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# THE PEN OF A READY WRITER

...I SPEAK OF THE THINGS WHICH I HAVE MADE TOUCHING THE KING:  
MY TONGUE IS THE PEN OF A READY WRITER (PSALM 45:1).

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR: JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!

The Second-Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is the next major event on God's prophetic calendar. Scripture connects the start of Christ's return with an event that will initiate a sequence of actions leading to his physical presence on earth: that initial occurrence is called the adoption (Romans 8:23; 9:4; Galatians 4:5; Ephesians 1:5). This event is also known as the rapture and the resurrection of the Church (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17).

The anti-Christ, called the son of perdition, cannot be revealed until the Spirit of God is moved out of his way. The Holy Ghost, God's Spirit, withholds the working of Satan that the son of perdition might be revealed in his time (2 Thessalonians 2:6).

The adoption is about the bodies of those who have believed the truth, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thessalonians 2:10-14). It is about the redemption of our body (Romans 8:23). We look for our Saviour from heaven, who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself (Philippians 3:20-21).

As John wrote: *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is* (1 John 3:2).

Paul terms the rapture and the resurrection of those believing in Christ as a mystery in his letter to Corinth: *Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality* (First Corinthians 15:51-53).

Seven years will commence, called Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> Week (Daniel 9:24-27) and Jacob's Trouble (Jeremiah 30:7); ending with Armageddon (Revelation 19 11-21). Christ's earthly thousand-year reign follows (Revelation 20:4). It closes with the last battle of Gog and Magog (Revelation 20:7-9). Then comes the great White Throne (Revelation 20:11-15), where the rest of the dead, who loved not the word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, are judged by their works and cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:5,13).



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## TIME IS A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM GOD

Time is a precious gift. We should handle it with care and love. As each year closes and another begins, I reflect on the past. For me, 2023 brought about many challenges, and many blessings. One of the hardest challenges was Richard's heart attack. I am so very thankful that God graciously brought Richard through open heart surgery. He is doing very well now.

What does 2024 hold? No one can fully say. But, this one thing I know: no matter what we will face, God is in control. If we will let Him, He will guide each step that we take. We know who holds tomorrow!

As I focus on 2024, I do not look at it with fear of what might be. I look at it with faith, knowing that my Saviour is a gracious and a loving God. He will be there for me and for you who have trusted in Christ, no matter what we face.

His Word is priceless. Since the day I came to believe it, God's Word has been my encouragement for daily living. In Jesus, I am blessed beyond measure, and I wish each and every one of you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### *The Abomination of Desolation*

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

Those on the housetop are warned not to come down to take anything out of their house, nor return from the field to take clothes.

We find this event mentioned twice by Daniel (11:31 & 12:11). Our Lord tells us that immediately after this sacrifice to the anti-Christ shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be (Matthew 24:21).

Daniel placed it in the middle of that 70<sup>th</sup> week: 1,290 days before it; 1,335 days after (Daniel 12:11-12). Revelation 13 shows us the son of perdition, as the beast out of the sea (13:1-8). The sacrifice he demands will be directed by the false prophet, the beast out of the earth (13:11-15), at the midpoint of Jacob's Trouble. Where is the Church? With the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 3:9-10).

### Pray for ISRAEL

As of December 28<sup>th</sup>, Israel has been battling terrorists for 83 days. Hamas invaded their borders, murdered, tortured and kidnapped citizens and non-citizens alike on October 7, 2023.

God's Word still stands: *I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed (Genesis 12:3).*

### January Journeys

*December 31<sup>st</sup>*

Bible Baptist Church,  
Marietta, GA

*January 7<sup>th</sup>*

Bible Baptist Tabernacle,  
Monroe, NC

*January 14<sup>th</sup>*

Redemption Baptist Church,  
Enoree, SC