Psalms 48:1-14 Sunday 11/15/2026

I. Introduction and Prayer

All right, dear God, I just want to thank You for this day. Thank You for everything You have done for us. I just pray and ask that You bless our time today, bless the message and everything that Bob has to say. Please help us think on these things throughout the week. Help us remember all the people that we have been praying for in our missions conference that we have going on later at the end of the year. I just pray and ask that You are blessing beyond all of these things in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

II. Announcements

Good to see all of you here today. I am going to make some announcements and then we will get on with our time in the Word of God today. This Thursday night we will have a Bible study. I am not going to tell you yet exactly what it is going to be because I have to wait until the end of the service this morning. But it is something that is going to give you a major part of your Bible, and you are going to want to make a copy of it and get it in your Bible. It is going to kick off this morning, but I will finish it up when we get to the end of the service this morning.

Do not forget our Toys for Tots back here. We always fill that up and we want to do that for all the kids at the Marine Corps is doing for Christmas. We will take those until December 9th. So make sure that you bring something in. Continue to pray for our Bible conference coming up December 27th to January 2nd. We are in the process of getting everything set up, contacting the speakers, getting all the arrangements, travel times, and all the hotels set up. It is going to be a great time. I have asked you as families to spend this time every day praying with your kids for our upcoming conference. It is going to be something that really is going to give this church what we need as we face next year and all of the things that God has for us. So we are really looking forward to that. So continue to pray for that.

Also, the Bible Explorers workers are going to have a meeting at the church on December 6th. You can meet right down here in front and then Nicky will get you where you need to go. Along the lines of all of our children, you know, we are coming into the season where all the kids sooner or later are going to get something. We have had it about after about with our kids getting sick with the flu or getting a cold or whatever. I would ask you that if your child does get sick and have some kind of issue, please do not bring them to church and put them in the nursery. It just spreads to all the other kids. I would ask you just to get them feeling better before you bring them back.

Also, there is a sign up down here for Jared McClanahan and Kinsey had their baby this week to bring food over to them. So if you will take care of that, we would appreciate that. Also sign up for that. We have no visitors today that I got any mention of, but birthdays, I have Tony Madden and Colton upstairs Brown. Anybody else have a birthday? Well, happy birthday to these two guys. Anyhow, spiritual birthdays, I have one and that is Jonathan. That is all right. You can go

ahead and clap. Jonathan, anybody else have a spiritual birthday? All right. Anniversary. Does anybody have an anniversary? It has been a boring week. Yes. How many? 51. Wow. That is great. Special mention. Anybody have anything special mention? I have something, but I will see if anybody else has got something. Anybody? Okay. Well, Damian Johnson got certified as a master plumber this week. So praise the Lord for that. We already talked about Jared and Kinsey having their baby, so we are really excited about that. Anybody else have anything before we sing our welcome song? Yes. Good to have them here.

III. Offering Prayer and Prayer List

We will have the ushers come forward. We will take up our offering here in just a moment. As we read our prayer list today and spend a little time in prayer, I want you to remember that tonight at the City Union Mission, two of our young men are down there. Justin Powers is going to be doing the sermon, and Caleb Lusquette is going to be doing the testimony. So we want to pray for them. That will be an exciting time. Also, Stephen Nicky Brackine, over at Victory Baptist this morning. He got a report from Gary Potter every year. He goes down with his friends down there for the big veteran celebration and ministers to the old veterans from World War II and Korea down there. It was a real success, and it is good to have him back today. So we appreciate all of that and pray for those guys.

Also on our prayer list today, I want to continue to pray for Emma, for Jim Lake, for Herb Kuntz, for Pat Dean, for Danny, as he gets daily stronger. My brother-in-law John got through his surgery, and everything is good there. I want to thank you for praying for him, for Sandy Maday, continue to pray for her, for Christine. I see her. She is out here today, continue to pray for her, for Rick and Melissa and their baby. I got a call from Bob this week, Bob and Liz, and they are going to have to spend some time helping their grandfather and his grandfather, Liz's dad. So we are going to pray for them that they will be able to handle that and get that all taken care of. It is a tough time when you have to deal with them when they get to be that age. So also pray for a map up here and pray for Mike Veets, Mike Fernandez, Mark Poma, for Abram, for Chris Myers, who is now over in the Middle East, or Far East over there, for Bill Word, for Jeff Nichols, for Sean and Luke and his family, and Caleb, and then for the Malawi Church in Africa, pray for them, and then pray for Taylor and Abishai in Vietnam.

Again, please keep praying for our conference coming up. It is going to be a lineup of great preachers for that week. Remember now, we have designated November and December as our two months for our sacrificial giving. We do this every year. I have eight or nine missionaries coming in, and I want to take care of them and their mission work. We are also committed to sponsor 20 young men out of the church in Malawi that go to a Bible Institute down there and pay for all of their expenses, all of their food, to train them to take pastoring churches in Africa. Doing a tremendous job down there, and we want to be part of that. So we ask you for these two months to give over and above your regular giving that we can really put it aside to help these missionaries, and we want to make an investment in them. This week is going to come some great opportunities, open doors like Thursday night, and we will really have a good time with that and let God really open up some doors. So thank you for being here this morning. You give

unto God as God has blessed you. John Hill, would you ask God's blessing on the offering this morning? Amen.

IV. The Three Jerusalems

If you have your Bibles this morning, I would like you to turn to Psalms chapter 48, and we are going to look today at another great psalm dealing with the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are going to learn today a major part of your Bible, and I am going to take my time and walk through this with you. For those of you who are serious Bible students, you are going to want to get this into your Bible. You are going to want to begin to see, if you have not seen it already, certainly over the last couple of weeks, how the book of Psalms not only deals with all the issues that we can face in our life that we need comfort from, but at the same time, it unlocks some of the great Bible doctrines, deep teachings of the Bible that the whole concept of God and the Bible are built around.

