and the ownership of it all into his possession through the judgment seals, trumpets and balls. And then you hear the angel sound in verse 15 and then you go three chapters and it's all over the place.

Then you're going to start thinking, well, that's not how he does it. He doesn't do it by seals, trumpets and balls. And then if you let go of that, you're lost in Revelation.

So what happens in the next three chapters? I'll tell you what happens in the next three chapters is a digression. Up until now, we've been looking at everything from the side of Christ and God dealing with the world in the next three chapters, chapter 12, 13 and 14. We're going to be looking at the career of the Antichrist, the career of the Antichrist.

So we'll be going back across time that we've covered, but looking at it from a different angle, specifically with what the Antichrist is doing on earth. On the earth during all the time that we've been studying, is that clear as chapter 12, 13 and 14. Then when we get to chapter 15, the seven trumpet blasts and out of that come the ball judgments and it's boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom, boom.

And it's over. And then all the good stuff about heaven as we come toward the end of the book. What is important about what we've seen so far? The announcement that Christ will reign on this earth and he will do it eternally.

You understand Revelation as a digression here for the next three chapters, looking at the career of the Antichrist. What I want to spend a few more minutes on is take you through some scriptures and show you not just the fact Christ will reign on earth, this earth and then eternally. But the certainty of it.

The certainty of it, what we read in Revelation 11, 15, he will take the kingdoms of this world. They will become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ and he will reign forever. You might be thinking, well, why should I be so so concerned that he's going to come and reign? I mean, I understand it.

I get it. I've got the point. Maybe you do have the point intellectually.

But the certainty of the coming of Christ to reign on earth on earth. Is a dominant theme throughout the entire Bible. The details of this are spread with clarity and certainty throughout the entire Bible.

It is a certainty in the Bible that is to be driven deep into our hearts. One old saying is to say that we need to take the truth and screw it down deep into our souls. This is a truth we need to do that with.

It's a certainty, I would say, that's commonly overlooked by a lot of Christians today. Oh, I know the Lord is coming. Hey, do you believe in the second coming of Christ? Yes.

Do you believe in the rapture? Yes. But those same people just let all hell break loose in their life. And those same people will come around to you and they'll come up and they'll start asking you questions like, do you ever secretly think that maybe it's not going to happen the way he said? Because I'll tell you what, you know, I came to the Lord.

I was really joyful, man, for about the first two weeks of the first month. And you'd be surprised if people do. And but now I've been walking with God for a couple of years.

Oh, I don't you think that just maybe it might not happen exactly the way he says, because I thought it was going to happen. Do you ever doubt that it might not happen? Well, I never seem to be amazed at how many people come up and ask me that. My answer is always a resounding no, no, I do not.

I do not doubt that these things are going to happen. However, there was a time when I did. And so in the early years, my answer sometimes was, well, you know what? Yeah, sometimes I sometimes I do.

No, you would never say it real loud. You know, sometimes I do. No, let's just keep this between you and me.

You know, let me say this. If those doubts have plagued you, they should end today. And I'm serious about it.

Because in Revelation 11, 15, we have God's word on it. We went back, we saw the whole scenario with Satan and the temptation in the wilderness when he tried to give the Lord the kingdoms without the cross. We know he went to the cross.

This is a long time after he's risen. This is in heaven. And now we find it's all happening God's way, exactly the way God wanted it to.

So we know that it's going to happen. The certainty has to go from the pages of the Bible into your head and down into your heart. Do you understand that the certainty that Christ is coming back to this earth to reign on this earth and then make a new heaven and earth and reign on into forever? Do you understand that that is in the Bible as far back as Exodus? You say, well, how do you get into that journey? How do you find that out? It's not that hard.

Take your Bible and turn to the right to Revelation 15, 2, and you'll be right into the journey. It'll take you chapter 15 right back to Exodus and you'll find out some more things about heaven. You didn't know Revelation 15, 2. And I saw now this is a time where Christ is taken over as king.

He's ruling and reigning. It's the beauty of heaven. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire.

Tell me heaven isn't glorious and beautiful. Something like a sea of glass mingled with fire. And those who have these are Christians, those who have victory over the beast, the Antichrist, his image, his mark, his number, the number of his name.

Those who didn't take the mark would follow Christ. I saw them standing on the sea of glass. So something like a sea of glass, fiery brilliance.

And they're standing there and they are. Here's an amazing thing. They're all musicians.

They have the harps of God. You read just that and you realize, my God is into beauty. My God is into blazing glory.

And my God is into music. He is big time into music. Do you like music? Everybody likes music.

Do you know what that proves? That proves you like music. So it proves you like music, which proves that you like heaven. They're standing on a fiery sea of glass.

They've all got harps. Everybody's out there. Now, the Bible says that when Abraham died, he was gathered to his people.

When Isaac died, he was gathered to his people. So when you die and you go to heaven, it's not like you get released into some convention center or a stadium. You don't know anybody there.

Oh, my gosh. I don't know anybody here. Hey, anybody out there knows me? I know I look a little different.

No, you're gathered to your people. Isn't that great? So you get ushered into heaven to your section. So you get gathered to your people and you're musicians with harps.

So here's everybody on the sea of glass. They're all in their own group, man. Just jamming away.

And that's important because down here you say, well, yeah, I like music. But you know what? If I had my way, I wouldn't have your kind of music maybe in heaven. You know, you might not like I'd like heaven as long as they don't play your kind of music in heaven.

You know, you know something in heaven. The music will be perfect. Any of you listen to those stations that play oldies ever? You know, just be honest for once in church.

OK, in Revelation 15 three, it says so we see them on the sea of glass. It's fiery. They're playing harps.

They're jamming. And here's what they're singing. Then we read, they sing the song of Moses.

They're singing oldies in heaven. They sing the song of Moses, that's Exodus 15, one through 18, singing the song of Moses. Isn't that great? So you go from the song of Moses, which was real is back in Exodus 15.

And it was real then. And it's real in the future in heaven. See, we bridge the gap.

God has made this creation. It's got different dimension, different time zones and finite here, but eternity there. And it just starts to tear down all the walls between us and God and heaven.

And here is everybody have been singing the song of Moses and Moses is good. You know, I wrote that. Did I ever tell you I wrote the song of Moses? But what's great about that? I mean, that's wonderful.

But what's great about it is that it speaks of the time when Jesus Christ will reign over the nations. They sing the song of Moses and you have the words. Great and marvelous are your works, just and true your ways, O King of the saints.

And then Revelation 15 for who shall not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name. You alone are holy. Here it is for all nations shall come and worship before you.

So even the song of Moses looked at the time when the Lord would come and rule and reign all the way back to Exodus. You see, the time of Christ's reign foretold in Psalm two because we're running out of time. Let me read Psalm two to you or you can turn there quickly if you are good with your Bible.

Psalm two, verse six. Yet I have set my king on my holy hill of Zion. Zion is the ridge that runs underneath Jerusalem, it's that mountain ridge.

Mount Moriah is on that ridge and Mount Calvary is on that ridge. Zion is the ridge that runs underneath those peaks. So Psalm two, verse six, I have set my king on my holy hill of Zion.

I will declare the decree. Now, Hebrews chapter one, the writer tells us this is talking about Jesus Christ. So the writer of Psalm two is talking about Christ coming to reign on the earth.

I will declare the decree. The Lord has said to me, you are my son. Verse seven.

Today I begotten you. I will give you, verse eight, the nations for your inheritance, the ends of what? The earth. For your possession.

And on it goes, quoting things that are other places in the Bible as well. The Bible validates itself in so many ways. Daniel wrote concerning this day when Christ would rule and reign on the earth.

In Daniel chapter two. Verse thirty four, it's an amazing prophecy. Once you turn to Daniel, then we'll end up there.

Daniel chapter two, verse thirty four. You know, as you're turning there and you think about Daniel, what does the Lord do? When a righteous individual who loves him. Is caught in the midst of a group of unrighteous people who don't love him.

And has to live like that, what does the Lord do? Daniel was taken out of his homeland when he was about 15 in a captivity in Babylon into the palace and he lived to be about 100. What does the Lord do when one of his righteous people is caught in the midst of a group that are unrighteous? He does this, he has his ways of blessing them in the midst of the mess. And that's what he did in Daniel's life.

He gave him an inward life filled with the glory of God. Daniel two thirty four, you watch while a stone was cut without hands. That is the virgin birth of Jesus Christ.

Which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces, dealing with the major kingdoms of the world. As we studied in Revelation 11, 15, major kingdoms of the world. Verse thirty five, the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, the gold were crushed together and became like the chaff from the summer threshing floor.

The wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled, what does it say? The whole earth, the whole earth is full of his glory. The Bible says in another place, this is Jesus Christ coming and shattering the kingdoms of men and setting up his kingdom on earth.

Daniel two forty four. And in the days of these kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom. Look at this.

Which will never be destroyed. And at the end of the verse, verse forty four, it will stand forever. And verse forty five at the end.

It says the dream is certain. Its interpretation is what? Sure. Did you ever wonder if maybe sort of somehow that, you know, I've been going through a lot of hard times lately and I'm starting to doubt.

I really don't know if it maybe it's all going to happen the way he said it. No, I don't. I don't doubt anymore.

The interpretation is sure he will rule. He will reign. These things will be fulfilled.

And as a child of God, Daniel seven eighteen. This is for you. Turn there and read it.

Daniel seven eighteen. And we'll wrap this up. Daniel seven eighteen.

But the saints of the most high saints is a biblical word for the people of God has called out ones separated out by the blood of Christ. The saints of the most high shall receive the kingdom. And possess the kingdom, how long? Forever, even forever and ever.

I like that. Now, that's one to pull out and use in spiritual warfare. I'm pretty sure you lost your salvation today, buddy.

The devil says to you, but when the devil comes to you and he starts to shove on you and say the Lord doesn't love you, you're never going to heaven. You go here and you put your finger right here on the promise. The saints of the most high God, Daniel seven eighteen, will receive the kingdom, possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

And then down to verse 22, the ancient of days came. Look at this. And judgment was made in favor of the saints of the most high.

That's those that are saved by the blood of Christ. And the time came for the saints to possess what the kingdom Paul wrote. And he said, writing to the Corinthians, he said.

In Second Corinthians, 10 for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. They are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, the knowledge of God. And bringing every thought into captivity, every thought into the obedience of Christ, the revelation of Jesus Christ is what we're studying.

It is the truth that makes you free. The fact that he's coming to rule and reign is absolutely certain when it becomes absolutely certain to you. You have slammed the door on so many of the devil's temptations.

He made a judgment in favor of the saints because of the blood of his son. God is absolutely satisfied with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for your sins, and he is satisfied forever with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for your sins. So guess what? God is satisfied with you.

If you are in Christ from here, he wants to know you and he wants to work in your life and he wants to practically speaking, make you free for whom the son sets free. He will be free indeed. Let's pray, shall we? Lord, thank you for loving us so much.

There's something in our hearts that trembles when we read the word saints and find that we are included in the crowd. Thank you, Lord, that the only way anyone becomes a saint in your kingdom is by believing on Jesus Christ. The blood of Christ, which alone saves us.

Thank you, Jesus, that you have saved us. And thank you, Lord, that your kingdom will come, your will is going to be done exactly as you said, and that we can rest in you. Lord, take those doubts away and the fear that comes with the doubts and may we rest in that rest that remains for the people of God.

May we rest in the finished work of Christ on our behalf. And the time will come for each one of us when we enter in fully to your eternal kingdom. And we thank you for these things.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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