

Aug - Grace & Testimony

3 weeks - 2 Thess 2:1-12

17 - Lawlessness

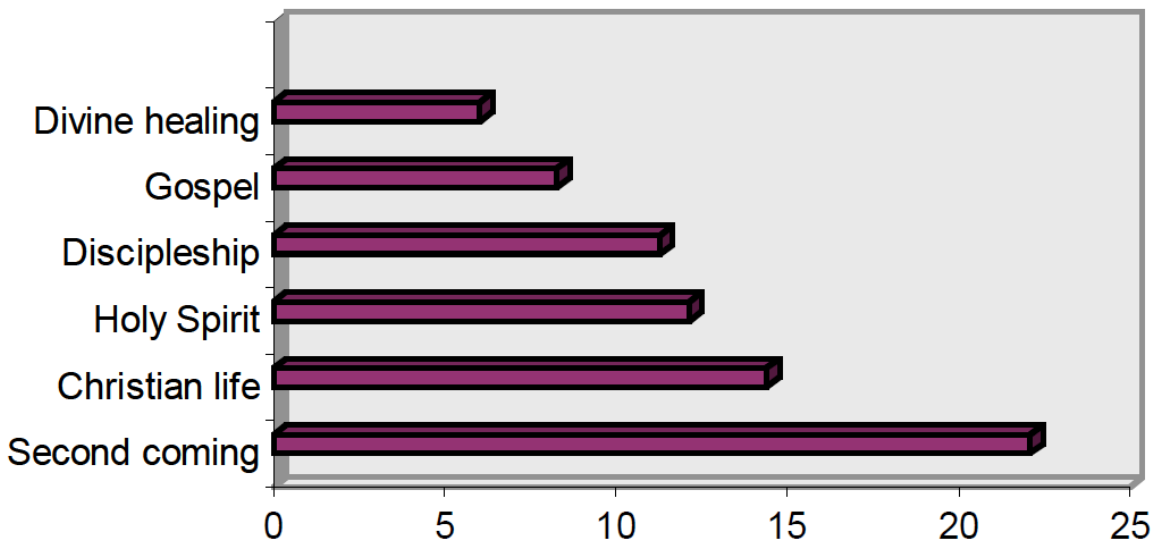
24 - Ecclesia

Today - 2nd Coming of Jesus



...there were several common themes in the preaching and teaching of the early Pentecostals. As is to be expected, there was a significant emphasis on the baptism and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The most popular theme, however, was the second coming of Christ with Christian living also dominant.

'Barry Chant - Preaching in the Spirit - 1999'



Barry Chant - Analysis of Pentecostal Magazine Articles (1913-45)

Around 1800 references in scripture to the second coming of Jesus.

