

1st, 2nd & 3rd JOHN

INTRODUCTION-PART XII

{Sunday, August 30, 2020 A.D.}

Main Theme The Last Days (Part 2)

The Last Days: The last time period of redemptive history from the conception of Christ Jesus, the GOD-Man, at His first coming until His second coming. From His humiliation until His exaltation; From His incarnation until the summing up of all things in Christ. The days of Gospel Proclamation by Christ and His Church for, “Whoever has ears to hear”, the elect. The last period of waiting for what the Father has promised his people in Christ.

¹The nature of the church (The Kingdom of God, The Kingdom of Heaven); to make manifest Christ as His witnesses to the world by our doctrine and our practice. The church will never pass away.

² The nature of the world made manifest; the persecution of Christ and His Church by the world in the church (internal); and by the world outside the church (external). The world is passing away.

³The Joy of God to see Christ’s bride bearing the image of Christ before the world by walking in the truth (practicing right thinking and right doctrine)

- ⁴**The Linear Nature of Redemptive History and our life in Christ**
- ⁵**The Day Approaches**
- ⁶**Christ’s 1st and 2nd Coming**

Psalm 90 A prayer of Moses, the man of God.

Vs 1-6 The eternal, unchanging GOD the Creator/Sustainer vs. the temporal, changing, transitory Creation/ fallen creature-Man.

Vs 7-10 The Post-Fall, Cursed experience of transitory/temporal life under the sun.

Vs 11-13 The ultimate questions: “**Who understands the power of Your anger and Your fury according to the fear that is due You?**” ¹²**So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.** ¹³**Do return, O LORD; how long will it be?**

Vs 14-17 The desire and hearts cry of the redeemed child of God.

Genesis 3:17-19

Ecclesiastes 1:2-8 The effects of the curse on creation is “vanity” or futility.

The “Vanities” of life under the Curse include: **Human** wisdom, effort, achievement, life, rivalry, selfish sacrifice, power, greed, accumulation, religion. (The MacArthur Study Bible)

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15 (read all); (Heb 11: 13-15) (1 Cor. 15: 50-58)

There is an appointed time for every event under heaven-... ¹¹**He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart,** ²**yet so that man will not find**

out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; ¹³moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor- it is the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that everything that God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him. ¹⁵That which is has been already and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by.

1Peter 1:17-18

...**conduct yourselves in fear** during the time of your stay on earth; **knowing** that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold **from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers**, ¹⁹but with precious blood...²⁰For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you ²¹who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Hebrews 9:26-28

²⁶...but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷**And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgement,** ²⁸**so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.**

2 Peter 3:1-18 (1 Cor 15:58)

...**I am stirring up your sincere mind** by way of reminder, ²that **you should remember the words** spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

...³**Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come** with their mocking, following after their own lusts, ⁴and **saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."** ⁵For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that **by the word of God** the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, ⁶through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. ⁷But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgement and destruction of ungodly men. ⁸But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance...