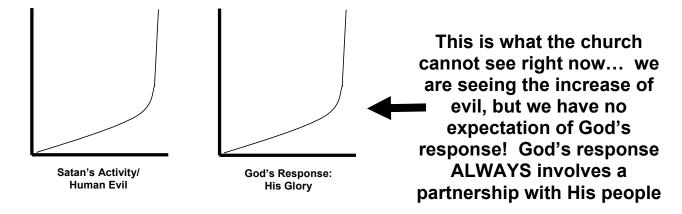
Session 2A: What is the Tabernacle of David

Reference Chart 1

In order to understand the RESTORATION of the Tabernacle of David, you have to understand WHAT it is that is being restored.... In other words, what IS the Tabernacle of David to start with and what was so important about it that God sees as being the focal point of restoration.

The Tabernacle of David is KNIT together in the fabric of events that will unfold at the end of natural history.. in the generation that the LORD returns. If you believe you are living in that generation, then God's plans for the end of the ages are absolutely critical for you to understand, embrace, and RESPOND to.

The generation the Lord returns is the MOST written about generation in Scripture... more is said about this generation and the people of God during this generation than ANY OTHER TIME PERIOD OF HUMAN HISTORY covered in the Bible... WHY????



There is a crescendo of evil at the end of the age:

- ♦ His majesty characterized the predominant emotions and character of this time period (Matt 24-25)
 - -Intense Deception
 - -Offense (accusation) against God
 - -Some will fall away
 - -Severe and intense worldwide persecution
 - -Fear that seizes ALL men
 - -Lawlessness (wickedness) will abound
 - -Love will grow cold / relational disasters (betrayal)
 - -IF POSSIBLE, EVEN the elect would be deceived

- ♦ Paul/Peter
 - -Scoffers (2 Pet 3:3 / Jude 18)
 - -Perilous times / no love / growing rampant evil (2 Tim 3:1)
 - -Some will depart the faith (1 Tim 4:1 / 2 Thess 2:3)
 - -Increased demonic activity (1 Tim 4:2 / 2 Thess 2:9-12)

2 Themes Intertwined in the Restoration of the Tabernacle:

- 1) Coming together of Jewish and Gentile believers in Messiah
- 2) The PRIMARY ROLE of the church as being a **united house of prayer**

Acts 15:6-21

Amos 9:8-15

Isaiah 16:5 (kingly: justice)

Isaiah 56:7 (the house of prayer)

PRIESTLY Worship Intercession

Model of Heaven Enjoyable Prayer Harp and Bowl Night and Day KINGLY Revival on the Jewish People and Israel

A Unified Victorious Church

Global Release of God's Glory in Power Resulting in a Great Harvest of Souls

The Tabernacle of David In Israel's History

2 Samuel 6:12-15

1 Chronicle 25:1-2

Dimensions of Worship/Intercession and 24-Hour Prayer

Isaiah 62:6-7

Revelation 5:8-10

The Tabernacle of David In Church History

Speedy Justice: The Kingly Dimension Comes AFTER the Priestly

Luke 18:1-8 Psalm 149

The Tabernacle of David in Israel's History

Psalms 149

2 Sam 7:1

Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around,

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1050 BC David 1 Chr 15-16

1010 BC Solomon 2 Chr 5-7

896 BC Jehoshaphat 2 Chr 20

~853 BCJoash 2 Chr 23-24

726 BC Hezekiah 2 Chr 29-30

623 BCJosiah 2 Chr 35

2 Chron 5:11-14

11 And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), 12 and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets-- 13 indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

2 Chron 7:1-3

7:1 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. 3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."

2 Chron 8:14-15

14 And, according to the order of David his father, he appointed the divisions of the priests for their service, the Levites for their duties (to praise and serve before the priests) as the duty of each day required, and the gatekeepers by their divisions at each gate; for so David the man of God had commanded. 15 They did not depart from the command of the king to the priests and Levites concerning any matter or concerning the treasuries.

2 Chron 20:20-23

20 So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper." 21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD,

For His mercy endures forever."

