

“GOD, HIMSELF, WILL BE WITH THEM”



Sermon Message: Marriage Feast of the Lamb Typology in Passover & Communion Institutions by God



Introduction to 2020 first quarter sermon series - Constant Bridges in Time



Lightning from the East to the West

Signs of the Second Coming

It is very hard to imagine the scene on the plane of the jet that went down the other day, as hundreds knew that they were doomed to a horrific crash! Perhaps people were screaming, in shock, maybe some in prayer seeking God.

Just this week- earthquake, war, protests, murder, storms, death, sorrow, when compared to a mother in labor, the contractions are getting stronger and further together.



**For every prophecy on the First Coming of Christ, there are 8 on Christ's Second Coming.**

Tan, P. L. (1996, c1979). Encyclopedia of 7700 illustrations : A treasury of illustrations, anecdotes, facts and quotations for pastors, teachers and Christian workers. Garland TX: Bible Communications.



Plagues, Famine & Grace

Hope because of the Past

Ultimate Judgment has already climaxed. — The Cross of calvary provides us with answers about the nature of judgment.

# PATIENCE OF THE SAINTS

A POSTURE OF EXPECTATION



## Patience of the Saints

What is the posture of Expectation and how does Revelation describe the living righteous just before the arrival of the Savior?

“Keep commands & have faith in Jesus” — “The phrase in this text means that the end-time saints keep afresh their living faith in Jesus, which enables them to obey and sustains them ‘under the severe pressure of persecution’ because of their loyalty to Christ”. IBID pg. 454



## The Dead in Christ

God's Power Over the Grave

The Resurrection of Christ secures the eternal destiny of those who died faithful to Christ.



# Be Cautious & Active

Preparing for the Lord's Return

Be Cautious & Active, what does the Bible say about preparing for the Lord's Return? Today we will be exploring Matthew 24-25 and the Advent Parables to discover the wonderful promises of Jesus soon return.





**Intro:** Being deceived is one of the worst feelings possible, especially about matters of eternal destiny

**Illustration:** Starting Early

A little boy was lost during the Christmas shopping rush. He was standing in an aisle of the busy department store crying, “I want my mommy.” People kept passing by, giving the unhappy youngster nickels and dimes.

Finally a floorwalker came over to him and said, “I know where your mommy is, son.” The little boy looked up with his tear-drenched eyes and said, “So do I ... just keep quiet! —Pastor’s Manual



Theater of the Universe

God's Plan for Reconciliation

“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”” (Revelation 7:9–10 NAS95)

# Glory Due to His Name



Praise the Lord for all of His goodness towards us. This is an incredible time to be alive as we see prophecy unfolding and God's promises so tangible.

## DAN JACKSON, NAD PRESIDENT



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## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR AWAKENING?

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### A Coronavirus Great Awakening?

Sometimes the most important ingredient for spiritual renewal is a cataclysmic event.

By Robert Nicholson • March 26, 2020 6:38 pm ET



A Lutheran pastor preaches to an empty sanctuary in Austin, Texas, March 22.  
Photo: Bob Daemrich/Zuma Press

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# PASSOVER

EXODUS 12:13-14



“The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

‘Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance.’  
(Exodus 12:13–14 NAS95)

Concept: Those blood-marked dwellings in Egypt became their refuge and shelter while the Angel of death moved throughout the enemy.

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“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.’ (Matthew 6:9 NAS95)

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God's message to the Exiles during the captivity, a type for quarantined Earth during this "sublime experiment":

“Therefore say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Though I had removed them far away among the nations and though I had scattered them among the countries, yet I was a sanctuary for them a little while in the countries where they had gone.”’” (Ezekiel 11:16 NAS95)

- ““Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:14 NAS95)
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“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14 NAS95)

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Upon His ascension, and while giving the great commission, Jesus promised to be with us always, and how is it that he can do that while being physically separated?

““These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you.“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.” (John 14:25–27 NAS95)

- Paraphrase by Adam Clarke of John 14:27:  
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“The Saviour was pointing forward to the time when the Holy Spirit should come to do a mighty work as His representative. The evil that had been accumulating for centuries was to be resisted by the divine power of the Holy Spirit.” Acts of the Apostles pg. 47



“God has called this people to give to the world the message of Christ's soon coming. We are to give to [humanity] the last call to the gospel feast, the last invitation to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Thousands of places that have not heard the call are yet to hear it. Many who have not given the message are yet to proclaim it.”- Gospel Workers pg. 64

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# PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

MATTHEW 22:1-14



This parable spoken by Jesus emphasizes the importance of reliance upon Christ's righteousness for entrance into God's ultimate presence. -

“Only the covering which Christ Himself has provided can make us meet to appear in God's presence. This covering, the robe of His own righteousness, Christ will put upon every repenting, believing soul. “I counsel thee,” He says, “to buy of Me ... white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear.” Revelation 3:18.” - Christ's Object Lessons pg. 310

- “He who would be a well-balanced Christian must give all and do all for Christ. Daily he must learn the meaning of self-surrender. He must study the Word of God, obeying its precepts. Day by day God works with him, perfecting the character that is to stand in the final test. And day by day the believer works out before men and angels a sublime experiment, showing what the gospel can do for fallen human beings.” - Trials to Triumph pg. 254

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