

## ***Overview of the Main People and Events in the End Times***

### **INTRODUCTION**

Tonight we're going to look at the main people and the main events that the Bible highlights as important in the end-time plan.

The end-time plan is Jesus' plan. The thing that strikes me most about the end-time plan in the Bible is that Jesus started with a blank white board, so to speak. He came up with the plan from nothing. I'm really blown away by what He chose to put in the plan. As I study it I think, "Jesus, You are brilliant." Who would have thought of these dynamics? It is the most dramatic story that you can imagine, that's about to happen in human history.

### **THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN THE BIBLE**

My personal opinion is that there are those in this room who will be a part of this drama. It's not a prophecy; it's a strong opinion that there are those in this room who will see these events in your lifetime. You will actually be involved in these events. I don't know if these events will begin in five years or fifty years. I don't know. It's my opinion that it's closer to fifty years than five. It may be longer because no one knows the day or the hour. The Bible said that you can know the generation. I'm not one hundred-percent sure this is the generation, but it is my strong opinion that it is.

I base that opinion on the signs of the times that are in the Bible—not from people's prophecies, but what the Bible says will happen in that generation. Those signs are beginning to increase in a dramatic way. I paid a lot of attention to those signs, studying them in the Bible. There are quite a number of signs that Jesus and the prophets said would take place in that generation.

Beloved, they are beginning to take place in an increasing, accelerated way. Therefore, I believe it is reasonable to conclude that people in this room, young people, will see these events in their lifetime. You might not, but certainly it will be in the lifetime of your children if it's not in yours. We are preparing ourselves as though this will happen in our lifetime. If not, we will be ready to prepare the generation that follows.

### **THE FORERUNNER MANDATE**

Part of the IHOP-KC mandate is to raise up forerunners—those who are prepared so they can prepare others for the unique dynamics of the coming of the Lord. Again, a forerunner is someone who gets prepared so that he or she is then able to prepare others for the greatest revival that has ever been seen in history, as well as the greatest trouble that has ever been seen in history. Both of them are going to be happening simultaneously. That's what forerunners do.

Of course, the IHOP-KC mandate is intimacy with God, night-and-day prayer, works of justice. The Lord has given us a lot of clarity about aggressive outreaches to bring the gospel to our city and our part of the nation and other nations in the earth—to mix night-and-day prayer with night-and-day works of justice as well. But it's not enough to pray and do works of justice. We also need to be prepared for the unique dynamics. There will be dynamics in one generation that no other generation in history will experience.

Again, I believe some of you in this room actually will witness it with your own eyes, and participate. If not, then your children and their children will. Any way that it goes, we need to prepare others. That's what our Bible school is about, that's what our musical academy is about.

### **HOW TO BUY A SHOPPING MALL WITH THE LORD'S BLESSING**

I'm going to tell you a really neat testimony about our Bible school and musical academy, IHOPU. It happened just a month ago. There was a guy who came to visit from out of town. He said, "Hey, what's happening?"

I said, "Our Bible school is about 500 full-time students, but we have a new legal status. We're at the final stages where we're opening the door where there are no visa problems in a certain way for international students, so that they can come from Asia, Europe, and South America. We are just a moment away from that status. Already, with the numbers we're receiving, our Bible school is going to double over night."

I told this guy, "We are about to double overnight because of the new international ability to have foreign students come here because the visa issue is being settled."

He said, "What are you going to do?"

I said, "I don't know for sure. We're looking at this shopping mall." It's a half a mile from here, and bigger than twice the size of this place. We went and talked to the owners. The owners said, "Three point three million dollars." We were surprised because we thought it would be a lot more than that.

This man was talking to me with his wife. He said, "What are you going to do with your Bible school?"

I said, "We're going to buy this big shopping mall, and it's really cheap because of the economy. Prices are way down. It's 3.3 million dollars."

He groaned. I thought, "OK..." What had happened is, a week earlier, when he was at home, because he came to visit and spend the day here, his wife told him, "Honey, the Lord told me we're supposed to give 3.3 million dollars to IHOP-KC."

The guy had said, "We cannot afford that."

But the Lord has blessed them economically. She said, "Yes, we can."

He said, "No, that's really a stretch."

She said, "I heard it from the Lord."

He said, "I really don't think we can do that. Maybe next year. Maybe that's over a period of time."

They were sitting across the table and I said, "Three point three million dollars." Of course that was the word his wife had gotten a week earlier. He groaned a little. Then he went and looked at the shopping mall and came right back a few minutes later. He said, "OK."

I said, “OK what?”

He said, “It’s yours.”

I said, “What do you mean?”

He said, “We’re giving you a check for 3.3 million dollars, tomorrow, the next day, as soon as we can. The Lord wants you to double this thing to train forerunners who do night-and-day prayer, works of justice, bringing the Gospel to the poor, human trafficking, standing against abortion, and those kind of things.”

I am excited. We got ourselves a brand-new shopping mall, debt-free, courtesy of this couple, under duress from the Lord. No, they love to give, actually. The Lord blessed them and it is an amazing thing.

### **YOUR STORY, WRITTEN IN ADVANCE**

We’re going to spend a minute on each one of these big events that are in the end-time drama. Here’s my point: I want you to be able to get a vision of where this thing is going so that, when you study the Bible, it makes sense to you. Because, again, it is my strong opinion that a number of you will be alive in the time when these events happen. This is your story; it’s not just doctrine, this is actually your story, written in advance.

### **EXPOSING A COMMON MYTH ABOUT THE END TIMES**

There is only one generation to which God chose to give prophetic signs; that generation is the generation of the Lord’s return. Those prophetic signs, called the signs of the times, are happening right now. They are increasing. There’s a common misconception. You’ve heard it, but it’s a wrong idea; it’s a false statement. Here it is: “Every generation believed they were the last one.” That is simply not a true statement. I have been teaching on the end times for thirty years, and have heard that statement multitudes of times. It’s not based in fact. There’s only one generation in history that believed it under this qualification: The majority of God’s people believed it was the final generation for a sustained period of time. Those are the two qualifiers: a majority of God’s people for a sustained period of time.

Only one generation believed that—the generation of the early apostles. Peter, James, John, and Paul believed it. They were wrong; they missed it. It was not the final generation, but they thought it was.

For 2,000 years, there has always been a little group somewhere on a hillside who thought it was. But it wasn’t a majority of the Body of Christ, nor a sustained conviction that millions had. Yes, I don’t know the number, of course, but I’m guessing that it was less than one percent of that generation. I’m talking about the generations for 2,000 years. Less than one percent is my guess. Maybe they believed, but the ninety-nine percent did not. It’s a new phenomenon breaking out across the earth where millions are beginning to believe we are nearing that hour. There has never been a time where so many people believed it as now. So when someone tells you, “They believed that in every generation,” you can say, “Well, if you mean less than one percent, possibly, but not the majority of people who love Jesus, and not in a sustained way.”

### **THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD**

Let’s go ahead and look at Roman numeral I on the notes. Here’s what Joel said: “For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible” (Joel 2:11). Notice those two words—*great* and *terrible*. Which is it? “The day of the Lord” is talking about the events related to the second coming of Jesus. Is it very great or very terrible?

The answer is both—because the greatest revival and the most terrible judgments are going to happen simultaneously in the same time frame on the earth.

Look at Malachi 4:5. Malachi is a prophet like Joel. He said the same thing: “The great and dreadful day of the Lord.” Joel said, “Very terrible”; Malachi said, “Dreadful.” That sounds bad whatever word you use! *Terrible* or *dreadful*, it does not sound good. It’s great in the sense of the people who believe in Jesus and call on His name. To them, it will be the greatest revival in history! So it’s the great day for believers. For the people who persist in rebellion, it will be very terrible. It will be very terrible if they persist in their rebellion against the Lord.

So when someone asks you, “Which is it? Is there going to be a great revival, or a great falling away?” you say, “Both.”

“Is it going to be an outpouring of the Spirit, or the release of God’s judgment on the Antichrist empire?”

“Both of them are happening in the same time frame leading up to the second coming of Christ.”

### **THE POSITIVE TRENDS LEADING UP TO THE END**

Roman numeral II. Let’s look at the positive trends really quickly. Again, my goal is not to give an in-depth teaching, but to leave you tonight with the main themes in your mind so you can picture the broad strokes of what’s going on. Then, when you study these other chapters in the Bible on this, it will make sense. The puzzle will come together if you know the big trends.

We’re going to look at the positive trends first. First, paragraph A, the greatest revival in history. The Church will be victorious and the Church will be full of glory. The Holy Spirit is going to restore the first commandment to first place. You know the first commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God.” Right now the first commandment is probably in the top ten in the Body of Christ, but the first commandment is not first in the minds of God’s people, the majority.

### **A WHOLE GENERATION OF FANATICAL LOVERS**

Here is the good news: Before Jesus returns, the first commandment will be restored to first place in the Body of Christ worldwide. It will not be strange that a group of young people fanatically love Jesus. The whole body of Christ will be operating in the grace of God of the first commandment.

Of course, when you do that, then the second commandment flows right out of it, right on into the great commission. When the first commandment is in first place, it energizes us to do the second commandment. It flows right over to outreaches and acts of justice. The natural outflow of night-and-day prayer, the cry for justice, is the lifestyle of works of justice.