Today, we are going to talk about the city of Jerusalem. In your Bible, there are three Jerusalems, and we are going to lay those out for you today, and you need to get these into your Bible so you have an understanding of them. Last week, in Psalm 47, I talked to you about the earthly Jerusalem, the literal piece of ground over there in the Middle East, where God in time is going to come back and establish the kingdom of God and also the kingdom of heaven on earth.

When you think about that piece of ground over there, here is the key, and here is what you have to be able to understand: history looks complicated. History can be complicated, but like anything else, the Bible simplifies everything. Honestly, and here again, this is what you are told, you are told that the Bible is a very hard book. You are told that the Bible takes years and years and years and Bible college and great professors and great scholars and great Hebrew and spend 40, 50 years of your life, and then maybe then you will understand the Bible. There could never have been a bigger lie out of hell hatched than that lie. Let me tell you something. The Bible, the one you have in your hands, without a doubt, speaking from almost 60 years of experience, is the easiest book that you are ever going to tackle. The difference is you have to do it God's way, and not your way. The problem is with all of us, we just get so used to doing things our way. You may do things your way when you do this or you do that, but when it comes to the Bible, you are going to have to do it God's way, or you are not going to get anything out of it. It is just that simple.

So I am going to show you today, not only how easy the Bible is to get, but I am going to show you how you can stand in this maze of history, ancient history, future times, the history that we all live in from the time that you were born, and man on this earth for 6,000 years, all of the kingdoms, all of the kings, all of the queens, all of the nations, all of the wars, all of the battles, you could spend the rest of your life trying to delineate all of those and get an understanding of them, but it all comes down to the city of Jerusalem. The history of Jerusalem, this little piece of land in the Middle East, is the key to the history of the world, and also the key to your Bible.

You are going to find if you get into the Bible to any depth that God has the Bible built around two cities. One of them is God's city, that is Jerusalem. The other one is the Devil's city, that is

Rome. All history is going to revolve around the city of Jerusalem. It has been the most contested piece of land on planet earth for 6,000 years. You never get this in college, you never get it in Bible college. Certainly do not get it in middle school or high school. The nation of Israel is relegated to a little piece of history over here that man puts it as far away and as Gentiles and focuses on all the great Gentile nations. It just has to be the opposite. The Gentile nations to God are like a drop in the bucket, the book of Isaiah says, and the key to man, the key to history, the key to God, and the key to your Bible is that little city over there in Jerusalem. We talked about that in Psalm 47 last week.

Now, let us read Psalms 48 verses 1 through 8. Our last time together, I put the emphasis on one word: understanding. Let us get a little more understanding today.

Psalms 48:1-8

1. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

3. God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

4. For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together.

5. They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away.

6. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail.

7. Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

8. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

Selah.

We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness. Let Mount Zion rejoice. Let the daughters of Judah be glad because of thy judgments. Walk about Zion and go around about her. Tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks. Consider her palaces that she may tell it to the generation following, for this God is our God forever and ever, and He will be our guide even unto death.

Father, help us today to take this passage and to put it into the context that You would want it to be taught in. We thank You for the truth of the Word of God. We thank You for You giving us a book that is so simple and so easy, but man has to get it from You. He cannot get it from another man. He cannot get it from education. He cannot get it from college. He has to get it on his knees as he comes to the greatest book the world has ever seen and follow it as God directed it to be followed. Help us today to learn and to grow. Help these good people to learn their Bible to

become closer to You through the book that You have given us, and we will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name for our sake. We ask it. Amen.

V. The Fall of Lucifer and the Battle for Jerusalem

Now, I want to set an understanding for all of this great city. Our story today really goes back to Genesis chapter 1, verse 1. Last week I gave you the Jerusalem over in Palestine there, the literal city. In Psalm chapter 48, we see our second Jerusalem. We see the heavenly one. We see the one that is not on earth, but the one that is up in heaven. I want to show you today how the two go together and how they complement each other, and without an understanding of both of them, you will never figure out what is going on on planet earth.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. This will be Genesis 1:1. This unknown time period will be when God first established the land that in time you will find the city of Jerusalem. Back then, if you know your Bible, there was no devil. There was no Satan. His name back then was Lucifer. He was a created being. The world thinks that he was an angel. You see him portrayed and talked about through Bible teachings as an angel, but he was not an angel. Ezekiel chapter 28, verse 14 tells us he was a cherub. God has a special order of created spiritual beings. Obviously, the lowest one we know of is angels. Angels are ministering spirits, and then you have what the Bible calls seraphim. I do not know exactly what all they do, but their job in the Bible, and the Bible does not say a lot about them, but their job in the Bible seems to be dealing around the altar of God. Then you have the cherub. There were five, and those five cherubim were one on each corner of the throne of God, and then one that was over that throne of God that is called the covering cherub. That covering cherub was Lucifer.

Back in Genesis chapter 1, verse 1, when God began to create it all, He had given rule over all of His spiritual kingdoms with the sons of God. No human beings yet, but the angelic hosts that filled this earth, and you are going to find that Lucifer, his throne on this earth, was in Eden, the garden of God, right on the exact same spot where you find Jerusalem today. Something happened. Genesis chapter 1, verse 1 says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." But verse 2 says, "And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep." Something happened between verse 1 and verse 2. Here is what happened. There are two key chapters in your Bible, and we need to look at them today. The first one is in Isaiah chapter 14. In Isaiah chapter 14, we start to begin to see what happened between 1:1 and 1:2. I will tell you what happened, but then I am going to show you what happened. It is the fall of Lucifer. Lucifer got the idea that he wanted to be God. That he wanted to lead a revolt against God. Isaiah chapter 14 is your first key passage. Let us look at it. We will read it together.

Isaiah 14:12-16

12. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13. For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

16. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Here is where we see the fall of Lucifer. Once he falls, his name is changed now as we all know the name to be the devil, to be the great dragon, to be Satan. No more to be called Lucifer. He leads a rebellion against God to overthrow Him. Verse 13 tells us that, "I will ascend into heaven." That is why he has a throne on earth. "I will exalt my throne," there it is, "above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north." I just read you in Psalm 48, 1 through 3 about the sides of the north. Then he says in verse 14, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." There is the problem right there. This is where it starts. In his heart, through his pride and his beauty and his wisdom, he lifts himself up that is not satisfied with being over all that God created. He wants to be God. "I will be like the most High God."

Then our second passage that gives us more information, you want to turn over to Ezekiel chapter 28. I want to read the first 19 verses here. You are going to begin to see what is really going on here and what is taking place.

Ezekiel 28:1-19

1. The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying,

2. Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas, yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:

3. Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:

4. With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:

5. By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:

6. Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God;

7. Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.

8. They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas.

9. Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee.

10. Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

11. Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

12. Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

16. By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

19. All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Now the first thing I want you to see here, and this is so vitally important. This is a real key. Notice obviously he is talking about the devil. He is talking about how he fell. He is talking about he was an anointed cherub. He talked about that he was in Eden, the garden of God, all of those things. But I want you to notice that he is addressing him through the prince of Tyre. That is one of the greatest keys in the Bible that shows you that the devil uses nations. He gets into nations. He takes over the nations, and then he accomplishes his purpose against God and God's people, and God's city through those nations. Very important. I cannot emphasize that enough. Then you saw in Isaiah 14, verse 13 that he had a throne. Here in Ezekiel 28 we see now that he is the covering cherub. We also see in 28:13 that he was in Eden, the garden of God, long before Adam. 28:3 says that he is wiser than Daniel. There are no secrets from him. Daniel is a type of the Holy Spirit of God. Here is the real issue. Chapter 28, verse 6 and chapter 28, verse 9, "I am God." He wants to be God. He wants to be God.

If you remember back in Matthew chapter 4, this is where Christ goes into the mountain and He is tempted by the devil. The devil comes up and he tempts Him with three things. The last thing that he tempts Him with says it all. He goes through a couple of things, you know, and jump off the temple, make the bread stones into bread. But the last thing he says seals the deal. He says, took Him on a high point and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. He said, "If thou wilt fall down and worship me, I will give you all of those kingdoms of this world." Most people read that, just do not think much about it. But you know what he is stating there? In Revelation chapter 19, Jesus Christ gets all the kingdoms of the world from God. The devil is saying there in Matthew 4, if you bow down and recognize that I am God, I will give you those. That is his problem. His pride lifted it up. That is his problem. Right now here we see the first rebellion in your Bible, the devil versus God.

Now, a few more details on Lucifer. In Genesis chapter 1, verse 2, we know that God begins the reconstruction of everything that He created in verse 1. But as we move through our Bible, we now see the beginning of the greatest battle in history that lasted for 6,000 years, and still goes on today. The battle that all history and all mankind revolves around, the battle over the contested ground, Jerusalem. When he falls, as I said, now he is called the devil, the serpent, Satan, dragon, Beelzebub, Isaiah 27:1. Now as God's plan unfolds, it will unfold around the piece of ground in the Middle East on the literal city of Jerusalem.

I do not want you to get the impression that the devil is just running loose and God is trying to run after to catch up to him. That is not the way this works. The Bible says that the devil was created for a purpose. The purpose that he was created for by God was to give man the alternative. Now we see down through history, as God's plan unfolds, you see the devil trying to stop God's plan at every turn of events. It would be easy to get the idea that God is out of control of this thing and the devil just, no, no, no, no, no, no. God is using the devil every step of the way. He is not going to stop God's plan. He is not going to stop the establishment of God's kingdom. But the devil is going to, God is going to use him. All down through history. Nebuchadnezzar is one of the great types of Antichrist in your Bible. He persecuted the Jews. He took them into captivity in 606 BC. He butchered hundreds of thousands of them and put them in captivity. He took them out of the land. Yet God says, "Nebuchadnezzar, my servant." God uses unsaved kings, unsaved queens, just as He uses the devil to establish His kingdom. So do not get the idea that God is not in total control. You have to see it for what it is. You have to see it for what it is.

Now, as I have told you many, many times, all history of the world becomes a breakdown of just two things: God moving to establish His plan and the devil moving to stop Him. It all centers around Jerusalem. Mel Brooks is Jewish. I do not know if you know that or not. How many know who Mel Brooks is? Probably all you young, oh yeah. Mel Brooks is a Jew. He is a renegade Jew. Years and years ago, he made a movie. The movie was called, *History of the World, Part 1*. How many have ever seen it? Oh, okay. You know what I am talking about. He later made another one, *History of the World, Part 2*. How many saw that? He never made a third one because the third one would have to bring God to come back and destroy everything.

As a Jew, he could not do that. But anyway, this morning, forget Mel Brooks, the renegade Jew. I am going to give you the history of the world, Part 1, 2, 3, and 4.

VI. Heavenly Jerusalem and Patterns

What you have in Psalm 48 will be a description of the heavenly Jerusalem. Last week, I gave you the earthly Jerusalem. The heavenly Jerusalem is on a mountain up in heaven on the sides of the north, beyond the stars up in the third heaven. If you ever got a commentary on Psalms or listened to most preachers, every one of them will try to make Psalm 48 the earthly Jerusalem. They have no idea.

Now, I am going to give you something right now that is going to really help you with your Bible down the line. It is one of the greatest keys to unlock the Bible that you are ever going to find, to be able to understand almost everything that God does down here on earth will simply be done and be an example of a pattern that is up in heaven. Turn over to Hebrews chapter 8. I will show you a good example of this. When God met with Moses on Mount Sinai back in the book of Exodus, He gave him a plan for the tabernacle, the ark, and the ark. He had a pattern that He gave him to build it by. When you look at Hebrews chapter 8, verses 1 through 5, you see what that pattern is.

Hebrews 8:1-5

1. Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

2. A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

3. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.

4. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

5. Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

The true tabernacle which the Lord pitched and not man is up in the third heaven. He says now that when Moses was given the pattern, you build this earthly tabernacle after the pattern of the one up there. When the priests do the work in the earthly one, they are doing it under the shadow of the heavenly one. When Moses is on Mount Sinai, God says, "You make it after that pattern that I showed you," and the pattern on earth is the pattern of the one up in heaven.

Now, patterns are the key. The importance of seeing why Jerusalem on earth will be the battleground of God and the devil will be nothing more than understanding the pattern that it represents. For a moment, let me switch gears. Patterns, patterns. Let me go into the inspirational mode for a second here. For the Christian life, you and me, God will provide us a pattern of life. That pattern is found in two basic formats. First will be the Bible itself. Within the Bible you will

have, and I give you these all the time. In the Bible you have principles. A Bible principle was set down a pattern in our lives. Proverbs chapter 4, verse 7 says that, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding." Then understanding will come from the principles in the Bible and they will form for us patterns of life. Instructions on the direction of life. When you apply the patterns from the Bible, heavenly patterns, to your earthly life, you are going to have success. When you forsake the patterns, you are going to make a mess out of it. It is not complicated. Hey, history is not complicated. The Bible is not complicated and life on planet earth is not complicated, folks. It just comes down to patterns. Patterns.

The other pattern will be the nation of Israel itself. We are told in 1 Corinthians chapter 10, it tells us that the things that happened to Israel were for our example and ensamples. God wrote them down for our admonition and then he tells us to ask whom the end of the world has come. You and me. So you see, patterns are the key. A couple of weeks ago, I talked about the three families that dealt with the ark, the Kohathites, the Gershonites, and the Merarites. I talked about how their job all of their lives and generations of their family was they were the closest to the ark, a type of Christ. They really do the effectual ministry. But they had a pattern to follow. When they had to take it down and put it back up, they had a pattern they had to follow. They could not just wing it. They could not just decide, well, I am going to do it this way. They had an exact pattern that had to be taught. Listen to me. Generation to generation to their kids. They could not deviate from the pattern. You and I, mom and dad, you and I have a pattern. That pattern has to go generation to generation. It is just that simple. It is not complicated.

You are told today, and I told you this earlier, that the Bible and learning it will be a hard book to learn. You need a Bible college or some seminary or some Bible scholar to unlock it for you. No, not true. The unlock to the Word of God is simply seeing and using and learning from the simple patterns God has put in His Bible. It is just that simple. I have taught you when we started our church, it is on the website. I taught you in our Bible Institute, God's systematic theology. I remember years ago that a guy by the name of Shafer wrote a book on systematic theology. In fact, I think there were several volumes. It became the standard in Bible college. If you would look at most pastors' offices when they take their picture, behind them is a bookcase lined with hundreds of books that makes you think they read them all. I guarantee you they did not. There are places that you can go as a pastor that you can buy books by the pound for simply putting into your bookcase to make all your people think that you read them. I am telling you, Shafer's systematic theology became the standard for every Bible college in this country, fundamental, every Baptist college. Shafer's systematic theology was the book, and it was absolutely worthless because God has built in His own Bible, the one you are holding in your hand, His systematic theology through the patterns. The pattern is the pattern of a perfect number, the pattern of seven.

So in your Bible, you will find:

1. Seven mysteries that will unlock your Bible.
2. Seven baptisms that will unlock your Bible.
3. Seven resurrections that will unlock your Bible.
4. Seven judgments that will unlock your Bible.
5. Seven periods of church history.

6. Seven things that changed about you the day you got saved.
7. Seven marriages in the Bible.
8. Seven suicides in the Bible.
9. Seven barren women in the Bible.
10. Seven stages of your spiritual growth in the Bible.
11. The Bible contains seven laws.
12. Seven names for God in the Old Testament.
13. Seven names for the Ark in the Old Testament.
14. Seven things that you are to add to your faith after you are saved.
15. Seven things that you lose when you lose your Bible.
16. Seven things that God loves.
17. Seven things that God hates.
18. Seven changes to the earth.
19. Seven Old Testament men that really are a pattern for the Christian life.
20. Seven name changes in the Bible.

God's pattern of sevens. It is all right there. You learn and you get those down. You are going to know your Bible. Now here is one of the greatest verses that I found in my life of getting God's principles and patterns found in Luke chapter 24, verse 45. One of the greatest verses that says it all right here.

Luke 24:45

45. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Let me tell you something, folks. I do not care how smart you think you are. I do not care how many degrees you have got. I do not care how wise you think you are, what you think you know it all. I am going to tell you right now, unless God's Holy Spirit opens up your understanding to that book, you are not getting anything out of it. The only way He does, patterns, patterns, patterns. So God will have this pattern that He established to show us truth.

You want to go into the ministry? You think that someday you are going to go into the ministry? Okay.

- If you are going to be a missionary, the pattern for missions is Paul.
- If you want to be an evangelist, the pattern for evangelists is Philip.
- If you want to be a pastor, then the pattern for a pastor is Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

Patterns. Everything in your life are patterns. It is the key, going all the way back to the beginning. So God has three Jerusalems. He has an earthly one. He has a heavenly one. The heavenly one is the pattern for the earthly one. You are going to see when you start to deal with people, you know, you want to get into helping people with their problems, and you are going to use the Word of God to do it. You have to learn the patterns. The patterns of human nature. Seven suicides in your Bible. Suicide is a terrible thing. Suicide is a terrible thing. But understanding how, why people commit suicide and understanding how you deal with people is found in the

seven suicides found in your Bible. Most of God's people, most pastors could not lay them out. If I was going to say he put a gun to his head, but that would be suicide.

Psalm 48:1-2

1. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

2. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

Now, turn back to Hebrews chapter 12, if you would, for just a moment. I want you to see what I mean by that. I want you to see this city on the mountain of His holiness, the heavenly Jerusalem of Psalm 48. It is already a charted physical with last week. Now you need to see this one.

Hebrews 12:18-22

18. For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

19. And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

20. (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

21. And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

22. But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Now you are going to notice that there are two Mount Zions. There is one on earth, one up in heaven. In the Old Testament, it is one they could touch. Up there, it is one you cannot touch. But this Mount Zion and the city of the living God in the heavenly Jerusalem with the angels. It is the heavenly one that is the pattern for the earthly one. In Genesis chapter 1, verse 1, there was a battle over the heavenly Jerusalem. The devil lost his earthly throne on the earthly Jerusalem. So when the battle of the heavenly took place, it started the battle of the earthly one to take place. It is a pattern. Now, maybe you can get the understanding of how all man's history will be built around this one little piece of ground. It is the pattern here on earth of the one up in heaven. The devil wants it back. That is what it is all about. That was his throne. Jerusalem was his. He lost it. He wants it back.

6,000 years of man's history. I do not care whatever nation you want to talk about. Do you ever notice how in the Bible that when you go to the church, do you ever notice how in the Bible that when you go off to a secular university or even in high school, and they talk about ancient history, they talk about the Egyptians, they talk about all of the Greeks and all of this and all of that and all of the nations back there? Did you know how God never mentioned those in the Bible? You know, you had a hundred years war, 30 years war, you had wars with the Medes and the Persians, you had wars. You had all God never mentioned that. God is only concerned in His

Bible about one thing: Jerusalem and the people of God. But so is the devil. For 6,000 years, the devil has orchestrated all of the nations. Like the Prince of Persia, like Babylon, like Assyria, through Sennacherib, through Nebuchadnezzar, through Cyrus, King of Persia, through the Egyptian Pharaohs, to get back what he lost. That is the central point of man's history on planet earth. You missed that? You are as lost as a golf ball in high weed, my friend. You will never find yourself. Never find yourself.

Now, Satan tried to take over the heavenly one and he failed. So now he is trying to take over the earthly one and he succeeded for now. Ready? Here we go. Just walk through it. As we walked through this little walk I would give you, I always thought about asking you to hold hands with me. Hold hands with the person next to you so you can have somebody to walk with. But I will not do that today because it might look a little weird when a guy is holding a guy's hand, somebody is already doing it, or it may be a stranger next to you, or you may have some communicable disease that you do not want to give them.

VII. History of the World, Part 1, 2, 3, and 4

Now the battle begins. History has been made simple. Simply God and the devil. This Jerusalem was in Eden in the garden of God and it was his, Genesis 1:1, and he tries to overthrow God and become God. So now he gets kicked out and now the battle begins. Stay with me. Follow the Bible and history.

So here we go. He is kicked out in Genesis chapter 1, verse 1. Genesis chapter 2, God creates Adam and Eve. Put them into the same garden on the exact same spot where Jerusalem will be. The same garden of Ezekiel 29 and Isaiah 14. He gave it to them. He gives Adam the commission to be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth. Adam is the first man who named everything. Adam is the first of everything that does. God put him down as a son of God, Luke chapter 2, and put him right in where the garden was that the devil had in 1:1. In Genesis chapter 3, the devil shows up and takes his back, does he not? Adam falls. Adam just fell with a loud thud.

Time goes on. Then God has Noah. Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord and he gets the land. The devil comes down, brings some of his fallen angels with him, because when he left heaven, the Bible says in Revelation chapter 12, he took a third of the angels with him. Those sons of God come down, Genesis chapter 6, they cohabit with women, and they produce a race of giants. Through those giants, the devil is going to take over the world and get that land back. See? God moved with Noah. God moved with Adam. The devil moved to make him fall. God moved with Noah. The devil moved in to raise up the giants. So God, what did God do? God checkmated him and brought the flood. That water came down seven inches a minute, 30 feet an hour, 740 feet a day. After the first hour, the mightiest sons of God were treading water to wipe them out. He wiped them out.

In Genesis chapter 9, Noah comes out of the ark and down into this land grant. He is right there. The top of that land grant given to Abraham, that is the promised land of the Jews, at the top of it is Mount Ararat. That ark landed on Mount Ararat. Noah's three boys and Noah and his family

come out of that and come right down into that land grant. You know what happens. Devil comes down. They build a tower. The tower of Babel, beginning of Babel, Babylon. There are one world language, a one world nation, a one world everything. It is the future picture of the Antichrist, one world government that is coming pretty quickly. Now he is going to get it all back again. This time God comes down. You know, if you do not learn anything, it does not take much for God to screw your day up. I mean, you would have thought God, and the Bible says, God came over and looked at it. I do not know what that means. I guess he, you know, fell back the window. Wow. He says, now they are going to do whatever they want to do. Whatever they want to do. You would have thought that if it was President Trump or Vladimir Putin or Castro or somebody, they would wage war and atom bombs and blow the thing up. God does not have to do that. God has a monkey wrench that will fit any nut in this world. God looked down there and He said, everybody is, I can just see it. All the angels. What are you going to do, Lord? What are you going to do? Are we going to wipe out the earth again? Another flood and fire. What are they going to do? I said, call it. Now, He just changed the language. When He did that, He set the world back 5,000 years. We have never recovered to this day from that. Where back then the old world was one. From that point on, it was made up of many nations. Nobody spoke the same language. They all developed different cultures. Life changed on planet earth just by one little thing. You know what that tells me? You better take a warning on this. The greatest plan you put in your life of doing your own thing. God can throw a mix in that thing just like that. All right. Enough of that.