22 Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. 23 For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

2 Chron 23:16-18

16 Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should be the LORD's people. 17 And all the people went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18 Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight of the house of the LORD to the hand of the priests, the Levites, whom David had assigned in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, as it was established by David.

2 Chron 24:4

4 Now it happened after this that Joash set his heart on repairing the house of the LORD.

2 Chron 29:25-30

25 And he stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets. 26 The Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. 27 Then Hezekiah commanded them to offer the burnt offering on the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD also began, with the trumpets and with the instruments of David king of Israel. 28 So all the assembly worshiped, the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt offering was finished. 29 And when they had finished offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed and worshiped. 30 Moreover King Hezekiah and the leaders commanded the Levites to sing praise to the LORD with the words of David and of Asaph the seer. So they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

2 Chron 35:13-15

14 Then afterward they prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, were busy in offering burnt offerings and fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron. 15 And the singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their places, according to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not have to leave their position, because their brethren the Levites prepared portions for them.

Ezra 3:8-13

536 BC Ezra Ezra 3:10-13

446 BC Nehemiah Neh 12:28-47 8 Now in the second month of the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come out of the captivity to Jerusalem, began work and appointed the Levites from twenty years old and above to oversee the work of the house of the LORD. 9 Then Jeshua with his sons and brothers, Kadmiel with his sons, and the sons of Judah, arose as one to oversee those working on the house of God: the sons of Henadad with their sons and their brethren the Levites. 10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel. 11 And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD:

"For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel."

Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet many shouted aloud for joy, 13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.

Neh 12:27-30

27 Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and singing, with cymbals and stringed instruments and harps. 28 And the sons of the singers gathered together from the countryside around Jerusalem, from the villages of the Netophathites, 29 from the house of Gilgal, and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem. 30 Then the priests and Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

Neh 12:31-43

31 So I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall, and appointed two large thanksgiving choirs. One went to the right hand on the wall toward the Refuse Gate. 32 After them went Hoshaiah and half of the leaders of Judah, 33 and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, 34 Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah, 35 and some of the priests' sons with trumpets--Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph, 36 and his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneal, Judah, and Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe went before them. 37 By the Fountain Gate, in front of them, they went up the stairs of the City of David, on the stairway of the wall, beyond the house of David, as far as the Water Gate eastward.

38 The other thanksgiving choir went the opposite way, and I was behind them with half of the people on the wall, going past the Tower of the Ovens as far as the Broad Wall, 39 and above the Gate of Ephraim, above the Old Gate, above the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and they stopped by the Gate of the Prison. 40 So the two thanksgiving choirs stood in the house of God, likewise I and the half of the rulers with me; 41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Minjamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; 42 also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loudly with Jezrahiah the director, 43 Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off.

Neh 12:45-47

45 Both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God and the charge of the purification, according to the command of David and Solomon his son. 46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old there were chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. 47 In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day. They also consecrated holy things for the Levites, and the Levites consecrated them for the children of Aaron.

The Tabernacle of David in Church History

455 AD St Patrick/Bangkor

Part of the CELTIC history of Ireland (not Protestant, Catholic, or Orthodox)
Patrick has a vision... in a place called the "Valley of the Angels" based on his encounter...
He sees angels singing... just like the choirs of angels the shepherds saw..
They were singing antiphonally.. back and forth together

Luke 2:13-14 And suddenly there was with the angel <u>a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying</u>: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

During the sixth and seventh centuries the greatest missionary activity was shown by the Scots who dwelt in Ireland. In that country religion was cherished with greater zeal than elsewhere, and learning was fostered for the sake of the Cchurch. But not content with the flourishing state of Christianity in their own island, the most zealous monks often passed over to the continent. There even the nominal Christians were little inclined to follow the precepts of the religion which they professed. Gaul especially attracted the attention of the bold missionaries from Ireland, and the Irish usages became well established in some parts of lie country. Unfortunately almost all the accounts of the missionaries from Ireland have been lost; consequently this biography of Columban is of great value.