### **THE MULTIPLICATION OF MIRACLES**

That is what happens when people pray: They begin to do the works of the kingdom with greater zeal and perseverance. Think of the miracles in the book of Acts and the miracles in the book of Exodus. Who is the main guy in the book of Exodus? Moses. Some of you don’t know the book of Exodus so well, but in the book of Exodus, Moses was the prophet and the greatest signs and wonders of the Old Testament happened in the

book of Exodus. They are remarkable. Read it on your own; the book of Exodus is the Old Testament book of Acts.

Here's what I want to say: The miracles of the book of Acts and the miracles of the book of Exodus will be combined and multiplied on a global level. Can you imagine the miracles of Moses and the miracles of the apostles happening in one generation across the world in a multiplied way? That is what's going to happen.

### **A GREAT HARVEST OF SOULS**

Paragraph B. A great harvest of souls. The greatest harvest of souls in human history is right now around the corner. As a matter of fact, it's happening right now. It's increasing so rapidly, the number of people getting saved. There has never been a time in history where so many are getting saved as right now. Look at Revelation 7:9 and 14. It says there will be a multitude that no one could number, coming out of all the nations during the time of the Tribulation. During the Tribulation hour, there will be the greatest harvest of souls. I believe it will be over a billion souls. We don't know the number, that's a guess. I believe it will be over a billion. I believe the Body of Christ worldwide will virtually double or more. We don't know.

Right now, God is putting His hand on young people, on fifteen-, sixteen-, seventeen-year olds, young adults, even younger than fifteen. He is setting them aside right now. He's causing them to live a life of abandonment to Jesus. He's teaching them about His end-time plan, in the general sense. They are preparing their life to walk out the first commandment, and to walk in intimacy with God, and to go forth in works of compassion and works of justice, and bringing the goodness of God to others—not just the goodness of God by itself, but in the name of Jesus we are doing the works of God.

A lot of the humanitarian groups across the earth are doing good deeds, and I appreciate them, actually. But they don't do them in the name of Jesus. They do them in their own name. God is raising up a company of people who will do them in the name of Jesus with the express purpose of causing people to fall in love with Jesus. That is what's happening right now in the nations—a great harvest.

### **REVIVAL IN THE NATION OF ISRAEL**

Paragraph C. This might be news to some of you. You don't have to get it all tonight, but note it to yourself. There is going to be a great revival in the nation of Israel. It's prophesied in many places in the Bible, in the Old Testament. We won't go into it.

There's going to be a great persecution against Israel, but there's going to be a great turning of Israel to Jesus. The nation that is most hostile against Jesus will turn dramatically, and it will become the nation most loyal to Jesus. It will happen overnight, in a very quick period of time. There's already a move of God happening in Israel where many Jewish people are turning to Jesus.

There's going to be an outpouring of the Spirit on the Gentile Church across the nations. Most of us in the room are Gentiles. He wants us to pray for Israel and to work together with the Spirit to bring His purposes to the nation of Israel, that Jesus would be glorified in that nation. They will bring Jesus to the nations of the earth. So, we will see the salvation of Israel.

## **THE GLOBAL REVELATION OF THE BRIDE**

Paragraph D. The bridal revelation. In Revelation 22:17, it says, “The Spirit and the bride say come.” This is describing the end of the book of Revelation where the Church worldwide will relate to Jesus as a bride. Worldwide, the whole Body of Christ will see Jesus, for the first time in history, not only as a Healer, not only as One who forgives; they will see Him as a bridegroom God who has deep emotion and desire for His people. Right now across the nations today, the Church more and more understands Jesus the Healer. There are more signs and wonders happening today than at any time in history. The Church is understanding Jesus as the Savior. There are more people getting saved and receiving forgiveness of sins. He’s more than a healer and a Savior, though we love that; I can’t hear enough of that. Jesus the Healer, Jesus the Savior. I mean, that is so dynamic and so glorious.

But He’s more than a healer and a savior. He is a passionate bridegroom. He is a bridegroom king who has deep emotion. He has deep desire for His people. The Scripture makes it clear that when Jesus comes in the sky, He will come in answer to millions—I mean, hundreds of millions, or a billion or two. We don’t know the number, but there will be millions, or a billion believers in the nations crying out as a bride to a bridegroom God, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

### **“THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY ‘COME’”**

It doesn’t say “the Spirit and the family of God,” though we are the family of God. It says “the Spirit and the bride” are saying, “Come, Lord Jesus.” We’re always in the family of God, but it’s not the family-of-God identity the Holy Spirit is focusing on here. It doesn’t say “the Spirit and the army of God,” though we are the army of God. It doesn’t say “The Spirit and the Body of Christ say ‘Come,’” though we are the Body of Christ. It says that the Spirit on God’s people will enable them to understand that they’re a bride because they see Him as the Bridegroom. In one sentence, really summarized, that means they have a revelation of His deep affection and His deep desire for us.

## **THE REVELATION OF THE DARLING OF HIS HEART**

This revelation is going to invigorate the Body of Christ with so much passion. When we see His passion for us, it’s going to cause us to have great passion for Him. We’re not just a project; we’re not just a workforce. Some people see the Body of Christ as a workforce, that we just work to touch other people, which we do—we as the Body of Christ are committed to touching other people. But we’re more than a workforce; we’re the darling of His heart. We are those whom He desires in a way we don’t yet understand. I don’t understand it and you don’t understand it.

## **A LOVESICK PERSON IS AFRAID OF NOTHING**

Here’s what’s going to happen: There will be an explosion of understanding of Jesus as the Bridegroom God. When we see Him as a God of desire, as a God of deep emotion, it will change our worship songs; it will change the way we endure persecution. It will drive fear out of our hearts even before martyrdom—because a lovesick person is afraid of nothing. God is going to raise up hundreds of millions, if not a few billion believers worldwide who will be lovesick.

What I mean by *lovesick* isn’t talking about human romance right now. I’m talking about a resolve, a fascination with the Man Jesus, and a revelation of His burning desire so that we will do anything in loyal love to obey Him, no matter if it costs us our lives.

Beloved, there is an explosion going on right now, worldwide, of the revelation of Jesus the Bridegroom God. You want to get hold of that. In the last ten years I've seen such an increase because I've been paying attention to this revelation of the Bridegroom God. In the last ten years, the number of worship songs, the number of people preaching on this subject, is exploding. In the next ten years and the next ten years and however many decades we have until the Lord returns, we're going to see the increase more and more.

### **THE CRY OF WAR COMES FROM LOVE SONGS**

Paragraph E. There will be the greatest prayer-and-worship movement in human history. Of course we see it already emerging in the nations. There are a lot of verses where it's prophesied that that the generation the Lord returns will be a dynamic prayer-and-worship movement. There will be love songs coming from heaven like no time in history. The shout of war, the cry of war will come from love songs. There's not going to be a contradiction. It's not, "Do we love Him or do we fight for Him?" I heard one preacher say, "The bride has army boots." It's the cry of war coming from love songs.

In the prayer movement, there are more twenty-four-hour prayer ministries going on across the earth right now. There are many styles, many different models, many different focuses of different ways to do it. The Holy Spirit is breathing on the prayer movement. It's breaking forth in high schools and colleges and market-place ministries, all over the earth right now in a way that is, in itself, a sign and a wonder.

### **PREPARED IN LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING**

Paragraph F. I love the positive ones. You can tell I'm spending most of my time on the positive. We'll get to the negative in just a moment, because both the positive and negative are true. But we cannot endure the negative if we're not rooted in the positive. Some people only talk about the positive, but that's not the whole story. We have to talk about the whole council of God, the whole picture, both sides of the story, or we will not be prepared. Therefore, we won't be able to prepare others.

What I mean by *prepared* is, prepared at the heart-and-mind level. I'm not talking about preparing by stocking up guns and food. That's not what I'm talking about. What I mean by *prepared* is, prepared in our understanding and prepared in our love, so that we're not offended at Jesus, so that we trust His leadership and are absolutely in love with Him. We will do anything the Spirit says because we trust His goodness, because we're fascinated by who He is as a man. Of course He's fully God and fully Man.

### **THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY**

Paragraph F. The spirit of prophecy (Acts 2:17). We know the famous prophecy that He's going to pour out His Spirit on all flesh. That happened a little on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, 2,000 years ago. There was a down payment of this on the day of Pentecost. Beloved, this was only a down payment. It did not fulfill the prophecy. There's coming a day where this thing will be totally fulfilled. There was a partial fulfillment in Jesus' day, on the day of Pentecost.

Can you imagine the day coming where all flesh, the sons and daughters, everyone prophesies? Here's what this means: The day is coming when every single believer on the planet will have dreams and visions. These dreams and visions will back up and honor the written Word of God. I'm not interested in dreams and visions that don't honor the written Word of God. I've heard plenty of them, and I throw them away. I'm not talking about the one prophet over here, or the one guy over there. Can you imagine every single youth ministry, every single

leadership team of every ministry on the earth, every believer, operating in a spirit of prophecy? Hundreds of millions, several billion operating in the spirit of prophecy!

### **THE VANITY OF DEBATING OVER PROPHECY**

I have people come and tell me, “I don’t believe the prophecy is for today. I don’t believe the gifts of the Holy Spirit operate today like they did in the New Testament.” They want to debate it.

