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“Behold, I make all things new.”
Revelation 21:5



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from the editor



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DRAMA BEYOND COMPREHENSION

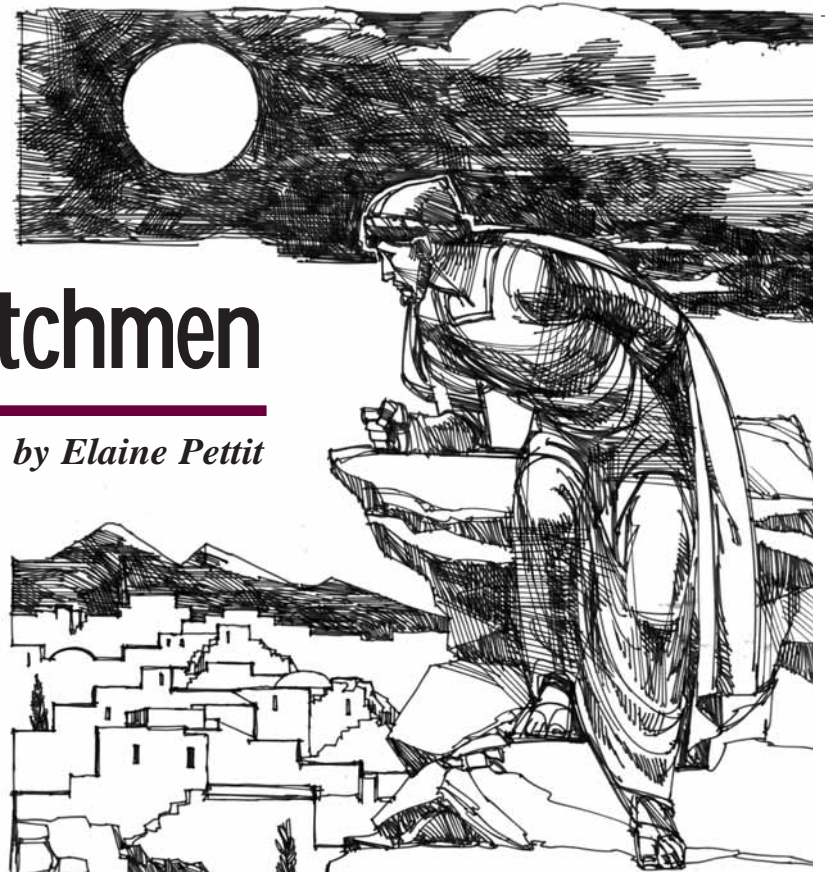
Here for the first time in the Revelation of Jesus Christ to St. John the Divine, God himself speaks. We are near the end of the whole revelation with but a chapter and a half to go out of 22. God Himself on His throne speaks and with what miraculous words He brings this mysterious final book in our Bible to an end. It is drama beyond comprehension. It is both glorious and terrifying. I am not a student of eschatology, so I will refrain from an attempt to present explanation.

He speaks of new heavens and a new earth. The epicenter of our present world of events is new coming out of the heavens, and Jerusalem is at peace as is all else. There is also terrifying torture, and there is no other word for it, poured out by angels to deliver the anguish that again goes beyond comprehension. The point to be made here is that all of this will affect every human being that has ever lived from Adam and Eve to the last baby born at the end of the millennial reign.

As I pondered this passage, I was in the mind of spring and the glory of the tulips and the crocuses bursting through the last of the snow. "I am making all things new!" (Revelation 21:5 NIV) seemed like a wonderful theme for this issue. But as I read and reread this passage in total, I realized that I had been dropped into a cauldron of conundrums where the same God was involved with the glorious and the goriest of the gory. I rushed back to the start of the revelation where the words sing to my spirit. The Lord has spoken to John as He sends His message to the seven churches established in Asia Minor. To the worst of the lot He gives the best of His kindness. To the church in Laodicea—that is the last of the seven churches—He says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with him and be with him" (Revelation 3:20 NIV). Jesus then promises that those who accept this invitation will be given the privilege to sit with Him on His throne, which as we all know is next to the Father God in heaven.

The newness is both wonderful and horrible and only you and I can make that difference. When I think of bowls of wrath filled with every imaginable painful substance poured out on the unrighteous, I gag with anguish. And when I think of the glories that are prepared for the

Rekindling the Watchmen



by Elaine Pettit

Why are moves of God so rare today?

On October 5, 2005, I sensed the Lord speak to me, “Elaine, the reason that some people believe the day of the Evangelist and of revival is over is because the day of waiting upon God and of praying clear through is over.” At first, I felt a piercing sorrow, but then I realized that though the situation is alarming, it can also be changed. Just as Revelation 21:5 states, I believe that the Lord is making all things new.

The Lord took me back to my earlier days in the Church of the Nazarene. People often testified that they had been far from God, but their mother or grandmother wrestled in prayer for them, and as a result they now loved the Lord. The Lord asked me, “When was the last time you heard someone say that?” I had to admit that it had been years. Although our revival slate was full, I had to do something about this.

A New Dilemma. For nearly 20 years, I have worked crowded altars of people with serious sin issues. CNN recently reported that the pornography industry generates more than \$12 billion a year in the United States and \$57 billion worldwide. More than 4.2 million porn sites saturate the Internet. On December 20, 2006, Fox News reported that nine out of 10 Americans have had premarital sex. Every year drunken drivers kill 17,000 people. Every 40 seconds someone commits suicide. Yet many churches don’t feel a need for revival.

A New Burden. Leonard Ravenhill said, “We have many organizers, but few agonizers.... Failing here, we fail everywhere.”ⁱ Yet failure cannot be an option. The stakes are too high. No war over territory is more urgent. No battle for people’s rights is more serious. At stake are the eternal souls of men and women.

A New Person. “History reports that most people have been saved and sanctified during a revival or camp meeting.”ⁱⁱ Society’s evils have entered into the church. During a revival service in October 2006, a man from a Nazarene church was delivered from a forty-year addiction to pornography. He shared that he had battled this porn addiction since he was 12 years old.

“I wanted to be free from it,” he said, “and had often dreamed of what life would be like on the other side.... I had no way to rationalize my behavior, so when the altar call came, I ran down and gave Jesus control.”ⁱⁱⁱ

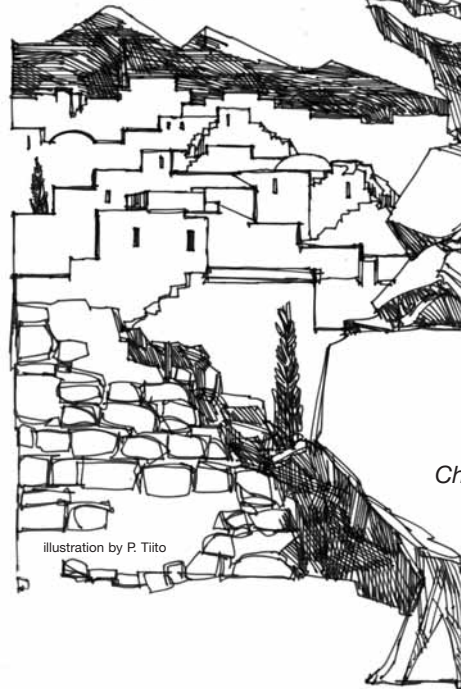


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A New Family. Another testimony comes from Steve Foltin, 25. “In October 2005, my wife kicked me out of my house because of my heavy drinking.... I was saved August 16, 2006. My wife was saved August 19. My kids were dedicated to the Lord on September 2 at Waiting School II. Susan and I were baptized on September 3 at Waiting School II. Since I’ve been saved my life has never been better.... I thank God every day for giving me a second chance at my marriage and at my life.... I am living a holy life and it has never felt better. On November 28, 2006, I was sanctified in a revival service in Chesaning, Michigan.”^{iv}

We give God all the glory, and rejoice that both Steve and Susan have become members of Kalamazoo Southside Church of the Nazarene, are serious students of the Word, are faithful tithers and never miss a service.

A New Focus. With all types of evil infiltrating our land, it is time to call willing people to earnest and agonizing prayer. A nationwide plea was made to enlist support for a 24-hour-a-day prayer and fasting vigil. Plans were

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Behold, I make all things new

by Susie Shellenberger

I had taken 700 teens and adults on a two-week missions trip to Ecuador. Team three was preparing to begin their Gospel presentation through a 22-minute drama. As they cleared a piece of concrete in a busy market place, Matt couldn't help but notice the Ecuadorian man with the stagger. He held a bottle of alcohol in one hand and had his other hand looped through the arm of a scantily-dressed woman.

After the presentation, many of the students gave their testimonies through interpreters. "I kept my eyes on the man, wondering how he'd react," Matt remembers. "When I gave the call to commitment—'Anyone here who would like to receive forgiveness for sins and place your faith in Christ, please come forward'—I was surprised to see him stumble toward our group.

"The interpreter pulled him to the side and began to converse with him in Spanish. As I watched, I noticed they both bowed their heads, and I could hear a simple, yet earnest prayer being offered."

The ministry continued with many students approaching others in the crowd. "The man stayed a while," Matt says. "And before long he asked if he could say something to our entire group. I'll never forget it. He said, 'I came here drunk. I just purchased this prostitute and was taking her to my apartment when I literally stumbled into your presentation of the Gospel. It was presented in such an easy-to-understand way. I get it now. I've asked Christ to become my Savior, and I've repented of my sins. I have to leave my old ways behind. I can't continue on with this woman. I'm a new man now. I'm going to give you some money to put her on a bus and send her home. I'm living for Jesus now.'"

Big Change

Christ had definitely made a difference in this man's life. He had truly removed the old and was doing something brand new! This newness involved change.

We often think of "all things new" happening when we receive Christ as our Savior. And when He forgives our sins and begins residing in our lives, it really *is* a new start. With His help, we change. He begins a transformation in us. But it doesn't end there. Not only will Christ create a new beginning for sinners who come to Him in genuine repentance, but He also promises a new beginning even for those who are already serving Him!

God has promised to make everything new. And that means perfect! This is a promise for Christians! Yes, you received a newness when you accepted Christ as Savior, but you can also look forward to another newness in the future.

All =Everything

We already know that God keeps His promises, and in Revelation 21:5, He gives Christians a promise worth getting

excited about. His promise to make all things new means everything. Let's take a quick peek at Revelation 21:1: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth" (KJV).

We understand the need for a new earth; the world is saturated with pollution, and war has wreaked destruction on our planet for centuries. But God never does anything halfway; He always goes beyond what we can imagine. And in His promise to make *all* things new, He's not settling for simply creating a new earth; He's promising to make a new heaven as well.

But why a new heaven? Revelation 12:10 shows us that Satan's presence has polluted it. And in Revelation 21:1, we read that the first heaven and the first earth passed away. Many people believe God will simply refurbish what already exists. I choose to take Him at His Word: "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, not come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17 KJV).

The word used for *create* is the Hebrew word *bara*—which is the same word we find in Genesis 1; it means to create from nothing. God is going to make *all* things—as in *everything*—new!

That's an incredible promise for us!

Not perfectly satisfied with your ministry... your life? Good news: It will all be made new someday.

Still haven't preached that sermon that seems just beyond your reach? Notice a few blemishes on your accomplishments? Wish you were a little better husband/wife/student/single/minister? Take heart! *Everything* will someday be made new—or *perfect*!

But What About...

Ever found yourself thinking, *I don't know how I'm going to spend eternity with HER!* or *I don't want to live close to HIM in heaven!*

When God promises to make everything new—perfect—He's not simply settling for earth and heaven, His promise truly includes *everything*! The personality quirks in a co-worker that have bothered you for years, will be gone. The irritating things about yourself that you never got a handle on—gone! Every Christian will be completely transformed in the image of Christ.

How do we know? Let's take another look at Scripture. The apostle John tells us that when we see Jesus, we'll *all* be *like* Him (1 John 3:2). There will be no flesh in heaven. We'll have new bodies, and we'll be transformed to be like Jesus.

We know this is truth, because John—as he's writing the book of Revelation—is told "Write: for these words are true and faithful" (Revelation 21:5 KJV).

(Revelation 21:5)

Finishing Touches

And God continues His completion of newness in the next verse: "And he said unto me, It is done" (Revelation 21:6 KJV).

When God makes earth new, and us new, and heaven new, He's not simply improving us; He's creating a perfect earth, heaven, etc.

"It is done," is what an artist says as he places the last touches of paint on his masterpiece.

"It is done," is uttered by the composer when the last note is played and recorded.

"It is done," is the statement of a carpenter who has completed his project.

Jesus doesn't say, "I'm going to put a new coat of paint on your place in heaven," or "This will be a great starter home for you," or "This has a lot of potential."

He says, "It is done."

New.

Perfect.

Completed.

You won't enter heaven thinking, *Pretty good!* But if I add a skylight here and knock out this wall and add an office...

God's new heaven will be perfect. God's new earth will be perfect. And God's new *you* will be in the image of Christ Himself.

Hope

So walk a little straighter.

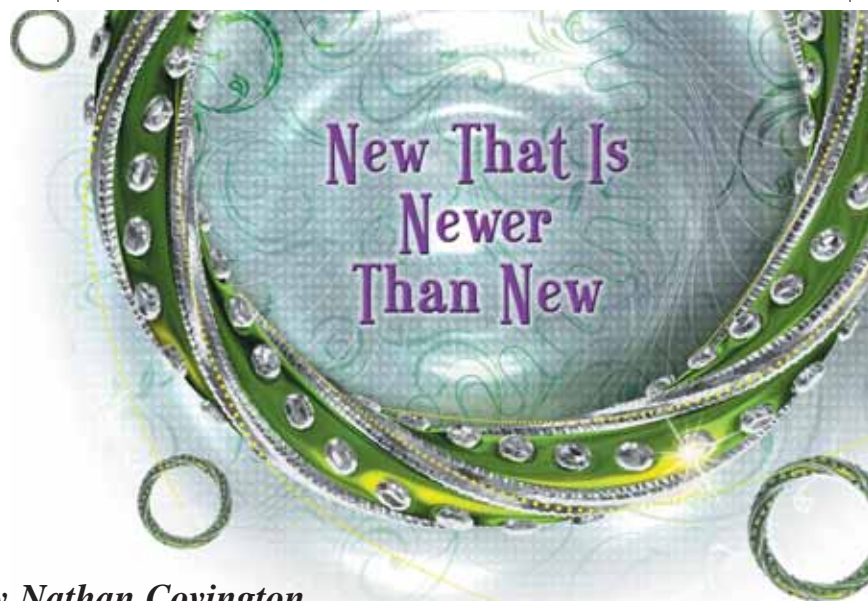
Hold your head a little higher.

Let God's promise to make all things new give you hope, determination, joy.

Yes, you began a new journey when you accepted Christ as your Savior. And yes, the transformation continued when you submitted everything to the Lordship of the Holy Spirit and began living in His power. But you're not done—yet. You haven't quite arrived. God's promises are not finished in your life. His greatest touch is yet to come. Watch, wait and focus on His promise to make *everything* new—and do so with great anticipation! **EP**



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by *Nathan Covington*

A casual reading of Revelation 21:5 may bring nothing more than a faint smile to our lips. We are hardly startled by it. After all, we are bombarded every day with television, billboard, print and Internet advertisements that tout the newest thing. Discoveries abound in science, medicine, technology and other fields.

To put that in perspective, from the time Christ was born until 1750 man's knowledge had doubled. From 1750 to 1950 it had doubled again. From 1950 to 1965 it had doubled again. Our collective knowledge continues to increase exponentially. What it originally took 1,750 years for humanity to accomplish we now surpass in a fraction of that time.

To put it another way, on any given day of the week so much new scientific knowledge will come to light that if we were going to write and store it by conventional methods it would take more than 40 railroad freight cars filled with 8.5- by 11-inch, double spaced, type written sheets of paper just to record it all. We are accustomed to "new." In a lifetime, the average American will learn how to operate 20,000 different things, from can openers to automobiles to computers.

This penchant for "newness" sometimes tricks those of us in the Church into thinking that—because we live in a culture of enormous discovery and are bombarded with information—all of this "newness" means human nature also has changed and that the problems we face in the Church and in the world are themselves "new" and unique.

What superficial thinkers we are. History is not linear but circular. We assume that because we can travel in an airplane, into outer space, and even split the atom that we are somehow different from our ancestors, who could not do such things.

But humanity has not changed. And the proof is in how we think and what we are really interested in and how we act. We are primarily and fundamentally interested in the very things that interested humanity 4,000 years ago. Reading the newspaper and viewing television and the Internet will reveal that the major interests of humanity are still food, drink, war, sex and pleasures of various kinds.

These elements are seen throughout both the Old and New Testaments. Look at the major social problems facing us today and you will find all of them in the Bible: theft, robbery, violence, jealousy, envy, infidelity, divorce, separation, perversion, wars and rumors of wars. Solomon, who lived several thousand years ago, wrote in

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SURPRISED BY HIS CALL

by Carolyn Johnson

My heart stopped. I was staring out the airplane window with the Word of God open on my lap and my world had just been transformed in an instant.

God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Almighty Himself was calling me into full-time ministry.

In that moment, God was changing the direction of my entire life. Let me tell you why that was so surprising.

SURPRISED THROUGH CHALLENGES

I was raised in a Christian home, graduated from a Christian college, married a Christian man and set up a Christian home. Despite all that and 29 years of perfect Sunday School attendance, I kept making what seemed like endless trips to the altar in search for a right relationship with God.

Then, during my 30s I started attending Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). Through BSF I fell in love with the Bible for the first time. His Word became alive in my life. I remember studying the call of Abraham and wishing God would speak to me as clearly as He spoke to Abraham.

However, during the same period the Lord brought me through many “desert” experiences. I love what Jeanie McCullough says: *When God sends you into the desert, He rarely puts you up in the Hilton.* That certainly was true for me! My mother (also my best friend) died. My father died a year and a half later. My husband Jim was in three major automobile accidents in which the vehicles he was driving—one of them an ambulance—were all totaled. He battled cancer and during a robbery, he miraculously survived being shot in the face with a .22-caliber gun.

Throughout every incident, though, God would breathe His Word into my life, and it was like pure oxygen to my suffocating soul. My love for the Bible grew, as did my desire to share it.

SURPRISED THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES

As a result of teaching a local Bible study, I was invited to speak at Forest Home Conference Center. In spite of my wobbly voice and trembling knees, I knew God was pouring out His anointing on me; and at the end of that conference, I was asked if I would speak at other retreats.

I was stunned. You need to know that nothing in my personality makeup would suggest to you that I would end up in a public speaking ministry. But God has always surprised me. Being introverted, I was shocked when He led me to become a schoolteacher. Being dyslexic, I never expected for God to open the door for me to earn a doctoral degree. Then teaching fulltime at a Christian university, I never dreamed of becoming an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. Being radically scared of talking in front of large groups, I never imagined that God would ask me to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Being a person who prefers a quiet night at home, I never expected to fly to audiences around the world.

Yet the invitations came. The first opportunity I received “just happened” to be a Nazarene District Retreat in Florida. After the fourth and final session of that retreat, two ordained women came up to me each independently and confirmed what I started to sense was a call into full-time ministry.

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NEW THAT IS NEWER THAN NEW

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Ecclesiastes 1:9 “What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.” He was referring to the recurring nature and interests of mankind.

And this interest in war that pervades the nature and mind of mankind has greatly affected the theology of some in regards to the end time. Today there is no shortage of books that conjure up scenes of an end-time holocaust of a magnitude never imagined by previous generations. To read them, you would have thought that the Apostle Paul had admonished us to “terrify one another with these words,” when actually he said, “Therefore encourage one another with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:18.

There are certainly differing theological views as to the unfolding events at the end of time. I’m inclined to agree with the view of Eugene Peterson when he writes in his book *Reversed Thunder*:

One of the unintended and unhappy consequences of St. John’s Armageddon vision is that it has inflamed the imaginations of the biblically illiterate into consuming endtime fantasies, distracting them from the daily valor of dogged obedience, sacrificial love, and alert endurance. This is exactly what St. John did not intend, as even a cursory reading of his Revelation makes evident. When people are ignorant of the imagery of prophets and gospels, and untutored in the metaphorical language of war in the story of salvation, they are easy prey for entertaining prediction of an end-time holocaust at Mount Megiddo in Israel, conjured up from newspaper clippings on international politics.

But whatever your theological perspective, in Revelation 21 comes these bracing and thrilling words of our Lord, “Behold, I make all things new” (KJV). And that wonderful promise has implications for both the present and the future.

In the present tense, it is reminiscent of the words of the apostle Paul when he writes about what happens in the salvation experience: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” In Romans 1:16 he writes, “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes...,” and many of us could cite examples of lives transformed by that gospel.

The future implications are even more thrilling. The fall of man in the Garden of Eden not only brought separation from God and physical death, but also it affected all of creation. In Romans 8:19-22 the apostle Paul states, “The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the Children of God. We know that the whole creation has been

groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.” This passage clearly reveals that there is coming a wonderful day when the entire universe, including us, will be transformed into something gloriously new.


We get glimpses of this exciting truth throughout the Old and New Testaments. For example, in Isaiah 65:17, the prophet, speaking for God writes, “Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.” Whatever the new heavens and new earth may look like, it is evident from this passage that they will look totally different from anything we have ever known.

The apostle Paul reminds us that our bodies will be different too. In 1 Corinthians 15:50-54 he writes, “I declare to you brothers that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that has been written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’”

The prophet Daniel also makes a statement about this newness of form when he writes in Daniel 12:1-3, “But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.”

The apostle John continues that truth. In 1 John 3:2-3 he says, “Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.”

The apostle Paul indicates that we will have responsibilities in that new universe. Writing to the Corinthians he tells them, “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?” And in verse three he expands that role: “Do you not know that we will judge angels?” He does not specify just what that means, but it is evident from these two verses that the new heavens and earth we will occupy involves much more than us sitting at the feet of Jesus, worshiping for eons.

What a fantastic future awaits the child of God! Eternal life means much more than longevity. It speaks of a quality of life so rich, so full of promise that nothing we have ever known in this life can compare. It is no wonder then that the apostle John, looking forward to that glorious future time, closes the book of Revelation with these words: “Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.” 



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PATMOS PERSPECTIVE

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On a sunny Palm Sunday I stood atop one of the higher hills of the Island of Patmos. From that vantage point I could see a long stretch of the shoreline of that tiny 8 by 4 mile island. Remembering it was there, that John the Seer received the visions and message of Revelation on an enormously eventful Lord's Day long ago, I was utterly entranced. I could see and hear the surf breaking loudly on the rocky coast. I thought of the phrase in Revelation 19:6, "The roar of rushing water." My imagination seemed to momentarily leap into the world of John the Seer.

The book of Revelation is supremely about Jesus Christ, not the antichrist. Christ the bleeding, dying, victorious Lamb of Calvary enthroned in glorious sovereignty and splendor is the focus and goal of all history. All that God has done, is doing and is yet to do in history, and all that God will do at the close of history is centered in Jesus Christ. Revelation is a magnificent proclamation of the highest Christology. The writer of the book never hesitates to assign divine attributes to Christ.

It is through His death on the cross that Christ won His victory over death and hell. This victory is now. It only awaits the full unveiling of this victory at the end of all ages. The death of Christ is the crux of his conquest of evil. The book of Revelation reaches a stratospheric level of language concerning the saving death of Christ. It, in fact, seems difficult for the book to have rationality without the death of Christ as an

objective atonement around which the entire book coheres.

The book of Revelation was first addressed to Christians in the seven churches of the Roman province of Asia in the western part of what is now Turkey. It was written to encourage and admonish those first century Christians. But the message of the book is also for all following generations. It is a living book with ancient, contemporary and future meaning. The lurid language of the book is often baffling to modern minds, particularly occidental minds. A stream of vivid, violent, grotesque and gory language flows through the book. Why did John use such strange and cryptic language? Perhaps, John wrote with such frequently bizarre language in order to send a coded message, a method that might have given those Christians some protection against the persecution of that time. However, it should be remembered the Christians in the seven churches were most likely quite familiar with the Old Testament books of Daniel and Ezekiel. Therefore, the language of Revelation would have been much easier for them to understand than it is for the modern reader.

Another reason that John might have used such stunningly graphic language was that he was seeing the enormity of evil as few have seen it. Evil has rarely if ever been more dramatically described. Evil is real. One of the deadliest deceptions of our day is the idea that the universe is morally neutral. The Patmos Perspective on evil is as urgently needed for contemporary man as it was for first century Christians. No, the universe is not morally neutral. It is a cosmic battlefield where war continues between good and evil. How else could John write about

such unspeakable realities except with symbolism and metaphors? He was struggling with the limits of human language to communicate the unutterable. Implicitly, the mystery of evil and the problem of innocent, unavoidable suffering underlies much of Revelation. The most agonizing question continues from time immemorial to the present moment. Will evil ever end? The book of the Revelation reverberates with an everlasting yes. Yes, there will be an end to evil. The book is a story of the blazing purity of the absolute holiness of God moving inexorably toward the certain and final destruction of evil. The enemy of God is inevitably doomed. The future does not belong to Satan and wicked men. The future belongs to God.

What we believe about the future touches, tones and texturizes almost every aspect of our daily lives. Every joy, sorrow, heartbreak, bitter disappointment and hour of loneliness is shaped by what we believe about the future. Living in the assurance of the biblical vision of the future is life transforming.

The event that ushers in the consummate day of the Lord is the return of Jesus Christ. The second coming of Christ is possible at any moment but not necessarily going to occur at any moment. Sadly, reaction to the excesses of wildly subjective and speculative eschatology has seemingly caused many Christians to lose the constant expectancy of

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**ADAMS, DAVID AND CHARLENE
ADAM'S VOICE**

Apr 25-28, Muncie, IN, Muncie South
Side
Apr 29, Churubusco, IN

ADAMS, MICHAEL

Apr 1-4, Lakeview, OH, Indian Lake
Northside
Apr 8-11, Canton, OH, Calvary
Apr 13-14, Vennard, IA, Vennard
College
Apr 15, Columbus, OH, Northwest
Apr 18-22, Irvine, KY, Bluegrass Zone
Indoor Campmeeting
Apr 25-29, Tallahassee, FL, First
May 4-6, White Springs, FL, N. FL
District Men's Retreat
May 13-16, Plymouth, MI
May 18-20, Speculator, NY, District
Laymen's Retreat
May 20-23, Plymouth, MI
May 23-27, New York City, NY,
Wesleyan
Jun 25-Jul 1, Las Angeles, CA,
Central CA Evangelism Crusade
Jul 20-29, Jackson, KY, Mt. Carmel
Campmeeting

ARMSTRONG, B. LEON 
ARMSTRONG FAMILY MINISTRIES

Mar 28-Apr 1, Muscatine, IA, First
Baptist Church
Apr 3-8, Goodland, KS
Apr 11-15, York, NE, New Life
Apr 17-22, Danville, IL, Cedar Grove
Apr 24-29, Covington, IN
May 8-13, Stonewood, WV
May 16-20, Franklin, PA
May 23-27, Union City, PA
Jun 11-17, Craigsville, VA, Estaline
Valley
Jun 22-Jul 1, Franklin, IN, Oak Hill
Camp
Jul 16-22, Greensboro, NC, Concord
Friends Meeting
Jul 23-29, Pinnacle, NC, Friends
Union Church
Jul 30-Aug 5, Crewe, VA

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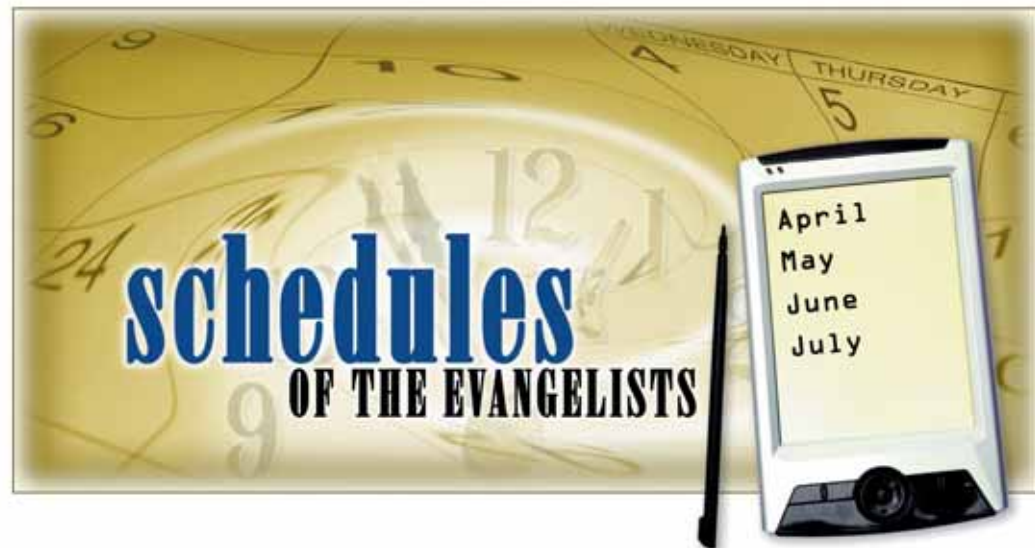
May 20-24, Moravia, IA

BALLARD, DONALD

May 6-27, Germantown, TN,
Plantation/Southerland Community
Jun 3-24, Germantown, TN,
Plantation/Southerland Community
Jul 1-29, Germantown, TN,
Plantation/Southerland Community

BENDER, TIMOTHY 

Apr 11-15, Decherd, TN
Apr 18-22, New Lexington, OH,
Community Holiness Church
Apr 24-29, Orbisonia, PA
May 2-6, Newport, TN
Jun 6-10, Colombia, SC, Covenant
Comm. Fellowship Children
Jun 12-17, Chattanooga, TN, Temple
Bible Brethren - Children
Jun 20-24, Cherry Creek, NY
Jun 29-Jul 8, Silver Creek, NY, State
Holiness Indian Camp Meeting
Jul 11-15, Oak Hill, FL, Grace
Fellowship
Jul 16-20, Lucasville, OH, Candy Run
Wesleyan YCMA
Jul 22-27, Crandell, GA, Bible
Methodist Children's Crusade

**BEVILLE, W. SHERMAN**

Mar 28-Apr 2, Decatur, IL, Trinity
Apr 25-29, Orleans, IN
May 6-9, Kankakee, IL, Limestone
May 16-31, North Vernon, IN
Jun 6-27, North Vernon, IN
Jul 4-29, North Vernon, IN

BIRT, ALVIN


HAPPY HEART MINISTRIES
May 25-27, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
School 4 - Oakwood

BOLICH, JEREMIAH
**CROSS STYLE INTERNATIONAL
MINISTRIES**

Apr 1-4, Chandler, OK, First
Apr 8-11, Euleess, TX
Apr 15-18, Bluffton, IN
Apr 22-25, Dayton, OH, Vandalia
Apr 29-May 2, Berne, IN
May 6-9, Marshfield, MO
May 13-16, Clarksville, AR, New Hope
May 20-23, Arlington, TX, First
Jun 3-6, Portsmouth, OH, First
Jun 10-13, Camp Camby, IN, Indpls
District Teen Camp
Jun 18-24, Lebanon, TN, Crossstyle
Conference
Jun 25-30, Carrington, ND, Dakota
District Teen Camp

BOND, GARY 

GARY BOND MINISTRIES
Apr 6-11, Greenfield, IN, Stringtown
Apr 15-18, Auburn, IN
Apr 29-May 2, Saint Joseph, MI
May 6-9, Lansing, MI, Central
Jun 5-10, Pineville, LA, MS/LA District
Camp Meeting
Jun 11-17, Boyne City, MI,
Independent Holiness Camp
Jun 18-24, Camby, IN, Indpls District
Camp Meeting
Jul 2-8, Hendersonville, NC,
Hendersonville Holiness Camp
Jul 20-29, Northbridge, MA, Douglas
Holiness Camp

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BURKHALTER, G. 