555 AD Comgall/Bangkor

He is given the vision by the LORD to build a monastery in the Valley of Angels.. at the sight of Patrick's vision It is called the "High Choir" which is what Bankgor means..

Outside Belfast

He builds a prayer house...

3000 men come from all over Europe to participate

They come for their lifetime...

They begin to sing on 8 hour shifts, 1000 at a time, 24 hours of day

The use the 150 Psalms as their focus...

The begin singing and developing them

It goes for 300 YEARS!

Bangkor becomes the EPICENTER of revival in EUROPE... a fairly undisputed fact of Church history

They began to do ON EARTH as it is IN HEAVEN

590 AD St Colambanus—Luxeuil, France

1000 men gathered ...

Sick persons came to be cured through their prayers

It is said this time, he was able to institute a perpetual service of praise, known as *Laus perennis*, by which choir succeded choir, both day and night (Montalembert, Monks of the West II, 405). For these flourishing communities he wrote his rule, which embodies the customs of Bangor and other Celtic monasteries.

His first master was Sinell Abbot of Cluaninis in Lough Erne. Under his tuition he composed a commentary on the Psalms. He then betook himself to the celebrated monastery of Bangor on the coast of Down, which at that time had for its abbot St. Comgall. There he embraced the monastic state, and for many years led a life conspicuous for fervour, regularity, and learning. At about the age of forty he seemed to hear incessantly the voice of God bidding him preach the Gospel in foreign lands. At first his abbot declined to let him go, but at length he gave consent.

In time, it became the most famous monastery in Ireland, and Comgall is reported to have ruled over some 8,000 monks there and in houses founded from Bangor. Bangor was one of the principal religious centers of Ireland until it was destroyed by the Danes in 823.

Miracles ascribed to Columbanus include

- to obtain food for a <u>sick</u> brother <u>monk</u>, he cured the wife of the donor
- once when he was surrounded by wolves, he simply walked through them
- at one point he needed a cave for his solitary prayers; a bear lived there; when Columbanus asked, the bear left
- when he needed water in order to live in the cave, a spring appeared nearby
- when the Luxeuil <u>monastery</u> granary ran empty, he prayed over it and it refilled
- he multiplied bread and beer for his community
- he cured several <u>sick monks</u>, who then got straight out of bed to reap the <u>monastery</u>'s harvest
- gave sight to a <u>blind</u> man at Orleans
- he destroyed a vat of beer being prepared for a pagan festival by breathing on it
- when the <u>monastery</u> needed help in the fields, he tamed a bear, and yoked it to a plough

1120 AD Bernard of Clerveaux

The Light of Europe Signs and wonders... 1000s of healings, blind eyes opened Radically committed to the Davidic model... Psalms of David

A holy life, a reputation for miraculous cures, and unusual eloquence made Bernard renowned, and he became the most powerful religious influence in France and, in time, in all Western Europe. His example and mystical theology had decisive influence on the Cistercian order, and he is sometimes called its second founder. During his lifetime 68 houses were founded out of Clairvaux alone.

Among his sermons, the series of 86 on the Canticles have been favorites (*St. Bernard on the Song of Songs,* tr. 1952)

He set out at the head of twelve other monks and chose, as the site for his new monastery, a valley not far from Bar-sur-Aube and adjoining the territory of his kinsmen. It was known as the Valley of Wormwood; soon it became even better known as the Valley of Light, or Clairvaux.

On the one hand, Bernard's writings are composed according to the rhythm of the uninterrupted ritual of prayer and singing inside the walls of the monastery.

Peter wrote to Bernard accusing him that, at Clairvaux, novelties such as hymn singing were taking place together with deviations from set patterns of prayer.

Carolingian Schools. "Let every monastery and every abbey have its school, in which boys may be taught the Psalms, the system of musical notation, singing, arithmetic and grammar" (Charlemagne, 789 A.D.).