I say, “I’m not interested in debating it. I would rather talk about the beauty of Jesus than argue about if the prophecy is real.” They want to argue and I say, “Let’s talk about Jesus. Let’s talk about the great harvest. Let’s talk about touching people with the beauty of Jesus and the power of God.”

They say, “No, I want to have a Bible debate about prophecy.” Here’s why. I would rather talk about Jesus first. The second reason is, I’m so confident that every believer is going to prophesy. I know this guy is going to prophesy, it’s only a matter of time, so I don’t even want to argue with Him. I don’t have time for it because I’m sure the spirit of prophecy will be poured out on all flesh.

### **THE EXPONENTIAL INCREASE OF PROPHECY**

The prophetic spirit is increasing in the nations right now. The grace of prophecy in the last ten or twenty years is increasing rapidly on a global level. Beloved, we haven’t see anything compared to what’s coming in the decades ahead. Many of you are fifteen years old. When you’re twenty-five, thirty-five, and forty-five, you cannot imagine the kind of experiences in the Holy Spirit that will honor Jesus and honor the written Word of God that the Body of Christ will be happening.

I believe it will happen within your lifetime. Don’t wait for tomorrow, begin to believe God to operate in it today, because it’s not just suddenly like one day we’re a great prophet. We operate in the small measure in the gift of prophecy. Every believer can operate in that right now. There’s coming a grace that’s going to take our little prophecies and increase them and increase them as we’re faithful even now to operate in them.

### **THE CHURCH IS RAPTURED AFTER THE TRIBULATION**

Paragraph G. There’s going to be supernatural direction that’s similar to the spirit of prophecy. I’m really saying the same thing, but I’m making a different point here. I’ll just say this to get right to the point on this: I believe the Church will be raptured, but at the end of the trouble, not before the trouble. It’s a popular teaching today, and a lot of people believe that we’re going to be raptured and taken out of here. I believe there are many godly people who love Jesus as much as I do, and love the Word of God, but I don’t believe that’s a biblical teaching.

### **THE GREATEST HOUR IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH**

The goal is not for us to get out of here before the trouble. The goal is for us to be anointed in the midst of the trouble to bring the solution of God and the answer of God in the midst of the trouble. Though I sincerely honor people who teach that who love Jesus and love the Word of God, because that was how they were raised, believing that, I challenge them to take another look at the Word of God and see if this hour that is coming, the Great Tribulation, will not be the Church’s greatest hour in history.

Anyway, in the midst of this trouble, in paragraph G, there will be supernatural direction, which is the same thing as the spirit of prophecy. I’m thinking of it specifically as it relates to trouble. The Holy Spirit will direct

people to safety. He will direct His people to provision. There will be people who are lost in the chaos of society, and the Holy Spirit will give them dreams and prophecies of where to meet, and where to reconnect together. Believers walking in the Spirit will be at the right place, at the right time, to escape earthquakes, bombs, chaos, the ambush of the enemy.

I'm not saying that every believer will never have a pressure; there will be great pressures. There will be supernatural direction available to the end-time Church in the midst of the great chaos going on in the earth. We will have divine direction in the midst of it.

### **THERE WILL BE SUPERNATURAL PROVISION**

Paragraph H. There will be supernatural provision. God will multiply food. I don't mean every time, on demand; that's not what I'm talking about. It's not a formula. As Jesus broke the bread and multiplied it to the 5,000—as a matter of fact, He did that miracle three times. I don't mean the story was told three times; I'm talking about three separate instances of Jesus multiplying food.

Remember Moses in Exodus: God sent manna from heaven every single day except the Sabbath day. He sent manna from heaven. Can you imagine water coming out of a rock? Here are several million Jewish people, out in the wilderness in the book of Exodus, just set free from slavery in Egypt. They don't have any water. Water comes out of a rock. Can you fathom water coming out of a rock for a few million people? We're not talking of a little drinking fountain where they stood in line; we're talking about a river in the wilderness coming out of a rock.

### **THE GREATER GLORY TO COME**

That's in the Old Testament; the New Testament is greater glory. The generation the Lord returns is the greatest manifestation of glory leading to the second coming of Jesus of any time in history. There will be multiplication of food. I don't mean every time on demand. There will be remarkable miracles of supernatural provision for the people who are walking in the Spirit. They will make provision for others as well. It will be the most dramatic hour in human history.

Again, no one knows the day or the hour, but it is my conclusion from reading the biblical signs of the times that there are people alive in this room who will see it in your lifetime. We're preparing as though it's true. If it's not true, you're prepared to prepare the next generation. So you've wasted no time preparing.

I heard one guy say, "Yeah, but if people prepare, they prepare for nothing! It's a waste of time."