BURKHALTER MINISTRIES
Apr 18-22, Cozad, NE
Apr 25-29, Tuttle, OK
May 2-6, Pauls Valley, OK
May 9-13, Fenton, MO
May 16-20, Grafton, WV
May 30-Jun 3, Sikeston, MO, Eastside
Jul 26-Aug 5, Imperial Valley, NE,
Holiness Camp Meeting

CANEN, DAVID 

DAVID CANEN MINISTRIES, INC.
Mar 28-Apr 1, Warner Robins, GA, First
Apr 3-8, Versailles, KY
Apr 10-15, Catlettsburg, KY, Twin Fork
Apr 22-25, Spiceland, IN, Greensboro

CANFIELD, DAVID

CANFIELD EVANGELISTIC MINS.
Apr 27-29, Anderson, IN, Parkview
Jun 7-10, Goosecreek, OH
Jul 15-22, Rutherford College, NC,
Evangelical Methodist Camp

CASSELMAN, GERALD

Apr 1-30, West Memphis, AR
May 1-31, West Memphis, AR
Jun 1-30, West Memphis, AR
Jul 1-31, West Memphis, AR

CHAPMAN, JAMES

BIG CHAP MINISTRIES
Apr 13-15, Leesburg, VA
May 6-9, Springfield, MO, First
May 11-12, Alexandria, IN, City Wide
Youth Rally
Jun 11-15, Des Moines, IA, IA District
Sr. High Youth Camp
Jun 18-22, Mineral Wells, WV, W VA
Sr. High Youth Camp
Jun 25-29, Bedford, IN, SW IN District
Sr. High Youth Camp
Jul 2-6, Logan, OH, OH District Jr/Sr
High Youth Camp

CHRISTENSON, BARBARA

RHYTHMS OF GRACE MINISTRIES
Apr 1-7, Brainerd, MN, Woodland
Good Samaritan Village
May 1-5, Brainerd, MN, WGS Village
May 19, Wayne, MI, New Beginnings -
Prayer Breakfast
Jun 4-9, Brainerd, MN, Weekly
services - WGS Village
Jul 2-7, Brainerd, MN, WGS Village

COVINGTON, NATHAN

LIFE MENDERS
Apr 1-4, Noble, OK
Apr 8-11, Owasso, OK, Silver Creek
Apr 15-18, Paris, TX, First
Apr 22-25, Red Oak, TX, Ovilla Road
Apr 29-May 2, Arenzville, IL, Bethel
Community
May 4-9, Lincoln, NE, First
May 13-16, La Junta, CO, First
May 20-23, South Haven, MI
Jun 2-3, Amarillo, TX, First
Jun 24-27, Vici, OK
Jul 8-11, Hutchinson, KS, Bethany
Jul 13-15, Richmond, IN, First
Jul 17-22, Many, LA, Ft. Jesup Camp
Jul 29-Aug 5, Marysville, OH, NW
OH District Camp Meeting

CUNDIFF, VICKIE

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE
Apr 1-4, Roseville, OH

DABYDEEN, ROBERT 

Apr 1-4, Carthage, TN
Apr 8-11, Columbia, TN, First
Apr 15-18, Gallipolis, OH, First
Apr 22-25, South Charleston, WV,
Davis Creek
Apr 26-29, Sistersville, WV

DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM

Apr 25-29, Sharpsville, PA
Jun 15-17, Maringo, OH, WGM
Keystone Celebration
Jul 22-25, Erie, PA, Millcreek

DELL, JIMMY 

JIMMY DELL MINISTRIES
Apr 1-4, Plainfield, IN, United Comm.
Apr 15-18, Weirton, WV, First
Apr 20-22, Dayton, OH, Target Dayton
Ministries
Apr 29-May 2, Cincinnati, OH,
Montana Avenue
May 6-9, Charlotte, MI
May 13-16, Lake Ann, MI, Glen Lake
New Life
May 20-23, Brownstown, IN
Jun 24-27, Scottsdale, AZ, First

DODDS, LARRY

LARRY DODDS MINISTRIES, INC.
Mar 28-Apr 1, Fayette, OH

DONNERBERG, JOHN
JOHN DONNERBERG MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-4, Borger, TX, Trinity
 Apr 8-11, Drumright, OK
 Apr 15-18, Yukon, OK, First
 Apr 22-25, Junction City, KS, First
 Apr 29-2, Meade, KS
 May 6-9, Sterling, CO
 May 16-20, Bradford, PA, First
 May 27, Euless, TX, Metroplex Chapel
 Jul 15, Lubbock, TX, Turning Point Ch.
 Jul 18-22, Coshocton, OH, North
 Central OH District Camp
 Jul 30-Aug 5, Capitan, NM, New
 Mexico District Camp

DOWNING, ANN
ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES
 Apr 9-11, Dickson, TN, TN Dist. Prime
 Timers
 Apr 27-29, Franklin, TN, Women's
 Retreat
 May 5, Cartersville, GA,
 Mother/Daughter-Pine Grove Bapt.
 May 6, Cartersville, GA, Pine Grove
 Baptist Church
 May 12-13, Hendersonville, NC, First
 May 20, Greeneville, TN, Cedar Creek
 Baptist Church
 Jul 6, Moselle, MS, Unity Baptist Ch.
 Jul 7, Pelahatchie, MS, Concord
 Baptist Church
 Jul 10, Murray, KY, Christian Music
 Conf - MSU
 Jul 26, Nashville, TN, Gospel Music
 Fan Festival

DUBBELD, MARK AND JANENE
EXALTING CHRIST MINISTRIES
 Jul 5-13, Butler, GA, Taylor County
 Holiness Camp Meeting
 Jul 15-20, Copper Hill, VA, Blue Ridge
 Holiness Camp Meeting

DUNHAM, T. SCOTT
 Apr 1-31, Olathe, KS, College Church

ELLENBERG, ELIZABETH
BETH ELLENBERG MINISTRIES
 Apr 20-21, Cave City, KY, Ladies
 Retreat
 May 13, Lexington, KY, Lafayette
 May 25-27, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School 4
 Jun 4-8, Gatlinburg, TN, Marriage
 Enrichment Retreat

FLINT, ROBERT
LIFE THROUGH THE WORD MINS.
 Apr 1-12, Milford Center, OH, Trinity
 Chapel
 Apr 13-14, St. Mary's, OH, Ministry
 Development Center
 Apr 16-30, Findlay, OH, Winebrenner
 Seminary
 May 7-21, Marysville, OH, Ministry
 Development Center
 Jun 3-17, Milford Center, OH, Trinity
 Chapel
 Jul 12-22, Sebring, OH, Holiness
 Camp Meeting

FOX, JEREMY, ADAM'S VOICE
 Apr 25-28, Muncie, IN, Muncie South
 Side
 Apr 29, Churubusco, IN

GALLIMORE, DAVID
DAVID GALLIMORE INTERNATIONAL-
AL MINISTRIES, INC.
 Apr 15-18, Gainesville, GA, First
 Apr 22-25, Newell, WV, Glendale
 Apr 29-May 2, Parkersburg, WV,
 Newark Baptist
 May 6-9, Colquitt, GA, Freewill Baptist
 Nazarene
 May 13-16, Lizella, GA, Fellowship
 Nazarene
 Jun 5-10, Dickson, TN, TN District
 Nazarene Camp
 Jun 11-17, Douglas, GA, Gaskin
 Springs Holiness Camp
 Jul 5-13, Butler, GA, Taylor Co. Camp
 Jul 15-22, Nippen, OH, South Central
 OH CCCU District Camp
 Jul 23-27, Hinton, WV, Mt. Olivet Camp
 Jul 29-Aug 5, Oklahoma City, OK, SW
 OK District-Salyer Lake Camp

GEMEINHARDT, KIMBERLEY
 May 17-20, Palm Bay, FL, Peace
 Lutheran Church

GESSNER, DON AND SHIRL
GESSNER MUSIC MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-30, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis
 Grace Pointe
 May 1-31, Indianapolis, IN,
 Indianapolis Grace Pointe
 Jun 1-30, Indianapolis, IN, Indianapolis
 Grace Pointe
 Jul 6-15, Logan, OH, Central OH
 Nazarene District Camp Mtg.
 Jul 23-29, Fairmont, IN, N. IN
 Wesleyan District Camp Mtg.

GOSS, M., M & J MINISTRIES,
INC./THE KING'S DAUGHTERS
 Jul 22-29, Imperial, NE, Imperial Valley
 Holiness Camp Mtg.

