

I. Review

Last week we talked about what is happening in our country and around the world. We are most likely in the final war between Israel and the iron ring of Satan. Which in time will lead us to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Second Coming. We are living in the most exciting time in history.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 says, we are children of the light, and we are not to be in the darkness. Also in 1 Thessalonians 5:1 it tells us that we should know the times and the seasons, and nobody should have to tell us what is going on so that day does not overtake us. I want my people to be fully prepared for all that is going on and all that is coming.

Psalms 9:17 says *“The wicked shall be turned into hell, [and] all the nations that forget God.”* You are seeing the world descending on a downward plane and all the countries are being sucked into that vortex of depravity as it spins into the abyss of hell.

Everything all around us is a battle that has been going on for the last six-thousand years over one piece of land. That is the Garden of God, Eden (Jerusalem) which is Israel. I recommend the book called “Israel A Deadly Piece of Dirt” by Peter Ruckman which is carried in the bookstore. This book lays out everything you need to know about past, present and future of what is going on in Israel.

Last week I broke down into nine phases God’s plan for planet earth from Isaiah 45. Breaking history down into simple sections will give you the proper context of where you’re at today in history.

History is broken down around two landmarks:

1.) Old Testament - Nation of Israel

Proverbs 22:28 *Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.*

2.) New Testament – The Church

Proverbs 23:10 *Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:*

Along with this I showed you the devil was created for a purpose. I showed you how God uses the nations and how the devil uses them also.

Ish 40:15 & 17 *Behold, the nations [are] as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. Verse 17 All nations before him [are] as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.*

Every nation on this planet that came out of the tower of Babel (Genesis 11) are going to be part of God’s plan to establish Israel. In the Old Testament anybody that wanted to find God, had to find him through the nation of Israel. Because that is the way God designed it to be. They are

called “strangers” in the Old Testament. Sometimes proselyte. But if a Gentile in the Old Testament, wanted to have any type of relationship with God he had to become a Jew. An example of this would be Ruth. Ruth was a Moabite, and she became a proselyte Jew in a relationship with God. In the Old Testament, God only recognized one nation, the nation of Israel establishing the kingdom of heaven.

In the New Testament the kingdom of heaven does not exist. God only works through one people group, the church, the body of Christ (kingdom of God, a spiritual kingdom). There are no Christian nations today. There are nations that adopt the bible and its value system and because of that they will have the blessings of God in their life. The only nation that was God’s nation was the nation of Israel. Today what is holy with God is his church (body of believers).

History repeats itself. Former President Donald Trump’s theme is “Make America Great Again.” Do you know where that concept was first used in America? It was used in 1935-37 with the American Nazis Bund party in New York. They had rallies in Madison Square Garden and camps all over New York to train young people with Nazis ideology. His theme banner was “Let’s Make America Great Again.” Nobody really understands today what makes America great. It was **the King James 1611 Authorized Version that made this country great** because with that comes the blessings of God.

Today if a Jew wants to get saved, he has to become a Gentile. They must become part of the body of Christ. What you see in America that is eroding off the scene, is the left-over blessings of a nation that once believed God and held God’s word close.

All warfare will be broken into two concepts for victory:

- 1.) Intelligence that you gather-Intel.
- 2.) Communication between the people doing the fighting.

For us as Christians to have the victory, it is the same thing. Our intel will be the word of God that gives us every play that is going to happen. Our communication in this church will be the preaching and teaching of the word of God that brings it all into focus. Until the Lord comes back, we occupy till he comes, and we do the job God has called us to do.

II. Psalms 2:1-4 A Second Coming Psalm

Remember Psalms 2 is a Second Coming Psalm broken down into three distinct aspects (God has a plan for the universe, planet earth, and his people). Dealing with all the aspects now in Psalm chapter 2 of the day of the Lord.

Psalm 2:1-4 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, [saying], 3. Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

4. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

We saw last week in verse 2 it said the kings of the earth gathered together the rulers into taking counsel to destroy God's plan and the nation of Israel. Through six-thousand years of history, God is establishing a nation in a particular part of the world, Jerusalem (the Garden of God). Today I want to show you how these verses are doctrinally laid out in the future in prophesy.