Jesus referred to His return 21 times

‘No one knows the day or hour’ Mt 24:36

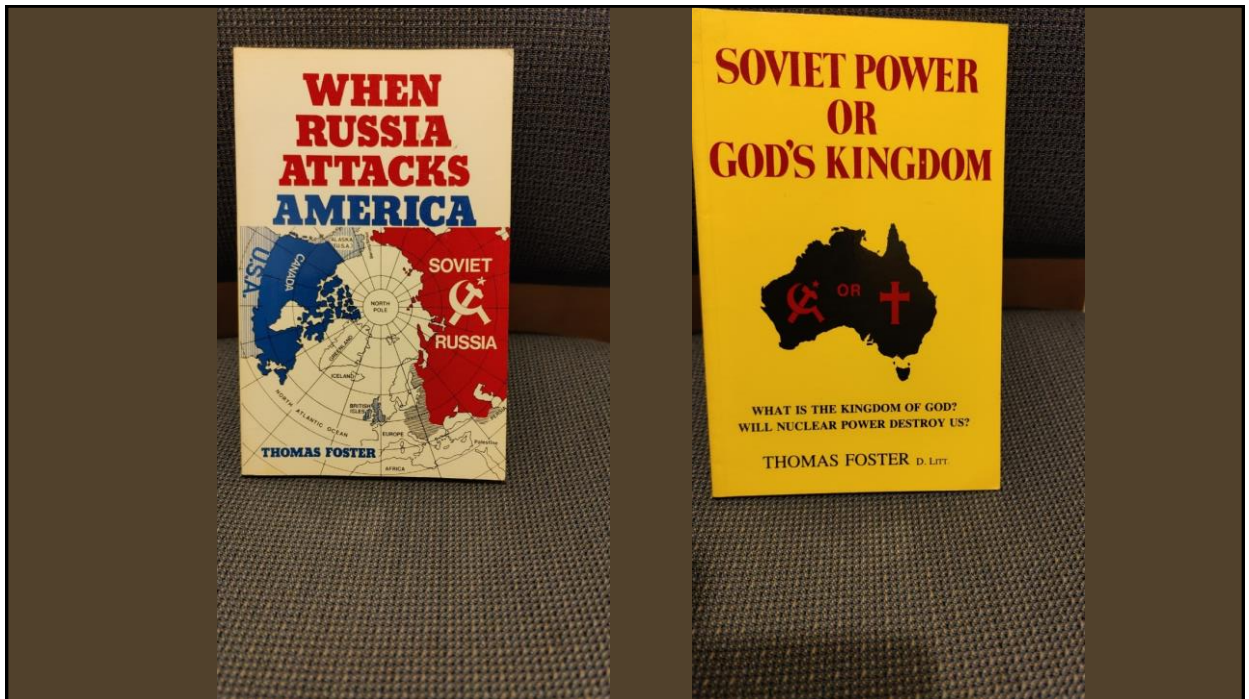
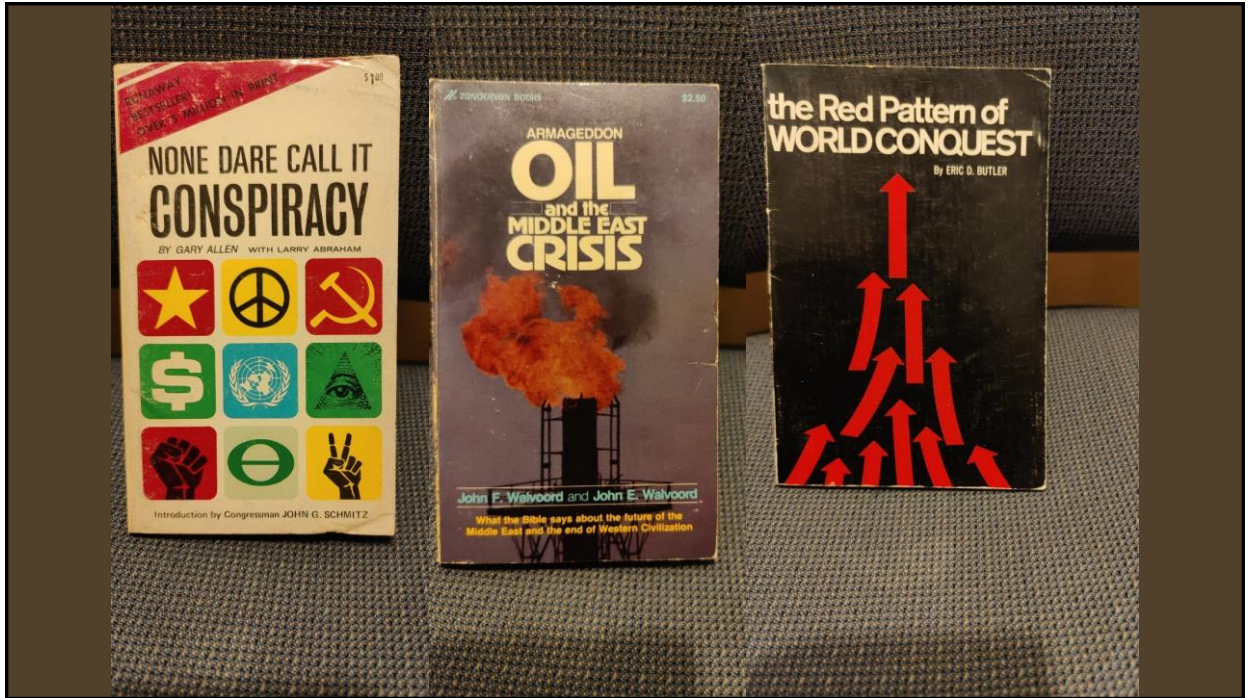
‘Keep Watch, Be Ready’ Mt 24:42-44