GRAY, ROBERT, BOB AND BECKY
GRAY/SINGING UNTO THE LORD
 Apr 3-8, Versailles, KY, Versailles
 Hometown
 Apr 22-25, Lenoir City, TN
 May 1-4, Pineville, LA, MS/LA District
 Assembly-Rocky Creek
 May 11-13, Greenwood, SC, Retreat
 May 25-27, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School 4 - Oakwood
 Jun 4-10, Cleburne, TX, West Texas
 District Camp
 Jun 14-24, Kannapolis, NC, Camp
 Wesley
 Jun 26-Jul 1, Marion, IN, NE IN District
 Camp-Shiloh Park
 Jul 3-8, Hendersonville, NC,
 Hendersonville Holiness
 Campmeeting
 Jul 17-20, Louisville, TN, East TN
 District Assembly
 Jul 22-29, Butler, PA, Pittsburgh
 District Camp Meeting
 Jul 30-Aug 5, Capitan, NM, New
 Mexico District Camp Meeting

GREENWAY, KENNETH
GREENWAY MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-4, Linville, NC, Evangel. Meth.
 Apr 8-11, Salem, VA, First Evang. Meth.
 Apr 22-26, Archdale, NC, Wesleyan
 Apr 29-May 3, Spartanburg, SC, First
 Wesleyan
 May 6-9, Hillsborough, NC, Wesleyan
 May 13-16, Asheboro, NC, High Rock
 Baptist

May 20-24, Denton, NC, Hoovers
 Grove Wesleyan
 May 27-30, Siler City, NC, Edward Hill
 Friends
 Jun 3-6, Alapana, GA, The Open Door
 Jun 17-19, Soperton, GA, Christian
 Family Center
 Jul 9-15, Waycross, GA, Okefenokee
 Camp
 Jul 27-29, Lincolnton, NC, Christian Life

HAINES, GARY 
GARY HAINES EVANG. ASSOC., INC.
 Apr 8-11, Brentwood, NY
 Apr 22-25, Rock Hill, SC, Grace
 May 6-9, Otisville, MI, Richfield
 May 20-23, Wichita, KS, Indian Hills
 Jun 3, Colorado Springs, CO, First
 Jun 17-20, Philipsburg, PA
 Jun 21-24, Howell, MI, E. MI District
 Camp Meeting
 Jul 22-29, Howell, MI, E. MI District
 Camp Meeting

HAMPTON, DEBORAH
SINGING PRAISES TO THE LORD
MUSIC MINISTRY
 Apr 4, Portage, IN, Fountainview
 Apr 6, Valparaiso, IN, Alterra House
 Apr 13, Valparaiso, IN, Canterbury Place
 Apr 20-22, Lafayette, IN, Banquet
 May 2, Portage, IN, Fountainview
 May 4, Valparaiso, IN, Canterbury Place
 Jun 1, Valparaiso, IN, Canterbury Place
 Jun 6, Valparaiso, IN, Alterra House
 Jun 10, Shelby, IN, The Gospel
 Lighthouse
 Jun 13, Portage, IN, Fountainview

HANCOCK, TIMOTHY 
 Apr 1-4, Beckley, WV, First
 Apr 7-8, Chesterfield, VA, Southside
 Apr 15-18, Fredericktown, OH
 Apr 22-25, Wright City, MO
 Apr 29-May 2, Flora, IL
 May 6-9, Stuarts Draft, VA, Good
 Shepherd
 May 20-23, Indianapolis, IN, First
 Jun 17-24, Batesburg, SC, SC District
 Camp
 Jul 6-8, Summersville, WV, W VA
 South Lay Retreat
 Jul 16-22, Flemingsburg, KY, E KY
 District Family Camp
 Jul 23-29, Pittsburgh, PA, Pittsburgh
 District Family Camp

HICKS, JOHN DAVID
FAITH ENCOUNTER, INC.
 Apr 15-18, Anaheim, CA, First
 May 6-9, Machesney Park, IL,
 Parkside

HUDDLESTON, BILLY
BILLY HUDDLESTON MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-4, Selma, IN, Harris Chapel
 Apr 8-11, Belpre, OH
 Apr 15-18, Andover, OH, Cherry Valley
 Apr 22-25, Zanesville, OH, Northside
 May 2-6, Oakland City, IN, Zone Camp
 May 9-13, Connorsville, IN, First
 May 16-20, Alma, MI
 May 23-27, Wellston, OH

HUTCHISON, GORDON
BARNABAS MINISTRIES
 Mar 27-Apr 1, Lake Placid, NY
 Apr 3-8, Sweetwater, TN
 Jul 27-Aug 5, Salem, IL, Grace

JONES, EDDIE
BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM
 Apr 1, Anderson, IN, Eastview

JONES, MARVIN
 Jul 17-22, Atlanta, GA, Gideon
 International Convention

KEARCE, DOUG & DARLA
CROSS STYLE KIDS
 May 11-13, Sandstone, MN

LECKRONE, LARRY 
LECKRONE MINISTRIES, INC.
 Mar 31-Apr 4, Clendenin, WV
 Apr 5-8, Reading, MI
 Apr 14-18, Willard, OH
 Apr 21-25, Ironton, OH, First
 Apr 28-May 2, Mount Sterling, OH
 May 5-9, Columbia, MO, First
 May 19-23, Kankakee, IL, Westbrook
 Jul 1, Durand, MI
 Jul 6-15, Bentleyville, PA, Union
 Holiness Camp

LEIDY, ARNOLD
UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES, INC.
 Apr 18-22, Carlsbad, NM, First
 May 3-6, Fairfield, IA
 May 10-13, Monongahela, PA
 May 16-20, Monticello, IL

LIVERSAGE, JERRY
JERRY LIVERSAGE MINS., INC.
 Jun 18-24, Lebanon, TN, First

LORD, J. RICHARD
 Apr 1-30, Madison, TN
 May 1-31, Madison, TN
 Jun 1-30, Madison, TN
 Jul 1-31, Madison, TN

MADDEN, JOSEPH
 Apr 1-30, Fairborn, OH, Fairborn First
 May 1-31, Fairborn, OH, Fairborn First
 Jun 1-30, Fairborn, OH, Fairborn First
 Jul 1-31, Fairborn, OH, Fairborn First

MANLEY, STEPHEN, SMEA 
 Mar 28-Apr 4, Uniontown, PA
 Community Churches
 Apr 5-8, Woodbridge, VA
 Apr 11-15, Roanoke, VA, First
 Apr 18-22, Round Hill, VA, Community
 Worship Center
 Apr 25-29, Ladoga, IN, Crossroads
 Community
 May 2-6, Oak Hill, WV
 May 9-13, Fergus Falls, MN
 May 18-20, Las Vegas, NV, First
 May 25-27, Fallon, NV
 Jun 1-3, Sandstone, MN, Community
 Worship Center
 Jun 8-10, Salina, KS, First
 Jun 18-24, Lebanon, TN, First
 Jun 25-Jul 1, Fortville, IN
 Jul 6-15, Logan, OH, Central OH
 District Camp
 Jul 22-26, North East, MD, Sandy
 Cove Ministries-Family Camp
 Jul 28-Aug 5, Port Huron, MI, Simpson
 Park Camp Meeting

MCKENZIE, ROBERT
RLM MINISTRIES
 Mar 30-Apr 1, East Point, GA, Decatur
 Mission
 Apr 18-22, Niota, TN, Beulah Chapel

MILLER, C. WESLEY
C. WESLEY MINISTRIES
 Apr 15-18, Hennessey, OK
 May 6-9, Caddo, OK
 May 13-16, Cameron, OK, Solid Rock
 May 20-23, Hillsboro, TX

MILLHUFF, CHARLES (T)
MILLHUFF MINISTRIES
 Jul 6-15, Logan, OH, Central OH
 District Camp
 Jul 16-22, Mechanicsburg, IL, IL
 District Camp

MITCHELL, ROYCE
LIBERTY QUARTET
 Apr 6, Tempe, AZ, AZ Community
 Church In-Joy! Seniors
 Apr 13, Elko, NV, Calvary Baptist
 Apr 15, Meridian, ID, Central Valley Bapt.
 Apr 15, Meridian, ID, Valley Shepherd
 Apr 19-21, Fresno, CA, Great Western
 Fan Festival-Save Ctr
 Apr 22, Elk Grove, CA, First Baptist
 Apr 23, Redding, CA, Redding
 Christian Fellowship
 May 11, Northglenn, CO, Crossroads
 May 13, Colorado Springs, CO, Trinity
 Jun 16, Meridian, ID, Assembly of God
 Homecoming Concert

MOORE, NORMAN (T)
 Apr 1-4, Fostoria, OH, First
 Apr 15-18, Mifflinburg, PA
 Apr 22-25, Pittsburg, KS
 May 6-9, Cedar Rapids, IA, First
 May 13-16, Knoxville, TN, First
 May 26-27, Maui, HI,
 Jun 10-13, Clearlake, CA
 Jun 26-Jul 1, Fredericktown, MO, MO
 District Camp Meeting
 Jul 3-8, Fresno, CA, Central CA District
 Family Camp
 Jul 22-29, Howell, MI, E MI District
 Camp

MORGAN, EARL
 Apr 21-22, Decatur, IL, West Side

NAJARIAN, BERGE
 Apr 20-22, Hershey, PA

NICHOLAS, CLAUDE
RENEWING LOVE MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-4, Reynoldsburg, OH
 Apr 8-11, Ashland, KY, First
 Apr 15-18, Fremont, OH
 Apr 22-26, Inez, KY, Turkey Creek
 Apr 29-May 2, Springfield, OH, First
 May 6-9, Sterling Heights, MI,
 Cornerstone
 May 13-16, Montpelier, OH
 May 20-23, Wauseon, OH, Community
 Jun 14-24, Highpoint, NC, John
 Wesley Camp

PERDUE, NELSON (T)
PERDUE MINISTRIES
 Apr 18-22, Greeneville, TN
 Apr 25-29, Marysville, OH
 May 2-6, Eaton Rapids, MI
 May 9-13, Jefferson, OH
 May 16-20, Fairmont, WV, First
 May 23-27, Point Pleasant, WV
 May 30-Jun 3, Pleasant, WV,
 Community Church of God
 Jun 14-24, Beulah, AL, Beulah Camp
 Jul 2-8, Hendersonville, NC,
 Hendersonville Holiness Camp
 Jul 19-22, Stoutsville, OH, Stouts. Camp

PETTIT, BENJAMIN AND AMANDA
ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES
 Mar 27-Apr 1, Elkton, KY
 Apr 22-25, Port Arthur, TX, First
 Apr 29-May 2, East Tawas, MI
 May 25-27, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School 4 Conference-Oakwood
 Jun 5-10, Pineville, LA, LA District
 Campmeeting
 Jul 22-27, Auburn, PA, District Youth
 Camp

PETTIT, ELAINE (T)
ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES
 Apr 8-11, Millinocket, ME
 Apr 15-18, Columbia Station, OH, New
 Life Wesleyan
 Apr 22-25, Paden City, WV
 Apr 29-May 2, East Tawas, MI
 May 6-9, Cody, WY, First
 May 25-27, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School 4 - Oakwood
 Jul 11-15, Farmingdale, ME, Maine
 District Camp Meeting

PETTIT, JEREMY
ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES
 Apr 8-11, Millinocket, ME
 Apr 15-18, Columbia Station, OH, New
 Life Wesleyan
 Apr 22-25, Paden City, WV
 Apr 29-May 2, East Tawas, MI
 May 6-9, Cody, WY, First
 May 25-27, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School 4 - Oakwood
 Jul 11-15, Farmingdale, ME, Maine
 District Camp Meeting

PHELPS, PHILLIP
PHILLIP PHELPS MINISTRIES
 Apr 22-27, Hominy, OK

RAEBURN, STEPHEN AND JANET
RED NOSE MINISTRIES
 Apr 6-8, Delaware, OH, Highpoint
 May 6-9, Otisville, MI, Richfield
 May 13-16, Plymouth, MI
 May 25-27, Syracuse, IN, Waiting
 School 4 - Oakwood
 Jun 2-3, Casey, IL
 Jun 4-10, Mattoon, IL, East Side
 Jun 11-15, Sherman, IL
 Jun 16-24, Mackey, IN
 Jun 25-Jul 1, Adrian, MI, First
 Jul 16-20, Calera, AL, AL S District
 Children's Camp

REAGLE, RONALD
REAGLE EVANGELISM MINISTRY
 Apr 15-18, Sheakleyville, PA

RICHARDS, LARRY AND PHYLLIS
SINGING RICHARDS
 Apr 6-9, Charleston, WV, North Side
 May 6-9, Charleston, WV, North Side
 Jul 2-8, Nashville, IN, Brown County
 Holiness Camp

RITTGERS, DELBERT
DEL RITTGERS MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-4, Des Moines, IA, Southside
 Apr 8-11, Fairfield, IA, New Life
 Community Free Methodist
 Apr 13-15, Climbing Hill, IA
 May 5-9, Kimball, NE

ROACH, JERRY & BARBARA
ROACH EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-31, Paris, TN, First

ROBINSON, TED
TRUMPET TRUTH MINISTRY
 Apr 15-18, Niles, OH, First

ROTH, RONALD
RON ROTH MINISTRIES
 Mar 30-Apr 1, St. Louis, MO,
 Independent Holiness
 Apr 8-10, Clinton, TN, Independent
 Apr 11-15, Chattanooga, TN, East Ridge
 Apr 18-22, Friendsville, TN, Emmanuel
 Apr 24-29, Marksville, LA
 Jul 21-27, Grafton, WV, Independent
 Holiness Camp

SCUTT, M.V.
 Apr 15-17, Ravenswood, WV
 Apr 22-25, Vienna, WV, River Valley
 Community

SHANK, GARY AND MARLA
 Apr 1-30, Olathe, KS, Olathe Westside
 May 1-31, Olathe, KS, Olathe Westside
 Jun 1-30, Olathe, KS, Olathe Westside
 Jul 1-31, Olathe, KS, Olathe Westside

SHARP, JOSEPH
JOSEPH SHARP MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-29, Fort Wright, KY, Covington
 Central
 May 6-27, Fort Wright, KY, Covington
 Central
 Jun 3-24, Fort Wright, KY, Covington
 Central
 Jul 1-29, Fort Wright, KY, Covington
 Central

SHARPE, VANCE AND JEANNIE
SHARPE MINISTRIES, INC.
 May 4-5, Live Oak, FL, N. FL. District
 Men's Retreat
 May 19, Batesburg, SC, Prime Timers
 May 30-Jun 3, Tishomingo, OK, Camp
 Bond
 Jun 5-10, Pineville, LA, LA/MA District
 Family Camp

SHAVER, CHARLES, CHIC SHAVER
CENTER FOR EVANGELISM
 Apr 14-18, Masontown, WV
 Apr 21-25, Dothan, AL, First
 Apr 27-29, Talladega, AL, Shocco
 Springs Lay Retreat
 May 5-9, Canton, OH, South
 May 12-16, Pennington, NJ,
 May 30-31, Anchorage, AK, District
 Pastor's Evangelism Focus
 Jun 1-30, Anchorage, AK, Pastor's
 Evangelism Training
 Jul 1-12, Anchorage, AK, Pastor's
 Evangelism Training

SHELLENBERGER, SUSIE
SUSIE SHELLENBERGER MINS.
 Apr 3-4, Olathe, KS, MidAmerica
 Nazarene University
 Apr 14, Carthage, MO
 Apr 15, Independence, KS
 Apr 20-22, Crestline, CA, Women's
 Retreat
 Apr 29, Denver, CO, Cherry Hills
 Moms/Daughters Conf.
 May 4-7, Cannon Beach, OR,
 Women's Conference
 Jun 14-15, Lincoln, NE, District NMI/NYI

SMITH, DUANE (T)
DUANE SMITH MINISTRIES, INC.
 Mar 27-Apr 1, Mackey, IN
 Apr 18-22, Greenwood, AR

Apr 25-29, Annapolis, MO
 May 2-6, Fairview Heights, IL, Fairview
 Parkview
 May 9-13, Newton, IA, New Life Comm.
 May 16-20, Picher, OK
 Jun 23-27, Mena, AR

STEVENSON, GEORGE
 May 2-6, Staunton, VA
 May 9-13, Christiansburg VA
 May 25-27, Buchingham, VA, VA
 Nazarene District Retreat
 Jun 3-6, Danville, VA, Calvary

THOMPSON, L. ALAN
L. ALAN THOMPSON MINISTRIES
 Apr 13-15, Springfield, TN, First
 Apr 25-29, Salisbury, MD, Cross Pointe
 May 2-6, Roanoke, VA, East Gate
 Jul 22-25, Pittsburg, PA, Pittsburg
 District Family Camp

TIMKO, KIMBERLEY
 Apr 25-28, Myrtle Beach, SC, The
 Connection

TSO, ALVIN
 May 21-27, Page, AZ, SW Native
 American Nazarene Camp

ULMET, WILLIAM (T)
ULMET MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-4, Baraboo, WI, First
 Apr 6-8, Barnberg, SC
 Apr 10-15, Springfield, IL, Trinity
 Apr 17-22, Port Homer, WV, Community
 Apr 29-May 2, Rutland, OH
 May 9-13, Penns Manor, PA,
 May 16-20, Clymer, PA, Indiana First

VINEYARD, JOANN
M & J MINISTRIES, INC./THE KING'S
DAUGHTERS
 Jul 22-29, Imperial, NE, Imperial Valley
 Holiness Camp

WALKER, JAMES
JAMES WALKER MINISTRIES
 Apr 1-29, Tuscaloosa, AL, First
 May 6-27, Tuscaloosa, AL, First
 Jun 3-24, Tuscaloosa, AL, First
 Jul 1-29, Tuscaloosa, AL, First

WETNIGHT, RICHARD
 May 6-9, West Lebanon, IN

WHITWORTH, MARCUS
 Mar 30-Apr 1, Marksville, LA
 Apr 11-15, Chattanooga, TN, First
 Apr 29-May 2, Trenton, MO
 May 6-9, Freeport, IL
 May 20-23, Moravia, IA
 May 27, Antlers, OK
 Jul 10-15, Calera, AL, Alabama District
 Camp
 Jul 20, Pittsburg, PA, Pittsburg Dist.
 SS Convention
 Jul 24-27, Henryetta, OK, SE OK
 District Assembly

WILLITS, ERIK
ERIK WILLITS MINISTRIES
 Apr 15-18, Kewanee, IL, Grace
 May 25-27, Adrian, GA, GA District
 College/Young Adults
 Jun 4-8, Bedford, IN, SW IN District Jr.
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Behold! I Am Making All Things New

by *Rodney L. Reed*

Like the movie *The Lion King*. Maybe the reason I like it is because I live in Africa—Kenya to be exact. Indeed, judging from the fact that some of the names and words used in the movie (like: “*Hakuna matata*”) are Kiswahili words, which is one of the national languages of Kenya, and the animals in the movie are all indigenous to Kenya, I’d say that movie makes me feel pretty much at home.

But there is a philosophy of history in that movie with which I am not so “at home.” It is summed up in the phrase “Circle of Life.” Simba’s father explains it to his young son, “Yes, we eat the antelope, but when we die, our bodies become part of the grass and the antelope eat the grass. And so, we are all connected in the Circle of Life.” Taken to an extreme, this philosophy of history implies that there is really nothing *new*. Everything is “recycled.”

Now, there is a lot of truth to this view of history. Life does often seem cyclical. We use phrases like, “history is repeating itself,” or “what goes around comes around,” to express this view. Even the seasons we experience testify to it. Even though summer is just beginning here in Kenya, where most of you (my readers) are, it is winter. There may even be snow on the ground. But soon springtime will come and life will burst forth anew—and the “circle” of life will begin afresh.

We see this philosophy of history seemingly demonstrated in other ways. Recently, an international organization developed a new list of the “Seven Wonders of the Modern World.” One of the new Wonders is the Great Migration of animals that takes place here in East Africa, where each year more than 1 million wildebeest, zebra and other animals move from the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania to the Maasai Mara Game Reserve in Kenya and back again with no passports or visas. They say that over a quarter million wildebeest calves alone are born each spring in Tanzania and roughly an equivalent number of animals do not make the continuous trek because of old age, disease and predators. These migrating animals, I am told, are essentially following the rains that make the grass grow. They follow the rains in a huge circle crossing the borders of two countries. Indeed, it is not difficult to observe cyclical patterns of life.



But the Christian view of history is different, or at least more complex. For Christians, history is going somewhere. It is leading to something. That somewhere and something are ultimately in God’s hands. The Christian philosophy of history should not be diagrammed with a circle but rather with something more like a helix or a corkscrew. There may be cycles to life but all the while there is a distinct forward movement. History is not simply repeating itself in a never-ending circle of life. Each moment is something new, distinct, unique—even while it may be similar to something in the past.

In fact, the Christian view of history contains the amazing belief in a radical kind of newness that is the direct result of God’s saving activity that liberates humanity from the “old” life of sin.

Consider the following passages:

Romans 6:4,6—We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live *a new life*.... For we know that our *old self* was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with....

Ephesians 4:22–24—You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your *old self*, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be *made new* in the attitude of your minds; and to *put on the new self*, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

2 Corinthians 5:17—Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is *a new creation*; the old has gone, the new has come!

Isaiah 43:19—See, I am doing *a new thing*! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (Italics added in all the above for emphasis.)

These verses and many others like them clearly teach us that God is up to something! His plan for this world and for you and me individually is more than just a boring, hopeless and self-defeating repetition of the old. God wants to and is doing something new in us!

And this new life that God promises finds its culmination in a beautiful image that is given to us in

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SURPRISED THROUGH CONFIRMATIONS

On the airplane trip back to San Diego from Florida, I opened my Bible homework book to where I had left off in preparation for teaching on the book of Revelation. It *just so happened* that the very first verses I was to look up for that lesson were these:

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction (2 Timothy 4:2).

But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry (2 Timothy 4:5).

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should (Ephesians 6:19-20).

Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! (1 Corinthians 9:16).

That's when my heart stopped.

As I gazed out that airplane window, astounded, I asked God Almighty if He was indeed summoning me into full-time ministry. In my spirit, God's Spirit said, "Yes."