Now, in Genesis 11, toward the end, after the Tower of Babel, we see a man show up. His name is Abram. Later, Abraham. God calls Abraham out of the Ur of Chaldees to a land that is going to be the land for his people, the Jews. Abraham becomes the father of the Jews. So here now, God begins to move. He just fixed the Tower of Babel. Fresh start, calls out Abraham and says, "I am going to send you over here." He takes him out and shows him the stars of heaven. He says, "Someday your seed is going to be like those stars up there. And I am going to give you this land." What did the devil do? The devil is wiser than Daniel. He knows somewhere in the loins of Abraham, is a promised seed. So he sends him Hagar, an Egyptian. Hagar has Ishmael. For the next 6,000 years, Israel's arch enemy will be the descendants of Ishmael who become Muslims, all because of one man's bad choice. That is another lesson you better learn. One bad choice can ruin your life forever. Oh, I am sorry. There is too much practical stuff in this. I apologize. Let me get back to this to the nuts and bolts of it all. Not on your life.

Okay. Abraham works through his problems. He gets the true promised seed, Isaac. Isaac produces Jacob. From Jacob becomes 12 boys who in time become the 12 tribes. You see where this thing is going? Every step of the way, the devil tries to stop them. They wanted to, did not like Joseph. Joseph is the pattern. Joseph is the greatest type pattern of Christ in your Bible. Over 157 particulars. The 12 brothers hated him like they hated Christ. The devil saw the key in Joseph. So he moves the brethren to killing. But God intervened. They got him down in a hole. They are going to either let him starve to death or bury him alive. One of the brethren says, "Hey, we just do not do that. Let us sell him to the Midianites." Because there is a caravan coming. We will get rid of him that way. Where the devil's plan was to kill him, God's plan was to put him on that caravan and get him down into Egypt because the nation of Israel had to come out of Egypt

before they could go to the Promised Land. Devil moves. God moves. History. Do you have any idea what is going on in the world when that story is unfolding? God did not care. He did not care about the nations. He did not care about the kings and the queens, the pharaohs. He did not care. He cared about getting His people to that piece of ground. The devil wanted to stop it.

Finally, in Genesis chapter 50, they all go down to Egypt. They are there for 430 years under the bondage of oppression of the king of Egypt, Pharaoh. Another type of Antichrist in the Bible. There is a pattern. While they are down there, God is using that 430 years to make them a strong nation that can face the perils of going into that land. But during that 400th year when God is doing that, look what the devil is doing. He has got the land now. He is building that land with his people, his nations. I will tell you what. When that Jew finally comes out after 40 years of wandering and they get there and they go over, they face now seven nations that the devil has taken 430 years and fortified that land because he wants it back. The Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. That was not enough. Deuteronomy chapter 2 says the giants come back down and now the whole land is filled with those seven nations and thousands of those giants all for one purpose. The devil wants Jerusalem. When they cross over under Joshua, the battle begins. But I want you to know that the devil holds on to Jerusalem all the way up to 2 Samuel chapter 5. In 2 Samuel chapter 5, you see a great place in the Bible. David leads his men on the attack of Jerusalem. He defeats the Jebusites and the Bible says that he takes that capital. He takes that land. He makes that city his home base and capital. Now he sets his throne on the throne of Jerusalem and God has got it back. Finally, they have the city back through David, a type of Christ pattern.

Now for what? I do not know. 600 plus years, Israel has the land. Now the devil switches tactics. We are up to now he has used nations. Now he is going to use religion. Now we see the entrance of Baal worship. Roman Catholicism in the Old Testament. The devil's patterns of how he does things is clearly there out in Job chapter 40 and 41. Now we see the entrance of Baal worship. After Solomon dies, his son splits the kingdom north and south. The devil now begins his attack by one of the greatest single concepts that you never want to happen in your Christian life: divide and conquer. He divided the 12 tribes north and south. Now he is going to conquer them. So in your Bible there, as you read all those boring chapters in First Kings, Second Kings, First Chronicles, Second Chronicles, you have the Kings of Israel, north. You have the Kings of Judah, the south. What you watch is those Kings taking Israel right down to the tube through Baal worship. It gets so bad. It gets so terrible. They go so far from God that when God sends them prophets, they kill the prophets. In Second Chronicles chapter 36 and then Second Kings chapter 17 and 18. Israel now again loses the land to Satan. Now they lose it for the next 2400 years.

In 606 BC, Nebuchadnezzar comes down, takes the two southern tribes into captivity. Second Kings chapter 17 and 18, Sennacherib, king of Assyria comes down and takes the northern tribes into captivity. Psalms chapter 78 is the key passage here. The kingdom is gone. Now enters into in your Bible a period of time that lasts for the next 400 years and beyond. The end of the kingdom of Israel, and now is the beginning of the times of the Gentiles. The devil now is going to run the world, build nations. They are listed for you in Daniel, Babylon, Cyrus, right down the

line. The last one is Rome. Rome is the second city. Jerusalem is God's city, Rome is the devil's city. About 100 BC Rome comes to power. The devil takes her and conquers the whole known world. He does that for one reason, because he knows the first coming of Christ is coming. Right. When Christ shows up at the first coming of Christ, He comes to give that land back to the people. But the devil had used that 400 years to corrupt Israel who had no relationship with God whatsoever. During those 400 years, he built the Pharisees, he built the Sadducees. He corrupted the priesthood, the high priest. Now he owns all of them. They made an alliance with Rome. Rome is running dictatorship over Jerusalem. They are all in cahoots together for one purpose, one purpose only. You have to see it. That when Christ shows up, they get rid of Him. They did, did they not? They crucified Him. History is not hard, kids. Patterns. Patterns. Patterns.