This will be the final phase of the nation of Israel and life on earth as we know it which started around 1948 (Matthew 24). We are seeing the plan of God moving towards its final phase that will bring this nation back into the land forever and God establishing his kingdom. It will end right here at the Second Coming of Christ.

I want to draw your attention to verse 4 and 5 in Psalms. It says *"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. 5. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure."*

Let's also look at Proverbs 1:24-28 24 *"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25. But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: **26. I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;** 27. When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me:"*

III. The Laughter of God

We have some sayings in life that we use all the time and don't really know where they came from. One of the sayings is **"he who laughs last, laughs best."** In the six-thousand-year plan of God, he has been mocked, made fun of and laughed at by much of the world. Much of it comes from the religious world. God has been laughed at by men of science and theologians in bible colleges. They are going to laugh at you because you believe you have a perfect bible. They will discount the story of Adam and Eve and say the story of Noah was a local flood and not a universal flood. They will say in Sodom and Gomorrah that when God came down and killed everyone that he destroyed it because of a lack of hospitality.

Have you noticed how the news media drives everything? If you pay attention, you will see how the devil uses the news media to put before you what he wants you to know. When the war in Ukraine broke out that was all that was on the news. Then the UFOs came out and that was on the news. Now we have the war in Israel, and you can't find out anything about what is happening in Ukraine. Because they try to tell you what they think is important and feed it to you. Most of God's people just buy into it.

In Genesis 1:1 God created the heaven and the earth. They will laugh at that, and they'll laugh at God. They will tell you the universe started with a big bang. For six thousand years they have laughed at God. Now Psalm 2: 4-5 and Proverbs 1:26, **God gets the last laugh, and he who laughs last, laughs best!**

God has chosen Israel, the Jew (the people of God) that will someday run the whole earth and in time be the center of God's plan into eternity (Isaiah 9:6 and Revelation 21:22).

If you look at the protests against Israel across this country, it's so clear that God's program is set and moving; and the whole world is laughing at it.

Psalm 80:6 *Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves.*

IV. God's Patience

I've learned a great lesson from God waiting it out to put an end to things. You are going to find that **God has patience personified**. He will wait six thousand years and let everybody laugh at him, mock him, and make fun of him. He could have come down at any time and put a stop to it, but he didn't.

For your life and mine many times somebody will slander us or make fun of us, lie about us and from the Bible, you know you are in the right. You haven't done anything wrong; you are just doing what God calls you to do. But there will be people that will try to discredit that. In God's case for six-thousand years everybody was saying that God didn't know what he was doing. They discredited him, they made fun of him, they laughed at him, and God never did a thing. There is a great lesson in that!

I have faced the same stuff that any Pastor does. You are going to have people who get to the point that they think they're so spiritual. Over the last year I've had four or five guys who have left this church tell me that I'm not preaching the Bible anymore. You have heard me tell you the example of a man, movement, machine, and monument and how all history goes through that? Well, I had one guy tell me that left the church that we are now a "machine". I've been told that our style of ministry isn't biblical. I've been told that there is no real fellowship in this church. Some of these people you have discipled, ministered to in this church, grew up in this church and now we're no good to them anymore. It's okay. You guys all are looking like there's something wrong with this. No, this is okay because you are going to learn the lesson here. I said to them I have two hundred plus people on Sunday morning that are taking notes and getting everything I got. I have fifteen hundred people on the internet that are going through everything. I get email after email.

My point is this. It is human nature when somebody says those things about you, and they will say them. Some of you have already worked with people, you know exactly what I am talking about. Human nature is such that you want to defend yourself. You want to be declared right. I want everybody to see that I'm not a heretic. I do preach the Bible!

This is the lesson. God could have come down at any time in that moment of time in that six-thousand years and set the record straight, but he didn't, did he? He just waited it out. When nothing else will tell, time will tell. God wasn't in a hurry. God didn't feel like he had to come down and justify himself and kill everybody and say, "see who's God now?"

He just waited it out because he knew that time proves all things. In the ministry you don't have to prove you're right. You will get attacked in your ministry. If you are ever going to come to the place where you do anything meaningful for God, there's a price you are going to pay for it. You can spend all your time fighting to prove that you are in the right. Let God take care of it because time proves all things.

I know this to be true, when nothing else proves the point of who is right, **time will tell**. Just look in five or ten years. Look where their family is at. This is a great lesson. God waited, for six thousand years. He was patient and waited for his coming judgment. I am telling you that you don't have to prove that you are right. God will prove that for you if you are patient. It will all be worked out at the judgement seat of Christ.

The great white throne judgement is going to be about the laughter of God. But the judgment seat of Christ will be about the **tears of God's people and lost opportunities.** Don't come up short on either one. **If you are going to get into the ministry, you better learn NOT to take it personal.** If you are going to get into the ministry, you better realize that you are going to invest your life into people. You are going to give them everything they need. You are going to take them from the point of salvation and bring them up and give them everything. Sooner or later, you are going to get it in the neck. Praise the Lord! That is how it works, and in the process, you will find buckets and buckets of good ones.

This is a great lesson folks. It will save you from burning yourself out worrying about stuff. At the end of the day God is in charge. The blessings of the ministry greatly overshadow the things that are not pleasant in the ministry. But it comes with the territory.

Now that you have learned that lesson, we can move on from here.

V. Four Types of Laughter

We are talking about the laughter of God in these verses today and in the Bible, you will find four types of laughter. You need to understand these because some of them fit into where we're going.

1. Laughter of Skepticism

Genesis 17-18 Abraham and Sarah.

Genesis 17:17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall [a child] be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

Genesis 18:11 Now Abraham and Sarah [were] old [and] well stricken in age; [and] it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? 13 And the LORD said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? 14 Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

Mark it down. God always has an appointed time for everything so you don't have to try to change the appointment to fit your needs.

15. Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

God is in the impossible business, but because of our lack of faith it turns into skepticism. He tells us in verse 14 “**Is anything too hard for the Lord?**” Of course, many of God’s people and obviously the world are skeptical of what God can do. So many people that are unsaved and even saved people, are so skeptical of what God can do in their lives. They laugh at the very promises of God.

2 Kings 7:1-2, Elisha & the Kings Men

2 Kings 7: 1 Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time [shall] a measure of fine flour [be sold] for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. 2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, [if] the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see [it] with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

2 Kings 7:17 And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

In 2 Kings 7 there was a great famine in Samaria. Elisha was the prophet back then and God told him that tomorrow they were going to have enough food that they could just eat everything they wanted. One of the king’s men was a skeptic and he made fun of God for what Elisha said. He said “yeah right, food tomorrow what has God got windows up in heaven.?” Well yes, he does, according to Genesis chapter 7 and chapter 9. The next day God opened up those windows and the food came down and he got trampled in the crowd. God killed a man for being a skeptic.

2. Laughter of Sinful Merriment

This is most of us before we were saved and unfortunately some of God’s people after they get saved. Party, party, party! You see it everywhere. The Chiefs win the Super Bowl, and they have a big Super Bowl parade. They put them on the top of a bus, or a float and they make fools out of themselves drinking and drinking in front of all the kids. This is Friday’s happy hour. This is the dirty jokes at the office, the foul mouth, this is the lifestyle of the rich and famous. It’s where fun is spelled “S-I-N”. The laughter of sinful merriment is everywhere.

3. Laughter of the Victory in Christ

This is the laughter of a child of God when he gets the victory from God. Laughter of joy. Laughter when God comes through in an impossible situation. Psalm 30:5 says joy cometh in the morning. Ecclesiastes 3:4 says there’s a time to weep, (that’s now) but there is a time to laugh. There is the victory we’re going to get.

Psalm 30:5 For his anger [endureth but] a moment; in his favour [is] life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy [cometh] in the morning.

Ecclesiastes 3:4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

Job 8:19-22 says “19 Behold, this [is] the joy of his way, and out of the earth shall others grow. 20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect [man], neither will he help the evil doers: 21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with rejoicing. 22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought. **Oh that is going to be the day!**

Luke 6:21 Blessed [are ye] that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed [are ye] that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

Let me tell you something. When the Rapture takes place and we’re out of here. We will meet our loved ones in the air and know we’re home free. When we’re up there standing around the throne, there is going to be a whole lot of shouting going on. There is going to be the laugh of victory that is going to ring through the quarters of New Jerusalem. God’s people should be looking at the world, the events and laughing at the vanity of the men against God. Someday soon he is going to fill my mouth with laughter and my lips with rejoicing.

4. Laughter of God’s Condemnation

You have heard people say “his day is coming” or “that’ll be the day”. You bet it will.

Psalm 37:12-13 says “*The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. 13**The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming.***”

Romans 2:16 says “In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.”

Ecclesiastes 12:14 says “*For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil.*”

For Israel their most terrible day will be the tribulation period. For the Christian our most terrible day will be the judgment seat of Christ. In 2 Corinthians 5:11 it is called “the terror of the Lord.” For an unsaved man or woman your most terrible day will be the day of judgment when you stand before God and all three of these (laughter) will be found in God’s final judgment.

In Revelation 20:11 we have the last judgment. In your Bible there are seven distinct judgments that you need to learn. The last of these judgments will be right here in Revelation 20 called the Great White Throne judgment. This is the last judgment where every unsaved man and woman will stand before God.

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were

cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

This judgment can be preached many different ways, but this judgment is really about one thing, an unsaved man or woman standing before God in their sin. All their lives they have used every excuse to get around God's salvation. All their lives they mocked God, laughed at God, took all of the other laughters and put it before God. Look at Romans 3:4 and see what this day is really about.

Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Turn back to Job 40:7-8 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. 8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

Do you know what these two verses are saying? When an unsaved man or woman gets to the great white throne judgment it's their day in court and they get to stand there and put their righteousness up against God's son.

They never thought they had to trust Christ, and they say to themselves, "I've never killed anybody, I never did this or that and I go to church." You get to bring all those things there and tell them to the Lord. You get to tell him why you didn't need to trust Jesus Christ as your own personal savior. Now you got to justify yourself and put your righteousness up against God's son's righteousness. You got to convince God and tell God why you don't deserve to go to hell. Why the death of Christ on the cross was really a waste of time because you're such a good person.

The Bible tells us when you do that, you put your filthy rags up against the righteous of God's son. **He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh!** You're going to have your day in court. You've been in hell for a while, if you have been dead for six thousand years or whenever you died. Now you are standing there with the smoke of hell streaming off your body, clothed in the filthy rags of your self-righteousness (Isaiah 64:6). You get to tell God why you are as righteous and good as his son.

VI. Judged by the Books - Word of God

Can't you just see it? I see a Great White Throne that covers the expanse of the solar system, and God is on the throne. There is the Ancient of Days, there is the eyes of a burning fire. There is the Alpha and Omega. He is the only one that could have saved you. He came down and died on the cross and you turned your back on him. You said my righteousness is good as his. Now you get a chance to prove it.

The Bible says "Heaven and earth flee away (Revelation 20:11) and you are held up by the power of God. The same power that you laughed at, the same power that you said I don't need. You said I don't need the power of God in my life, I am a good person. Verse 12 says "and **the books were opened**" (all sixty-six of them) and the Bible says "the dead were judged out of

those things which were written in the books.” That is the very same book that you have in your lap this morning. It’s the word of God, the book that tells you that you’re a sinner, that all of your righteousness is as filthy rags. That you need a savior. You have a personal sin debt.

So many of them just laugh it off. For he who laughs last, laughs best! **Once he stood to be your savior, now he stands to be your judge.** Here they come one by one. This judgment could go on for a million years. Every man, every woman whoever lived, get their chance and their day in court. The Bible says the small and great stand before God. Those that laugh the laugh of skepticism. All those that were the great skeptics of God. They laughed at the Book, they laughed at the promises. They made fun of Christians and going to church. They made fun of everything in Christianity. As they make their defense with every word that comes out of their mouth saying they didn’t need Christ. The assembled universe along with God on the throne will rip out with a laughter that will be unparalleled.

In 1882, I think it was Frederick Nietzsche, like so many of them was a rationalist that hated God, hated the Bible, hated Christianity. They looked at what you have as a crutch to get you through life. They thought they had all the answers that you don’t have. In 1882 at a great conference Frederick Nietzsche got up and made the statement of statements and everybody applauded and cheered. He is known to this day for this great statement that he made when he stood before the assembled pagans of his culture and made the announcement that God was dead. Can’t you see him coming up to the great white throne? The eyes of a burning fire, the Ancient of Days and then everybody heckling and saying I guess God wasn’t dead! He gets a chance to prove that his statement was correct and why he didn’t need God. And with every word out of his mouth he is drowned out with laughter.

But there is no difference for any unsaved person. As an unsaved person you said God didn’t matter, you didn’t need him. You were too busy and didn’t have time. God is going to judge those people from the books (66 of them) and the books were opened. The book that you have right in front of you on your lap. There will be people that say, “oh no Lord, I didn’t laugh” and the Lord will look down and say, “nay, but you did laugh.”

Then the laughter of sinful merriment. Those are the ones who enjoyed the pleasure of sin for a season. If you are saved you have your season to bear fruit. But if you are unsaved, you have a fruit bearing season also. It is just the wrong fruit. You get your reward as a saved person, and they get their reward. **“The wages of sin is death Romans 6:23”**.

The greatest example of this is found in Job 21:7-15 *Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power? This verse tells me that God doesn’t come down and prove himself, he lets it play out. This is a great lesson for all of us. Verse 8 Their seed is established in their sight with them, and their offspring before their eyes. That is rotten parenting. They just let their kids go and do whatever. There is no accountability for them and there is no Bible teaching for them. Verse 9 Their houses [are] safe from fear, neither [is] the rod of God upon them. They are unsaved. God is not going to deal with them like he will a saved person. Verse 10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf. 11. They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. 12 They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at*

the sound of the organ. There is your rock concerts. Verse 13 They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. We are going to go bowling tonight and we'll have fun. We will drink a couple beers and tell some dirty jokes. Then some guy comes in with an automatic weapon and sends eighteen of you into eternity. Verse 14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways. 15 What [is] the Almighty, that we should serve him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

Job 12:4 says *I am [as] one mocked of his neighbour, who calleth upon God, and he answereth him: the just upright [man is] laughed to scorn.* You laughed all your life at him and his word. Now he laughs at you and remember, he that laughs last, laughs best! Now **the laugh of eternal condemnation.**

The Bible says he will laugh when your calamity comes and he that sitteth in the heaven shall laugh. That is such a hard concept that so many people will not accept. God laughing at a person going to hell. How terrible that sounds. I mean what happened to the loving God of mankind? That we are all children of God? I mean, God would never send a man to hell.

You better understand that as an unsaved man or woman you are God's enemy. Jesus Christ came down and died on the cross to reconcile you to God. Even though you were God's enemy, he still loved you and desires reconciliation between you and his son. So, he took on the form of a man and came down and died on the cross. If you accept his son and his death on the cross, you can have the blessings of God in your life and be God's child.

The Bible says in Philippians 2:10-11 that **every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

He said in Ish 45:23 *I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth [in] righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.*

It is not whether you will, or you won't. It is just when you do, you will either bow your knee and confess him as your Lord and savior now, or in that day before the laughter of God you will bow your knee and will confess that he is Lord then to the laughter of the Almighty God. The last thing you will hear as you stand before God before you splash into eternity is the laughter of a holy God.

VII. Summary

I have painted a picture today of a lost man and a lost woman standing before the Great White Throne judgment. Who went through the **laughter of skepticism, the laughter of sinful merriment,** and now they are facing the **laughter of condemnation.** My whole life and ministry has been about saving as many people as I can from going to the lake of fire. The longer they go, the harder it gets. Because indifference grows daily. We as God's people get so caught up in our fears and our stupid self-righteousness, while the whole world around us dies and goes to hell. **God's people need to be about their Father's business.**