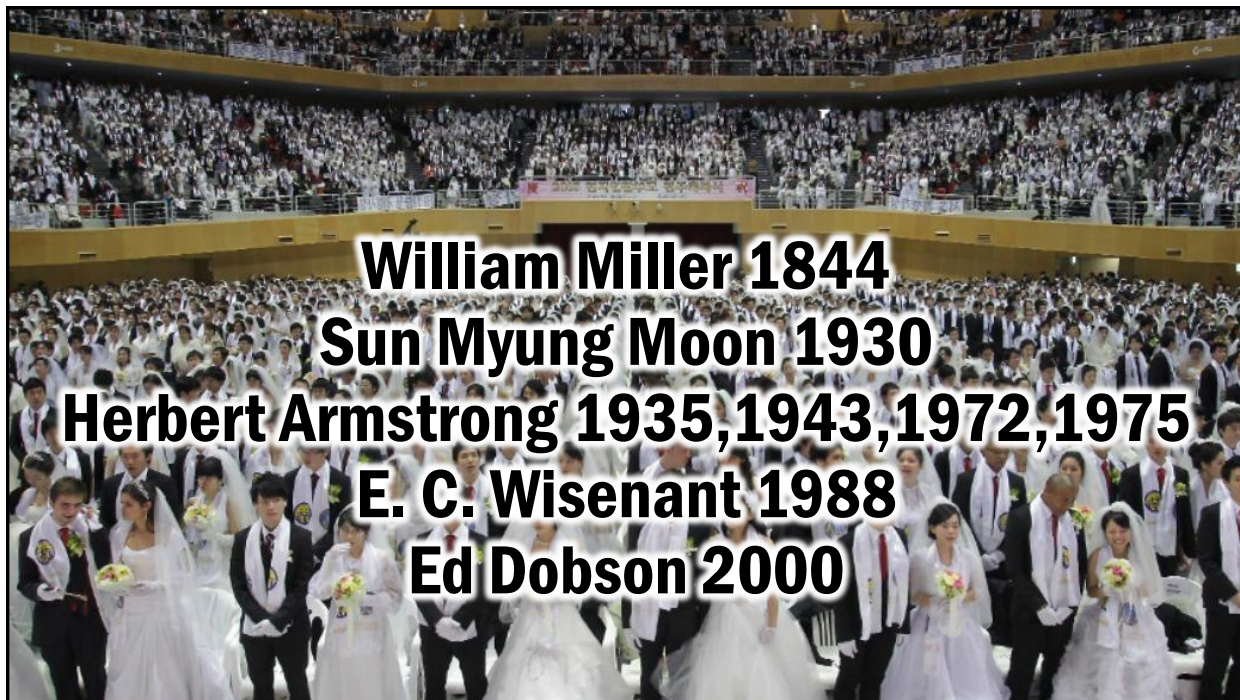


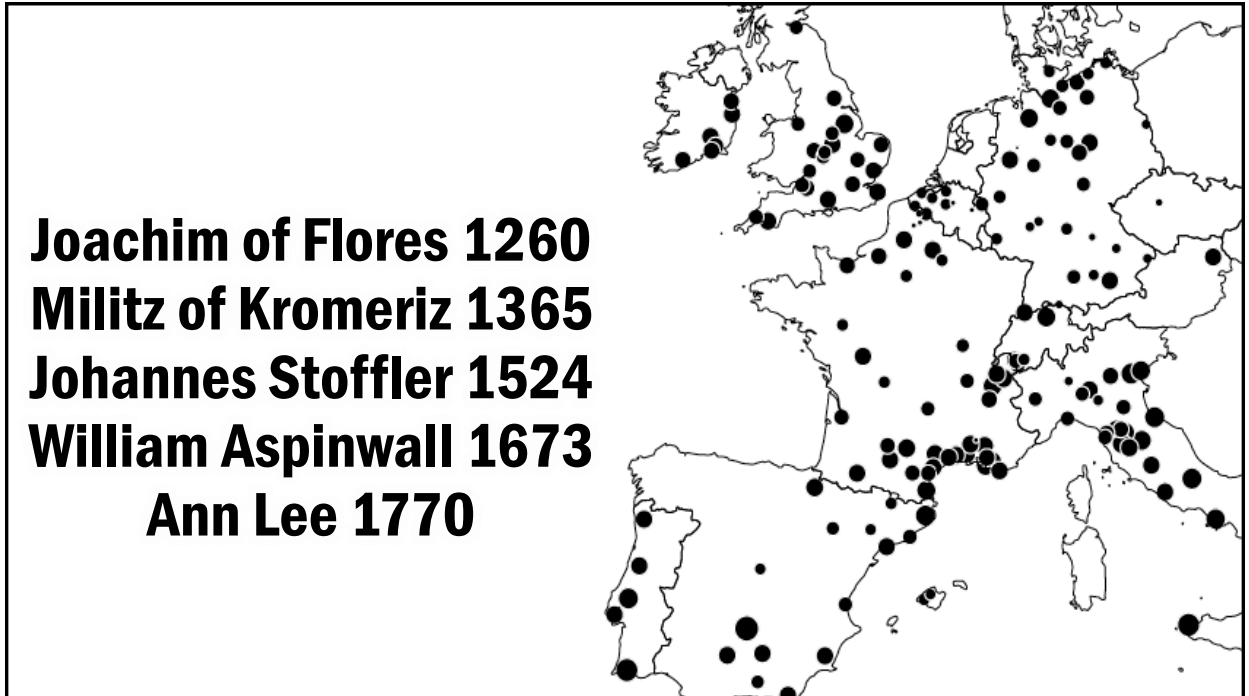
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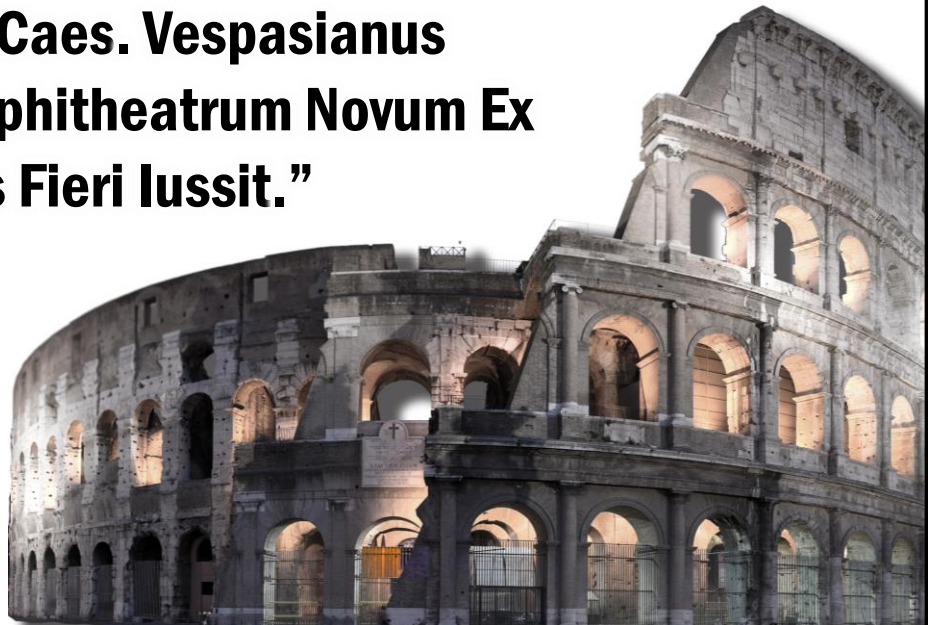








**“Imp. T. Caes. Vespasianus
Aug. Amphitheatrum Novum Ex
Manubis Fieri iussit.”**





Jinshin-no-ran (672)
Norman Conquest (1066)
Crusades (1095–1291; sporadically thereafter)
Gempei War (1180–85)
Barons' War (1264–67)
Hundred Years' War (c. 1337–1453)
War of the Eight Saints (1375–78)

Thirteen Years' War (1454–66)
Wars of the Roses (1455–85)
Ōnin War (1467–77)
Count's War (1534–36)
Araucanian Wars (1541–58)
Livonian War (1558–83)
Eighty Years' War (1568–1648)
War of the Three Henrys (1587–89)

Kalmar War (1611–13)
Thirty Years' War (1618–48)
Powhatan War (1622–44)
Bishops' Wars (1639; 1640)
English Civil Wars (1642–51)
First Northern War (1655–60)
War of Devolution (1667–68)
King Philip's War (1675–76)
War of the Grand Alliance (1689–97)
King William's War (1689–97)

<p> Second Northern War (1700–21) War of the <u>Spanish Succession</u> (1701–14) War of the Emboabas (1708–09) Carnatic Wars (1746–48; 1749–54; 1758–63) Queen Anne's War (1702–13) Yamasee War (1715–16) War of the <u>Polish Succession</u> (1733–38) War of Jenkins' Ear (1739–48) War of the <u>Austrian Succession</u> (1740–48) King George's War (1744–48) </p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">1700-1800s</p> <p> French and Indian War (1754–63) Silesian Wars (1740–42; 1744–45; 1756–62) Seven Years' War (1756–63) Lord Dunmore's War (1774) Rohilla War (1774) <u>American Revolution</u> (1775–83) First Maratha War (1775–82) War of the Bavarian Succession (1778–79) Cape Frontier Wars (1779–1879) <u>French Revolution</u> (1787–99) French revolutionary wars (1792–1801) </p>
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1800-1900s

Cape Frontier Wars (1779–1879)
French revolutionary wars (1792–1801)
 War of the Oranges (1801)
 Tripolitan War (1801–05)
Second Maratha War (1803–05)
Third Maratha War (1817–18)
 Napoleonic Wars (1803–15)
 Black War (1804–30)
 Peninsular War (1808–14)
 War of 1812 (1812–15)
 Creek War (1813–14)
War of Greek Independence (1821–32)
 Padri War (1821–37)
 Naning War (1831–32)
 Pastry War (1838–39)
Mexican-American War (1846–48)
 Crimean War (1853–56)
 Bleeding Kansas (1854–59)

American Civil War (1861–65)
War of the Triple Alliance (1864/65–70)
 Seven Weeks' War (1866)
 Selangor Civil War (1867–73)
 Franco-German War (1870–71)
 Acehnese War (1873–1904)
 Red River Indian War (1874–75)
 Serbo-Turkish War (1876–78)
 Anglo-Zulu War (1879)
 War of the Pacific (1879–83)
 Gun War (1880–81)
 Sino-French War (1883–85)
 Serbo-Bulgarian War (1885–86)
 Sino-Japanese War (1894–95)
 Spanish-American War (1898)
 Philippine-American War (1899–1902)
 South African War (1899–1902)
The War of a Thousand Days (1899–1903)

1900-2000s

Boxer Rebellion (1900–01)
 Moro Wars (1901–13)
Russo-Japanese War (1904–05)
 Pig War (1906–09)
Mexican Revolution (1910–20)
 Italo-Turkish War (1911–12)
 World War I (1914–18)
Baltic War of Liberation (1918–20)
 Russian Civil War (1918–20)
 Russo-Polish War (1919–20)
 Rif War (1921–26)
 Chaco War (1932–35)
 Italo-Ethiopian War (1935–36)
 Spanish Civil War (1936–39)
 Sino-Japanese War (1937–45)
Phony War (1939–40; no actual hostilities)
 Russo-Finnish War (1939–40)
 World War II (1939–45)

Greek Civil War (1944–45; 1946–49)
Arab-Israeli wars (1948–49; 1956; 1967; 1973; 1982)
 Korean War (1950–53)
 Algerian War (1954–62)
 Vietnam War (1954–75)
 Six-Day War (1967)
 War of Attrition (1969–70)
 Yom Kippur War (1973)
 Dirty War (1976–83)
 Afghan War (1978–92)
 Iran-Iraq War (1980–88)
 Falkland Islands War (1982)
 Persian Gulf War (1990–91)
 Bosnian conflict (1992–95)
 Kosovo conflict (1998–99)

Matt 24

- Deceptive saviours**
- Fear of security, future and life**
- Persecution & false truths in place of God**
- Increasing wickedness**
- see Gospel testimony to the nations**

Matt 24

- Abomination that causes desolation**
- Greatest distress of history – cut short**
- False signs and wonders and saviours**
- Visible self-evidence of the return of Jesus
with the that all peoples will know...**

2 Thessalonians 2:1

**Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify
some things about the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ...**

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

when Jesus appears...

-Rest vs Judgement

-Punishment vs Glory

What else is there to clarify?

**-affirm what was written already
(1 Thess 4:13 - 5:11)(nb 1Th5:1-4 & 2Th2:5)**

-false testimony & forged letter (2 Thess 2:2)

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

**Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify
some things about the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to
meet him.**

Don't be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us.

Don't be fooled by what they say. For that day will not come until there is a great rebellion against God and the man of lawlessness is revealed—the one who brings destruction.

He will exalt himself and defy everything that people call god and every object of worship. He will even sit in the temple of God, claiming that he himself is God.

Don't you remember that I told you about all this when I was with you? And you know what is holding him back, for he can be revealed only when his time comes.

For this lawlessness is already at work secretly, and it will remain secret until the one who is holding it back steps out of the way. Then the man of lawlessness will be revealed, but the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendour of his coming.

This man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles. He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them.

So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:1

Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him.

Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about them: “See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones to judge everyone, and to convict all of them of all the ungodly acts they have committed in their ungodliness, and of all the defiant words ungodly sinners have spoken against him.” Jude 14–15

**A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse
...He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
but with righteousness he will judge the needy...
In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner
for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and
his resting place will be glorious.
Isaiah 11:1,3-4,10.**

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.” Daniel 7:13.

**“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. 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.
Matt 24:30-31**

They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”
2 Peter 3:4

2 Thessalonians 2:1

Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him.

Hebrews 10:25

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

1 Thessalonians 5:9–10

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

The Return of King Jesus

**What are you facing right now?
What issues are at hand?
What future seems precarious?
What question seems too hard?**

**“You are about to be destroyed, O Israel—
yes, by me, your only helper.**

“Should I ransom them from the grave?

Should I redeem them from death?

O death, bring on your terrors!

O grave, bring on your plagues!

For I will not take pity on them.

Hosea 13:9,14

They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

2 Thess 2:10b-12

**“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”**

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 15:55-57

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. 1 Cor 15:20-24

2 Thessalonians 2:8

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendour of his coming.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Hebrews 10:25

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1 Cor 15:51-52

But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed.

Revelation 20:4

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

2 Thess 2:1 & Heb 10:25

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