1722 AD Count Zenzendworf/Hernhut

German nobleman: East German Border.. took in refugees fleeing religious persecution

Gathers them on his estate from 1722-1727

Aug, 1727: famous meeting

What started the "100 year" prayer meeting (really went 120)

Night and Day PRAYER birthed

LEVITICUS 6:12 was the key: may the fire on the altar never go out...

Power of God falls on the meeting...

1960 AD Paul Yongii Cho/Korea

Prayer caves...

1980 AD Ted Haggard/Colorado Springs

Praise Mountain World Prayer Center

Scriptures

Acts 15:6-21

- Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. 7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they." 12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. 13 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me: 14 Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:
- 16 'After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up;
- So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.'
- 18 "Known to God from eternity are all His works. 19 Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. 21 For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

Amos 9:8-15

- 8 "Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful kingdom, And I will destroy it from the face of the earth; Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," Says the LORD.
- 9 "For surely I will command, And will sift the house of Israel among all nations, As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground. 10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, Who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.'
- "On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old; 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name," Says the LORD who does this thing.
- "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD," When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it. 14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. 15 I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

Isaiah 16:5

In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."

Isaiah 56:1-12

- Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, For My salvation is about to come, And My righteousness to be revealed.
- 2 Blessed is the man who does this, And the son of man who lays hold on it; Who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And keeps his hand from doing any evil."
- Do not let the son of the foreigner Who has joined himself to the LORD Speak, saying,"The LORD has utterly separated me from His people";Nor let the eunuch say,"Here I am, a dry tree."
- For thus says the LORD: To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And hold fast My covenant,
- 5 Even to them I will give in My house And within My walls a place and a name Better than that of sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name That shall not be cut off.
- Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants--Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant—
- Fiven them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."
- 8 The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, says,"Yet I will gather to him Others besides those who are gathered to him."
- 9 All you beasts of the field, come to devour, All you beasts in the forest.
- His watchmen are blind, They are all ignorant; They are all dumb dogs, They cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.
- Yes, they are greedy dogs Which never have enough. And they are shepherds Who cannot understand; They all look to their own way, Every one for his own gain, From his own territory.
- 12 Come," one says, "I will bring wine,And we will fill ourselves with intoxicating drink;Tomorrow will be as today,And much more abundant."

2 Samuel 6:12-15

- Now it was told King David, saying, "The LORD has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God." So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with gladness.
- And so it was, when those bearing the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep.
- 14 Then David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.
- So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

1 Chronicle 25:1-2

- Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. And the number of the skilled men performing their service was:
- Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah; the sons of Asaph were under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king.

Isaiah 62

- For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns.
- The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name.
- 3 You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.
- 4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.
- For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.
- I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,
- And give Him no rest till He establishes And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
- The LORD has sworn by His right hand And by the arm of His strength: "Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have labored.
- 9 But those who have gathered it shall eat it, And praise the LORD; Those who have brought it together shall drink it in My holy courts."
- Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway! Take out the stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples!
- Indeed the LORD has proclaimed To the end of the world: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him."
- And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Revelation 5:8-10

- Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
- And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
- And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Luke 18:1-8

- 1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,
- 2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.
- Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'
- 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,
- 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'
- 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.
- And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?
- I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Psalms 149

- 1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the assembly of saints.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing praises to Him with the timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation.
- 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,
- 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron;
- 9 To execute on them the written judgment-- This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

1 Tim 4:1-5

- Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
- 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,
- forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.
- 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;
- 5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

2 Tim 3:1-9

- But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
- For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
- 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
- For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,
- 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;
- 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

Jude 14-15

- Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,
- to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

1 Thess 5:1-11

- But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.
- 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.
- For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.
- But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.
- 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.
- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.
- For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.
- 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.
- 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.
- 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

2 Thess 2:1-12

- Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,
- 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.
- 3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,
- 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
- 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?
- And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time.
- For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.
- And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.
- 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,
- and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,
- that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Peter 3:3-18

- knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,
- and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."
- For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,
- by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.
- But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
- 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
- 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
- But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
- Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,
- looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?
- Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
- 14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;
- and account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation--as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,
- as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.
- You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;
- but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.