Soon after, additional confirmations came from those over me in spiritual authority, and God started providing a wonderful team of prayer warriors to faithfully pray for this ministry.


As a result, lives have been delivered from the occult; voices have been evicted from people's heads; physical and emotional healings have taken place; and convicts have not only been saved but then called into full-time ministry. Marriages have been put back together; mothers and fathers have made their family a priority; and healings from addictions have often occurred.

God has opened doors for me to hold revivals. At retreats, no matter the denomination, typically more than half of the women are sanctified during the weekend because of the mighty power of God, the power of His Word and the working of the Holy Spirit.

There have been events when as high as 95 percent of the audiences have been sanctified and revival has broken out. In Guatemala, after speaking 11 times to various audiences, God opened the door for me to be interviewed on the only all-English secular radio station to an estimated audience of 2.5 million.

I marvel at how God has allowed me to be used locally as well. God has led me to many hospital beds where He has brought people—some complete strangers to me—out of comas to accept Jesus as their Savior before dying. God has opened the door for me to lead a one-on-one Bible study to a young woman named Peyton. Peyton is a person with autism and after an in-depth session on forgiveness, the very next week Peyton started speaking words—after 20 years of silence.

All glory goes to God. He has given me a great love for a range of settings and audiences, from small country churches to large conferences, from university students to senior citizens. I have been called to give out God's Word.

And, through it all, God just keeps surprising me. 


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redeemed, I want to run out into the street and scream at the passing folks, "Please stop and let me tell you what is in store for you; all things are going to be new." They will be both good new and bad new. If we dwell on only the issue of our new heart and forget the one next door or at the next desk or workbench, then what in the world are we thinking? Dante's vision of hell, "The Inferno," or Milton's "Paradise Lost" may be the best descriptions ever written in human tongue. These are not for the faint of heart but are as true as ever penned, in my opinion. And these fall far short of a new kind of pain.

I am very stirred as I sit here before my computer and write these words as they relate to my own soul as well as

to the souls of others. Read Revelation 21 and you will understand the impact of this from our Holy Bible. We are seeing evil that is new to us in our world, yet to be frank the worst by far is yet to come. The glory of a transformed life is beyond description as well. What essentially will be new is us. The surroundings will be a small issue when compared to the joy and peace that the redeemed will know as will the horrifying endlessness of the damned in all of their suffering as described.

Please choose the best today and repent of your self-centered ways and let Jesus come in as He has requested. Then let the Holy Spirit of the living God fill your spirit with His sanctifying grace and know the release from the old life of defeat and the downward plunge that will lead to misery beyond description. Here God has spoken; please listen! Yes all things will be new but the question is what part of the new will you be a part of? Yes it will be drama beyond description. 

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Revelation 21—the *new* Jerusalem. Let's hear from John the Revelator, himself:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

This scene, G.R. Beasley-Murray argues, is the climax not only of the book of Revelation but of the whole story of salvation in the Bible.¹ What God is doing even now in our midst finds its symbolic culmination in the new Jerusalem.

Keep in mind what we have said about the Christian view of history: it is like a helix—there may be cyclical patterns to it but it is always moving forward. There may be resemblances to the past, but there is always something new taking place.

It is not hard to see "what's new" in this passage. This new Jerusalem is "new" because it is radically different from the "old order" here described as the "first heaven and first earth." The old realities of sin, wickedness, self-destruction and death have passed away and a new order has been established, which is described as "coming down out of heaven from God." That means that it is not of human origin. It is a creation of God. The new Jerusalem is dramatically contrasted with another city in the book of Revelation, the city of Babylon. Babylon symbolizes wicked humanity, estranged from God. She is described as a prostitute, unfaithful to God and in fact, persecuting those who are seeking to remain faithful to God. But the new Jerusalem is holy and described as "a bride beautifully dressed for her husband." Babylon was the city of Satan; the new Jerusalem, the city of God. In this new order, there will be no more death, crying, pain, etc., for the old order has passed away. The old has gone and the new has come and the new is radically different from the old.

But despite the newness of the new Jerusalem, there are hints of similarity with some elements of the past. Certainly, the idea of Jerusalem itself is one of those elements being recalled here. Jerusalem was where the temple of God was, where the children of Israel were meant to worship God and find fellowship with God. It was a

symbol of God's covenant relationship with Israel. But also being recalled by John in this passage is the original creation of the world before the Fall. It is not accidental that in Revelation 22 we find a vision of a garden springing up in the middle of the new Jerusalem with the tree of life there, reminiscent of the Garden of Eden in Genesis. What is the common denominator in these three places/images (the Garden of Eden, the old Jerusalem and the new Jerusalem): the dwelling of God with humanity. In Eden, before the Fall into sin, Adam and Eve had fellowship with God and God dwelled with humanity in unhindered fellowship. In the old Jerusalem, God made his dwelling place with humanity in the temple. In Revelation 21:3, we read that the key characteristic of this new Jerusalem at the end of time is that "the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them." Unhindered fellowship with God was what God originally had in mind when he created humanity, what he has been working to restore all along in the subsequent history of this world and what He will accomplish with all believers at the end of human history.

So we Christians know how the story ends. We know where history is headed. It is headed toward the "new Jerusalem" with all that that implies. And we are told by God, through John, that even now God is "making all things new." What does that mean? It means that even now in the "old age," the new (the same "new" of the new Jerusalem) is breaking in. When we embrace Christ, we participate in this newness, we become "new creations." As we mature in Christ, we put off the old self and put on the new self. When we offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God and are entirely sanctified, we receive a "new heart" and a "new spirit." All of this is in anticipation of the new Jerusalem, the Holy City.

Well, so what? What difference does this make in my life? What are the points of pastoral significance for us, as Christians?

The Christian view of history means that we are not like the proverbial mouse on a treadmill, running hard and fast but going nowhere. We are not doomed to a never-ending cycle of sin and moral and spiritual failure. God is doing something to enable us to break out of this slavery to sin, defeat and death. Through Christ we have newness of life and we are "more than conquerors"! Praise his name.

Because we know how the story ends we have hope—hope that one day things will be different than they perhaps are now. During John's time, the Church was being persecuted. We may or may not be experiencing that persecution. Nevertheless, our hope is that one day there will be no more tears, no more pain, no more sorrows. The Christian waits in eager expectation for the new Jerusalem.

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Revival Fires

unusual breakthroughs of the Holy Spirit in our churches!

ARE REVIVALS JUST A THING OF THE PAST?

*by Rev. J. Mack Rogers, pastor
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There are those in the ranks of the church who feel that scheduling a revival meeting with a God-called Evangelist is no longer an effective way to build the church in the 21st century. Some would even say that it's a waste of time and money, too old fashioned for this computer age. What some say is that we need flashier multi-media presentations, slicker advertising campaigns, preaching that makes everyone feel better, and programs that make the church seeker-friendly.

I certainly believe that we need to change some of our methods, while not changing the message that is from the eternal heart of an unchanging God. There are methods that are outdated and ineffective. We do need to use creative methods to reach a new and very different generation. There are church-growth principles that should be studied and implemented, for many of them have been found to be effective in building the Kingdom. Who can disagree with the scriptural admonition, "By all means save some"?

But in light of all of this, is it not true that the people of God, the "called-out ones," the Church, still need times of refreshing, renewal and revival? Do we not still need to see the glory of the Lord manifested in our churches, our cities, our nation, our world? Do we not need the same endowment with power that Jesus commanded the early church to pray and wait for in the book of Acts?

I believe that a series of scheduled services with a Spirit-anointed Evangelist, if properly planned and prepared for by the church, can result in the glory of the Lord being revealed in such a way that lives are changed, and the church moves forward.

Because we believe that revivals are still relevant, we endeavor to schedule one revival campaign each year. We usually call a full-time Evangelist to come preach/sing, believing that there is a special place in the church for Evangelists and that God wants to use them. It is beneficial for the church to hear a voice other than the pastor's and to hear the truth preached from a different perspective.

We scheduled Dr. Gary Haines about two years ago for our October 2006 revival. We realized that the Evangelist can't bring revival in a suitcase and that we would have to prepare through prayer and obedience. We continued our prayer-partner ministry and early Thursday morning prayer times. In addition to these, and other prayer efforts, we participated in a 40-day revival preparation program leading up to the scheduled meeting.

Gregory M. White has written a booklet entitled "The Spiritual Warrior's Revival Preparation Manual." This is a booklet that Rev. John Donnerberg (john@johndonnerbergministries.org) introduced me to before he held our 2005 fall revival. With Gregory White's permission, we printed excerpts from the booklet and made it available to all of our people. The portion we used is entitled, "The Glory of God," based upon Isaiah

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40:3-5: "Prepare the way of the Lord...And the glory of the Lord will be revealed...for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." It is a daily devotional guide that enabled our people to read the same scripture and pray the same prayers each day.

Dr. Haines' preaching and singing were anointed of God. The Holy Spirit used him in a mighty way. A young man, for whom we and his family had been praying, but who never seemed interested in making a commitment to the Lord, came forward in one of the services and was wondrously born again! It was a particularly miraculous breakthrough in his life because of the devastation of the dysfunctional home in which he was raised and his disenchantment with the Catholic religion which had left him cold and bitter. Another young man, who did not attend our church, saw our church sign marquis and decided to come to a revival service. He had backslidden far away from God but came back to the Lord and was reclaimed.

Dr. Haines preached very clear and direct messages on salvation, stewardship, brotherly love and entire sanctification. We had seekers at our altars every service. Most of the seekers were our regular attendees, church board members and leaders of various ministries. On the last night of the revival, more than 20 teens—who had been encouraged by our full-time Youth Pastor to attend—were there. Several of them responded to the invitation and came to the altar to find spiritual help.

Renewal or revival, by definition, really targets those who are already alive in Christ but who need a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. This refreshing was what we experienced in a very beautiful and powerful way as the Lord revealed His glory!

Since our revival services, God has continued to bless us. Our giving has increased. Attitudes have improved. Our attendance has increased. There is a greater spirit of love, unity and cooperation.

As a pastor, these are results that I always long for and rejoice over! Revival has certainly helped me, our leadership, our teens and our entire congregation!

Praying and planning together as a church for a real moving of the Holy Spirit, and then seeing it take place, is a very healthy endeavor that reaps present and eternal benefits. You can call these efforts by whatever name you desire, but they will be helpful to anyone in building His church.

Are revivals a thing of the past? Absolutely not! In fact, I believe that we can not build the Kingdom, His church, without these special times of refreshing and renewal. So we will continue to call Evangelists and schedule special meetings.