I said, "I don't think so." The early Church, Peter, James, and John, thought it was the last generation. They were wrong, and they didn't do so badly in the book of Acts.

"They prepared for nothing!" They did the book of Acts, so they did OK. They were wrong on the timing, but they were prepared and going for it.

### **SUPERNATURAL PROTECTION IN THE END-TIME CHURCH**

Let's go to paragraph I. Supernatural protection. This is our final one of the positive trends—supernatural protection. Say the word *Goshen*. Remember that the book of Exodus in the Old Testament is like the New Testament book of Acts. The two books are going to be combined and multiplied on a global level.

Look at what happened in Exodus 8:22: God set apart the land of Goshen. Goshen was a geographic area in the land of Egypt where the Jewish slaves lived. A few million slaves lived there. I'm not sure it was the nicest subdivision in Egypt; I'm sure the living conditions for slaves in an ancient land weren't very good. God set apart the land of Goshen, and the judgments of God that fell on Egypt didn't fall on the land of Goshen. God raised up a protection around Goshen, and when His judgments were released, they did not fall on the land of Goshen.

### **POCKETS OF MERCY THROUGHOUT THE EARTH**

I believe that today we are going to have geographic areas around the earth where prayer is going forth. I don't mean like prayer in our style. There are many styles of prayer and many different focuses of prayer; but where prayer is going forth in a concerted way, there will be the Goshen dynamic. There will be supernatural protection from the judgments of God in those geographic areas. I call those areas "pockets of mercy." What I mean by "pockets of mercy" is that all over the globe there will be regions experiencing exceptional manifestations of God's mercy. I call it a pocket of mercy in the midst of judgment. There will be supernatural protection in some of those geographic areas.

### **THE MILLENNIAL REIGN**

Roman numeral III. The primary positive people and events of Jesus' second coming. That's obviously the primary event, but He's not coming to go; He's coming to stay. He's coming to set up a thousand-year reign upon the earth called the millennial kingdom. This word *millennial* means "a thousand years." Jesus is coming back to the earth to establish on this earth a thousand-year kingdom.

We won't go into all the details right now, but you will have resurrected bodies, and there will be other people who survive the Great Tribulation who weren't saved, but didn't take the mark of the beast. They're not killed; but they weren't saved, so they weren't raptured. It's what I call the unsaved survivors. These people will have natural bodies in this 1,000-year kingdom. You will have resurrected bodies. There will be an interaction between the saints with resurrected bodies and Jesus' kingdom on the earth for a thousand years.

This is dynamic; this is one of the primary themes of the Bible—that God's kingdom on the earth will be fully manifested in every sphere of society. It's very dynamic.

### **THE END OF THE WORLD OR THE END OF THE AGE**

Sometimes I hear a guy on a talk show say to a preacher, "Do you believe in the end of the world?"

The preacher says, "Well, yeah!"

Beloved, we are not talking about the end of the world; we are talking about the end of the age. There's a difference. The world is not ending when Jesus comes. As a matter of fact, it's a new beginning for the world. A lot of people are confused by that; they mix it up. They don't understand the difference. They'll talk to me and say, "Wow, I hear you believe in the end of the world."

I say, "No, not at all."

They say, "You don't? I thought you talked about the end times..."

“I do.”

“Is that not the end of the world?”

“No.”

“Well, what is it?”

“It’s the end of the age. It’s the end of the devil’s involvement in the nations. The world is going to go on for another 1,000 years. Jesus is going to bring His will to every sphere of society.”

We’re working on that now; we’re going to gain some real ground between now and the second coming of Christ as we bring the will of God and the Word of God to every sphere of society. We’re doing that now in the kingdom: We’re bringing it to the business, the economics, media, government. We’re mandated to bring the kingdom to every sphere of society now. But when the Lord comes, it’s going to multiply at a level beyond anything we can imagine. There will be total victory of the kingdom on the earth for a thousand years.

We’re not preaching the end of the world; we’re preaching the end of the age and the beginning of a whole new glorious reign of Jesus upon the earth.

### **THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH**

The other positive event is the rapture of the Church. Can you imagine? Jesus comes; the shout of the angel; the trumpet of God. Every single believer is raised from the dead. What an intense moment! We’re talking about every believer in history being raised from the dead. I can’t even imagine how people will respond to this—the believers like us, and if we’re alive at that time (not all of us will be, but I believe some of us very possibly will be). You will be transformed instantly and you will meet the Lord in the air. You will get a resurrected body without dying. That’s called the rapture of the Church.

### **THE TWO OLIVE TREES AND THE TWO LAMPSTANDS**

Paragraph C. There will be two witnesses. You can read about them in Revelation 11. They will prophesy with so much power. They’re not the only two who are prophesying, but they give us a picture of what God is willing to do. If God is willing to put this much power on these two, it’s a statement about His desire to release power on His people. These two witnesses will preach with such great power for three-and-a-half years. There will be a spirit of power on the Body of Christ worldwide.

### **THE 144,000 SINGING JEWISH BELIEVERS**

Paragraph D. The 144,000 Jewish believers. Here’s the interesting point: These 144,000 are all prophetic singers. Here at IHOP-KC we have probably about 500 singers. People come and say, “Five hundred singers?” We have twenty-five to twenty-eight full worship teams. I lose the numbers because they keep growing. There are about 400 to 500 singers. People visit and say, “Wow.”

I say, “You think that’s something? There’s going to be a group of Jewish singers, over 100,000 of them—144,000, to be exact.” They will all be singers; there will never be a singing group in history like this before the Lord returns. I think some of these people, these young boys and young girls, male and female, young and old,

are alive right now. It's hard to know for sure, but if the coming of the Lord is within the next thirty, forty, fifty years, some of them could be alive right now. That's not my real point; my real point is that they're going to be trained at five, eight, ten, fifteen, twenty years old. They will be singers and sing the songs of God in a way that is mind-blowing. That will be the level of anointing they operate in.

I don't know if I'll be able to meet them, but I want to meet these guys. I want to hear them sing!

### **THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD IN THE END TIMES**

OK, let's go to the very terrible day. Paragraph A. Number one—the judgments of God. Now you have to get this clear: The judgments of God are not poured out on the saints; the judgments of God are poured out on the Antichrist. We're not concerned with the judgments of God coming against us.

As a matter of fact, the praying Church will be involved with Jesus in praying for the judgments on the Antichrist in the way that Moses prayed for the judgments on Pharaoh in the book of Exodus. Imagine Moses. God says, "Hey, I'm going to turn the Nile River to blood."

Moses says, "OK, that's cool."

God says, "No, it doesn't work that way. You're actually going to ask me, and I gave you the word initially, but I'm going to have you pray it, and because of your prayer, I will release it in the sight of Pharaoh."

### **THE RELEASE OF THE JUDGMENTS BY THE CHURCH**

The end-time Church will be like that to the end-time Pharaoh who is the Antichrist. The judgments are not on Moses. The judgments are released by Moses onto the Pharaoh. The judgments are not on the Church; the judgments are actually released by the Church onto the end-time Pharaoh, which is the Antichrist. The praying Church under Jesus' leadership will release the judgments on the Antichrist system.

We don't pray those judgments until the Antichrist emerges in world history. I had some guys read the book of Revelation and say, "We need to start praying those judgments!"

"No, we need to wait until the Antichrist is in power. You don't pray these on other people! You pray them on the Antichrist empire at the right time." I stole some of their zeal. They were all ready to go and loose these judgments on everyone who bugged them. It doesn't work that way. This only happens in the final three-and-a-half years, but it's a very real dynamic. The judgments are only released on the reprobate—the people who have taken the mark of the beast and have committed to worshipping Satan. They cannot repent. It's only the reprobate, meaning those who cannot turn back. They don't want to turn back, either; they cannot, and they don't want to. The judgments are only released by prayer upon the reprobate who have aligned themselves with the Antichrist and taken the mark of the beast.

### **THE COMING RELIGION OF HARLOTRY**

Paragraph C. There's going to be what the Bible calls the harlot Babylon. There will be a worldwide false religion. Beloved, this is one of the most important negative points we're making here tonight, because this one-world system will rise up even before the Antichrist is in power. I can see the early beginnings of this worldwide religion.

Here's how this religion works. I don't want to go into the details, but it will be a composite of many other world religions coming into unity based on tolerance without any qualification. They will have tolerance for everything. It will be a false justice movement. They will be committed to humanitarian aid, but not in the name of Jesus and not for Jesus' glory. They will do humanitarian aid for their own glory. They will have no morals and will tolerate all beliefs.

We can already hear the whispers of that worldwide religion emerging. You can hear it every day. New alliances and new leaders around the world are saying, "Let's all get together and do it; let's just tolerate everything." The one thing they will not tolerate is radical believers who love Jesus. They will tolerate everything except Jesus. The religion you find in Revelation 17 is rising up right now in the earth. We see the early beginnings of it now.

### **THE REIGN OF THE ANTICHRIST**

Paragraph D. There's a new world leader; his name is the Antichrist. That is his title in the Bible. He has a number of titles in the Bible, and in the book of Revelation he's called the beast. The reason he's called the beast is because he has a cruel nature. He has no ability to show mercy. He will look peaceful. He will look dignified, but he will have no capacity for mercy at all. He cannot be reasoned with. He is as cruel as a wild beast in his inner nature, but he will not look that way to the undiscerning eye of multitudes in the earth. They will vote for him, they will applaud him, but at the core of his being he will be a wild beast in terms of his cruelty and his evil. He will hide it and he will veil it till a certain time.

### **THE HOPE OF OUR ULTIMATE TRIUMPH**

This man will wage and lead a war against God, and he will persecute God's people. The end times will have persecution. When I say "the end times," I mean those final years before the second coming of Jesus. It's not mostly about persecution. When people read the book of Revelation, they've said, "Boy, the book of Revelation scares me."

I say, "Why?"

"All the persecution."

I say, "No, the book of Revelation is a story of God's judgment on the Antichrist. You're reading the book of Revelation wrong; it's the same story of Moses defeating Pharaoh. It's about defeating the Antichrist. It's a great story, the book of Revelation."

They say, "Really? It seems so scary..."

I say, "No, those are the judgments being released by the Church, released on the Antichrist. Those are not judgments against you."

They say, "Oh..."

I say, "No, you want to read the book of Revelation. I call the book of Revelation the end-time book of Acts. It's the Acts of the Apostles of the end-time Church written ahead of time. Those are acts of power being released against the Antichrist, the end-time Pharaoh."

They say, “What about the persecution?”

I say, “Well, there is persecution, but here’s the good news: There are 403 verses in the book of Revelation, and only twelve about persecution.” Less than three percent of the book is on the persecution of the Church. Yes, the Church will be persecuted, but it’s three percent of the book; it’s not the storyline of the book of Revelation. It’s not the persecution of the Church, it’s the defeat of the Antichrist. This book is glorious to the end-time Church, which is relating to Jesus as a bride and a bridegroom, doing works of justice, working havoc on the kingdom of darkness.

### **THE CONFEDERATION OF TEN NATIONS**

Paragraph E. Many nations will join up with the Antichrist, but there will be ten nations that will be his main power base. They’re called a ten-nation confederation. There are ten nations that will be uniquely loyal to the Antichrist. They will be his primary power base, these ten nations. It’s good to get that in your mind; it’s clear in the Bible. Most people who have studied end-time prophecy are aware of this dimension, but there’s a ten-nation confederation, which means a group of nations that are working together under the Antichrist.

Here’s the bad part: The Antichrist will have the largest army, the most money, the most political power of any leader in human history before Jesus. He will use it for darkness, but he will be openly defeated by Jesus. Jesus will be using the praying Church to release some of His judgments as well.

### **THE REIGN OF THE FALSE PROPHET**

Paragraph F. There is a false prophet. Most of you already know that the false prophet is the primary associate of the Antichrist. He is his main helper. He’s a religious leader, but he operates in tremendous signs and wonders. As a matter of fact, the false prophet can call down fire from heaven in the sight of people, as can the two witnesses. The two witnesses call fire down, and then the false prophet calls fire down. It will be the Elijah-and-Jezebel showdown on a global level, and Elijah will win again. The praying Church, with the spirit of Elijah, will win again under the greater Elijah, the greater Prophet, the greater David, the greater Moses, Jesus Himself! The King of Kings!

### **THE IMAGE OF THE BEAST**

Let’s look at paragraph G. The image of the Beast. The image of the Beast is a statue. That’s what it is: It’s an idol. This idol will be very sophisticated; it won’t just be a stone idol. We don’t know what it looks like; it will probably be involved with the greatest technology we can imagine. We don’t really know. This statue, this idol, will be demonically empowered. It will be able to speak. It will look as though it breathes. It will reason. This idol, this statue, will talk and give edicts to the whole world. It will convince the nations to worship the Antichrist.

### **THE MARK OF THE BEAST**

The mark of the Beast. Most of you know what this is. It’s a mark that will be on the right hand or the forehead, and you’ll have to have this mark in order to buy or sell in the marketplace. God will be releasing supernatural provision, food and water, and supernatural direction and protection. So, though the saints are not a part of this economic system, God will still be providing for the saints.

### **THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION**

Then there's the abomination of desolation. That's a fancy term that's used in the Bible seven times. The abomination of desolation, in just one sentence, is the Antichrist worship system. It's the statue of the Antichrist. The abomination is that this statue says, "Worship the Antichrist!" and the nations do it. It's a great abomination; it will lead to the desolation or destruction of the earth. It's this worship system that's an abomination, and it results in great desolation in the nations.

### **THE MARTYRDOM OF SAINTS**

Finally, another negative will be the martyrdom of Christians. Here's the most important part: The majority of saints will not be martyred. Again, three percent of the book of Revelation is about this.

### **THE FALLING AWAY FROM THE FAITH**

Then, there's a great falling away from the faith. We are not going to fall away from the faith.

Amen and amen. Let's stand.