Now we move into the New Testament church age, do we not? Now we move into the book of Acts. Now we see Paul. Now we see him establishing Gentile churches in the missionary trips that he takes. Now we see God's plan now is for His church, you and me. Again, the devil is going to use religion to stop us. Now he had the Roman Catholic Church in his pocket. They started in 400 AD. Along about 500 AD, Muhammad comes on the scene. Through that develops the Muslims. Now the two religions that the devil is going to use to stop God's people are firmly in place. We get the Bible in 1611, King James 1611, the book of God's patterns. You see God's plan, if you know Romans chapter 9, 10, and 11, God's plan was for the church to be the guardian of the nation of Israel to get them back to the land. During this time, the Jews were scattered all over Europe and the Middle East. We went down to Truman library yesterday and took Richard and his Carol down there. They wanted to see it. Last week we went to the World War I museum. Both of those museums, there is a lot of really good stuff and I really enjoyed it. But in my opinion, the greatest time in both of those was that little movie in the movie of the World War I museum that explained how World War I started. That puts it all into a nutshell for you. For anybody wondering what in the world went on in World War I and how that happened, and what God was doing right there. Then at the Truman library yesterday, they had a section that showed how President Truman was key in bringing Israel back to being a nation and explained that. Incredible. If I just had those two things right there, I could figure the rest of it out. It is very clear. Very clear.

In the thing yesterday, it even mentioned the fact that I have said that it is before that in the middle of the 1800s, you know, we began to see what was called the Zionist movement. There was a real sympathy for the nation of Israel who had no nation. Now you look at that and you watch the movie and you see that and look at all that stuff and going on and you just do not think much about it. But I am going to tell you right now, that is the beginning of the fulfillment of Ezekiel chapter 36 and of 37, 38, and 39. God was gathering a nation of Israel from being scattered. Try to get your Bible. But the problem was during World War I, the Muslims had Jerusalem through the Ottoman Turks. The Ottoman Turks had been in power for about 1100 years. They end the Byzantine Empire. They take over about, I do not know, 1100 AD and they are running it and got it all. They have Jerusalem. But they see they sided with Germany in World War I and when Germany got defeated, the Axis got defeated, the Ottoman Turks got defeated, and Lord Allenby, a British major, born again by the way, led his troops into Jerusalem and kicked the Turks out. Now England has it. This is all God's plan, man. So God now begins to

England who gave you your Bible. There was an old born again guy in public, Sir John Howe, stood up in Parliament in 1918 and said, "That land belongs to God's people, the Jew, and we need to give the land back to the Jew." So they put together what is called the Balfour Declaration. The Balfour Declaration was a declaration by the British government to give the land back to the Jew. But the Jew did not want to go back. Jews all through Europe. Europe is going through a terrible, terrible, terrible, terrible time financially. Depression and all of that stuff out of World War I. Germany is in a mess, everything is in a mess. But the Jew is surviving. The Jew is making money. He does not want to leave Europe. He is making money. They have enough money to put. It took 100,000 Reichmarks to buy one loaf of bread. But the Jews are putting gold fillings in their teeth. But at that time, an old Austrian corporal, but in World War I, wearing the Iron Cross first class, gas battle over Verdun, now he is looking at his own country. He says to himself, the problem in this country, my country, is the Jew. His name was Adolf Hitler. In 1933, he becomes the chancellor of Germany. von Hindenburg is the president. 1935, or somewhere in there, Hindenburg dies. Hitler takes over the whole German empire, the Reich. The first thing he does is focus on the Jew. He is a Jew. I have told you how many times. World War I got the land for the Jews. It is there, guys. You can have it. We do not want to go. After Adolf Hitler burned nine million of them in the ovens of Auschwitz and Treblinka, a remnant goes back at the end of World War II. World War I got the land ready for the Jews. World War II got the Jew to the land. God is moving. So is the devil.

In 1948, May the 14th, the Jew declares the state of Israel. That is the most pivotal point in the 20th century. Because Matthew chapter 24 clearly tells you when the budding of the fig tree, Israel becoming a nation, that generation will be alive to see the coming of the Lord. You are in the end of that generation, kids. God moved. He used World War I, World War II, England, Truman, He got them back. On May the 14th, 1948, they raised a Jewish flag, the Star of David. The next day, the devil moved. May 15th, not 24 hours after that, seven nations of the Muslim Arab League attacked Jerusalem. Padre, they were the seven same nations that Joshua faced when he went over. They are just the New Testament version of them. God moved. The devil moved. The king, Padre. From then on, it has been an endless war over there.

Now, here we are today, 2026, and we are right on God's timetable. He is right on schedule. God is getting ready to bring an end to all the devil's work. After the patterns of the heavenly Jerusalem, Psalm 48, He will establish the earthly one with His righteous reign. For the last 70, 80 years, America has been Israel's greatest support. I want you to listen to me. Every war that has been four major wars since 1948, and then countless, countless insurgents and battles go on. America has always supplied her with the arms, the money, everything she needed to defend herself. For the last 70, 80 years, America has been Israel's greatest support. I want you to listen to me. Now we see all that about the change. America is turning against God's people. The radical left is taking over the country, and God is using them. Just like He used Nebuchadnezzar, just like He used Pharaoh, just like He used Sennacherib, just like He used all of His nations' kings against the chastised Israel. Now He is using them to chastise America. It is over, my dear friend. Two things will seal the fate of this country. One of them was when we dumped the Word of God in 1900 for the Roman Catholic Douay-Rheims, Sinaiticus, and Vaticanus Bible. The second one is when we dump God's people. Satan got rid of the Bible in America, and pastors

and churches have lost the patterns of what God and the devil is doing. Have no clue about the battle. Now he has taken over America completely. For one reason, to destroy God's people in a second Holocaust.