Praise the Lord for God-called and Spirit-anointed Evangelists and revival! **EP**

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made to hold a conference on Memorial Day weekend at the Oakwood Retreat Center in Syracuse, Ind. During a 4 a.m. private prayer time, the Lord gave the conference a name: The Waiting School.

The nationwide prayer and fasting volunteers became known as Waiting School Watchmen, based on Isaiah 62:6-7: "I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth" (NIV).

By the time Waiting School was held on Memorial Day weekend, there had been five months of continuous prayer and fasting preparation. By Waiting School II on Labor Day weekend, eight months had been devoted to round-the-clock prayer and fasting. By Waiting School III, January 12-14, 2007, there were 14 months of continuous prayer and fasting. As a result, people have been saved, baptized, sanctified, healed and delivered!

A New Challenge. Ravenhill also said, "The prayer meeting is dead or dying. By our attitude to prayer we tell God that what was begun in the Spirit we can finish in the flesh." ^v Adam Clarke said, "Prayer is the language of dependence; he who prays not is endeavoring to live independently of God. This is the first curse and continues to be the great curse of mankind."^{vi} Jesus stated in John 15:5 that apart from Him, we can do nothing. We need a revival to take place in our personal prayer lives. We need to adopt a lifestyle that leaves room for God! We need to experience on a daily basis the power and intimacy of the private prayer that Jesus speaks of in Matthew 6:6: "When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" (NIV).

In Luke 10:38-42, Jesus visits in the home of Martha and Mary. While Martha is busy with preparations, Mary sits at Jesus' feet. Martha complains about Mary not helping her. Jesus surprises her with a rebuke: "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her" (NIV). According to Jesus, only one thing is necessary: spending quality time with Him. Andrew Murray said, "Many of us are too occupied with our work. As with Martha, the very service we want to render the Master separates us from Him."^{vii}

The very prayer life of the church needs reviving. Murray also said, "The church should seek above everything to cultivate in God's children the power of an unceasing prayerfulness on behalf of the perishing world."^{viii} Isaiah 43:22 reads, "You have not called upon me, O Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel" (NIV). We must pray until we agonize over the souls of men. Charles

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This hope has implications for the present. We do not sit passively by and wait for God to do his thing while we do nothing. God calls us to participate with him. What we do does make a difference.

This newness we've been talking about begins now! Revelation 21:5 does not say, "Behold, I WILL AT THAT TIME make all things new." No, it says, "I am making everything new"—present tense indicating that God is at work NOW bringing that newness that is of the same quality as the new Jerusalem. The kingdom of God is already breaking in among us.

Holiness is the sign that the bride is dressed and ready. It is the sign that the new has come and the old has passed away. As I am fond of telling my students at Africa Nazarene University, "Holiness is what everything will look like when it all gets put right (new Jerusalem, the *Holy City*) because holiness was what everything looked like before it all went wrong (Garden of Eden)."

Our holiness is relational in nature. It is essentially a renewal of the unfettered intimacy of God and humanity before sin's disruption. It is the dwelling of God with humanity.

As I write this, we are just a few days from beginning a new year. I invite you to let God make all things new in you this new year. I am not inviting you to make yet another set of empty New Year's resolutions that are quickly forgotten and abandoned. I am inviting you to allow God to continue to do his "new thing" in you so that you may more fully participate in what the new Jerusalem is all about. May God make this new year a truly "new" year for you and yours.

Happy "New" Year. 

ⁱ G.R. Beasley-Murray, *The New Century Bible Commentary: The Book of Revelation*, Gen. editors, Ronald E. Clements and Matthew Black (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publ. Co., 1983 reprint ed.), 305.



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Finney's intercessor, Daniel Nash, said, "We refuse to so strive and should not be surprised at the lack of God's mighty stirrings. Is it not amazing that we have no problem with people wearing themselves out for pleasure, work for money, politics for power, and programs for charity, but think it is fanatical to so pray for souls?"^{ix}

A New Hope. J. G. Morrison, former General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, said, "God's answer to every age of infidelity has been a revival! But everywhere that one has been found, there was found first a company of believing souls, over whose faith God was operating to bring to pass the thing for which they were believing...in order to do this He needs time and desperate intercession."^x What would the results of an extensive revival be? God would be glorified by society experiencing a new morality level. His church would become a beautiful dynamo. And countless souls would escape the tragedy of hell, to live forever in Heaven with Jesus as He intended.

W.J. Harney put it best, "God said, 'They that wait upon the Lord'—not work, not run, not preach, not sing, but wait.... It takes more grace to wait than it does to work. It takes more power to tarry than it does to go."^{xi} Harney said, "God can give anyone success who will take the time to wrestle, fast, and cry to Him until the fire falls."^{xii}

A New Mission. In this fast-paced generation, the idea of stopping to wait upon the Lord in prayer often seems foreign. Many have never experienced what it means to pray clear through. It is our heart's desire that God's heart-desire becomes reality in our midst. His will is that all be saved, sanctified and saturated. Believers must be equipped to pray, fast and grow in faith and holiness. The Waiting School Conferences seek to firmly establish Christians in the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification in accordance with the Church of the Nazarene. The Waiting School theme is "Securing Power to Move Heaven and Earth." We faithfully believe God for a mighty outpouring of His Spirit—for personal and church revival that burns throughout the land. We believe that God truly *is* making all things new. 

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ⁱⁱ Peter Lundell and Elaine Pettit, *When God Bursts In: Revival Then and Now* (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2005), 107.

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I WANT TO BE NEW

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The idea of things becoming “new” is intriguing to our generation. The more dissatisfaction we have with our present status, the more interested we become in the idea of “new.” The elevated divorce rate highlights our present desire for something “new.” The same longing is seen in church members shifting from church to church. In certain groups there is an extreme focus on the “new” connected to the end times. In each case the “new” does not seem to meet our high level of expectation.

One passage from the book of Revelation presents a bold statement, *Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new”* (21:5). Perhaps this is not a God statement, promising that we can finally run away from who we are and what we have been! Oh, there is no question things are going to be different. There will be a marvelous absence of certain items connected to sin (Revelation 21:4). But the author’s statement is taking us far beyond just escapism.

A closer look at the Greek word translated *new* (kainos) is insightful. This word “kainos” is contrasted with “neos” also translated *new*. It is a contrast of “new in time” (neos) with “new in nature” (kainos). It is used often in the New Testament to denote the new and miraculous thing that Christ brings. There is the new heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1-2), the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2), the new name (Revelation 2:17), the new song (Revelation 5:9), the new wine (Mark 14:25), the new covenant (Luke 22:20), and the new commandment of love (John 13:34). In Christ, Jew and Gentiles are one new man (Ephesians 2:15).

The most exciting of all is the new nature given to the believer (Ephesians 4:24). Paul writes, *Therefore, if any-*

one is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). It must be understood that this word (kainos) is in the qualitative sense. It is not referring to a change in circumstances in the future (neos). The quality (nature) has become new. I do not need a new marriage partner, but I need a new quality of nature in my present marriage. A new job may not be the answer, but a new quality of nature could change my whole environment. The same church building with the same church members could become radically different with a new quality of nature.

I fear some of us are going to be extremely disappointed in the *new heaven and new earth* (Revelation 21:1). We may discover the same old faces live there and the same old environment is present. What God is changing is the nature of things. Isn’t this what He has been attempting to get done in our lives from the beginning? Perhaps even now we might cease searching for a way to escape and allow His transforming power to change the quality within us. What a difference it could make in our lives!

There is another important aspect of this great statement, *“Behold, I make all things new”* (Revelation 21:5). The verb *make* is in the active voice, which makes the subject responsible for the action of the verb. He is the One who sits upon the throne. However, the Greek word (poieo) translated *make* gives us distinct insight into His nature. This word is the opposite of duty, routine, obligation or law. It is about a creative flow coming from deep within. This is the word used in the Greek language for “artist.” It is about what is inside flowing and creating because it is simply the nature of the being. This is the word used for a tree bearing fruit. It is not duty but creative flow within the nature of the tree.

The One sitting on the throne is driven by the creative flow of His personal holy nature. He has to take that nature and give it to everything that is. He must *make all things new*. Ultimately everything that exists will be affected either for the positive or the negative by His nature. Isn’t this the driving force of the redemption of the cross? Isn’t this the nature of God, which fills us at Pentecost? Isn’t this the same quality of the nature of God, which now produces our individual lives? Holiness people know nothing about duty or routine. Tradition or law does not source them. They are driven by the creative quality of the nature of God, which is making them new. In turn, their environment is being transformed by this same quality. Some individuals call this “evangelism.” But it is the natural byproduct of His nature within us.

This is the constant focus of the Scriptures! Should this not be our one driving hunger as well? As we are open and seek, He is enabled to *make all things new* within us. What a privilege we have!



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the Lord's return that characterized the Apostolic church. A radiant and robust hope is essential for authentic Christianity. This hope is the blessed hope of the visible, bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ. The call to live perpetually alert lives and await the cry, "Behold He comes," permeates the New Testament in general and Revelation in particular.

The 21st chapter of Revelation is a breathtaking introduction to the beginning of the final drama of the ages. It takes the reader into the vestibule of transcendent reality. A city comes down. A bride is presented. The city and the bride are different metaphors for one reality, the

redeemed people of God, the church. These are a community of people, individuals who have lived in time and history. There is no pantheistic absorption here. These are individuals who will retain their individuality and identity forever. If we love, trust and follow Christ, we shall see the heavenly city, the redeemed community, and be in the number that comprise it. We shall behold the beautifully adorned bride of Christ; the blood washed saints of all ages and be counted among them. Children of God, let the rapturous message of Revelation enfold you. The message is not only a collective message for the church. It is deeply personal. It is for you, Jim and

Mary, Hank and Annette, Tom and Sarah and whoever you are and whatever your name. This means we will see and know each other. And we will see Christ, as He is, a sight unbearable before our glorification.

Despite John's daunting description of the evil present in the world, the major message of Revelation is overarching optimism. The book echoes with the cacophony of conflict, the thundering drums of doom and the blaring trumpets of judgment. But when all these sounds have subsided, a different music can be heard. It is a symphony of sovereignty and triumph, final triumph. The music moves toward the crescendo of the centuries. It is the climactic anthem of the ages, marking the end of evil, the terminus of history and the arrival of the unrivaled, unending, unbounded reign of God. Don't miss the major music of the book. It is, most certainly, the music of God. It will blend at last with the grandest of all doxologies, sung by saints and angels. The Hallelujah Chorus will fill the cosmos, rising to the highest arches and domes of celestial realms:

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