In 2025 and 2026, in America, all through the major cities in America, groups of young men and young ladies were crying for the river to the sea and crying for the destruction of Israel. They were waving Palestinian Muslim flags. They were burning Jewish flags. They were burning American flags. All America cared about is, do I have enough gas to get to the lake this weekend? Am I going to be able to buy that new dress, buy that new car? Am I going to be able to do this? Am I going to be able to do that? God's people are oblivious. It is not the left that is against us. It is God that is against us. No nation in the history of mankind has survived 200 years after dumping the Word of God. We are 135 years into it. But the good news is, now it is all good news, but the good news is, this time we will see the second coming of Christ. God coming back to destroy all nations and establishing His righteous reign on earth with Jerusalem and Jesus at the center.

I watched this week. The midterms last week, the Republicans got their hat handed to them, lost the House, lost the Senate. As I sat there, they called a press conference. All the major Republican senators and congressmen, names that you all would know, all took turns at the microphone. I appreciate what they actually did. They did something the Democrats would have never done. They took responsibility for it. They said, "We know we have failed America. We know that we have lost your confidence and we have lost your faith and your trust. That is why we lost the House and we lost the Senate. We want America to know we have heard you and we are going to fix it. We are going to change it." Every one of them said, "We are going to do everything in our power to win back your confidence and win back your faith to get back where we need to be, that America is not destroyed by the evil regime of leftists and communists and socialists." I was sitting there, I just looked at it. I thought to myself, if nothing shows you how stupid this country is, it is not about the leftist. It is not about that you left the people, you did not hear the people, you did not do what was right with the people. If you did not do what is right with God, man, you dumped a book, you walked away from Him. You let the transgenders and everybody come in, you let the queers take over the world. You think God is okay with that? You are turning your back on the very nation that all the history of the world has been built around. You are okay with that? God's judgment is falling on America.

Psalm 48 shows you that there are two Jerusalems that form the pattern for God's work on planet earth, how God moves through the whole Bible. Now you have got it all now. You have got everything you need. If you do your homework, break that down. You have got everything you need to see how simple history really is and what it is built around and where it started and where it is going to end. You see, the evolutionists tell you that everything in creation started with a big bang. Well, I have got news for you, it did not start with a big bang, but it is sure going to end with one.

VIII. The New Jerusalem

There is a third one you need to see. This third Jerusalem will be found in Revelation chapter 21, verses 1 through 3. The New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:1-3

1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Now this will be the new Jerusalem that is for the church age, you and me. You see, you had the old one in the Old Testament, patterned after the heavenly one, and then God established an earthly one in the millennium after the pattern of the heavenly. Now God brings one down for you and for me, the new Jerusalem. You know, verse two says it comes down out of heaven as a bride, the church, for her husband, Christ. The last couple of months we saw the marriage of the Lamb, the marriage supper of the Lamb, now eternity starts with us and Christ. We see now the new Jerusalem coming down. All of this has a key part. Time will not permit us this morning to lay all of this out today. So, Thursday night, I am going to lay out the chalkboard out here, and I am going to draw out for you every aspect of Psalm 48. The earthly Jerusalem, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the new Jerusalem. I am going to show you how it fits. You want to get it, copy it down and get it into your Bible. At some point, I say Revelation maybe 21 or someplace back in Isaiah, wherever. But I am going to show you the complete breakdown of how all three Jerusalems work. I gave you the earthly one last week, the heavenly this week. Now you need to see the new Jerusalem. May all three have three distinct purposes. I will be able to explain to you why the abode for you and for me is going to be the new Jerusalem.

John 14:1-2

1. Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

That has been used for time and eternity being applied to you. We sing the song, "I am not fighting it. I have got a mansion just over the hilltop." I am not fighting any of it, but I need you to understand something. This is standard Baptist stupidity. You have got no mansion coming, but you have got an inheritance coming. That inheritance will look and make any puny little prickly mansion look like junk. I had a preacher one time preach that he got into that thing and he talked about the dimensions. He actually said, if he broke down the dimensions of the new Jerusalem and if there was this many millions of Christians, how big every room you would be in your mansion. People were out there going, "Wow, amen." How stupid. You do not get a mansion. You do not need a mansion. You are going to get the glorified body of Jesus Christ and

you are going to be the fulfillment of Isaiah chapter 9, verse 6 and 7. I am going to show you Thursday night. Show you why that new Jerusalem is important. Show you how it fits into the heavenly and the earthly. But I am telling you, you got history this morning. Nothing to it. Piece of cake. You learn, get down. Forget about all the seven patterns right now. You just get down the history that I gave you and get it into your Bible from Genesis to the end and you break it down and you get it. You are on your way because it all breaks down into two concepts: God and the devil. God moves to do His thing. The devil moves to stop Him and God uses it all around Jerusalem. The devil does it all around Rome.

IX. Closing Prayer

Let us pray. Father, we thank You and praise You, Father, Lord Jesus. We do love You. Love these people. Good people. We pray, Father, that every one of them is praying for our upcoming conference that we can, Lord, see what You have for us and have our hearts charged and our batteries charged. We just love You, Father, and thank You for all that You do for us. Lord, we just pray now that You just take us throughout this week and let us fall in love with that book and look at all the things that are going around us and not look at the dilemma, but look at the opportunities that we have in these last days to stand for God. Help this church to stand. Help my people to stand and help us to stay focused on what God has called us to do and let us occupy till He comes. In Jesus' name, for the sake we ask it. Amen. God bless you. You are dismissed.