

“Thy Kingdom Came!”**1. Intro:**

1.1. Warren & Celia Anderson – Commissioning to **Cologne Germany**.

1.1.1. They are leaving on the 14th.

1.1.2. I'll Read Acts 13:1-4 out of the “**NMV**” (*New Missions Version*).

(1) Now in the church that was at **Murrieta** there were certain pastors from CCM. (2) As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me **the Andersons** for the work to which I have called them." (3) Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. (4) So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, **Warren, Celia, Abby, & Audra** were sent to Cologne Germany.

1.2. How is a Missionary **Called**?

1.2.1. **Man** cannot make Missionaries – **The Church** cannot make Missionaries – **A Missions Organization** cannot make Missionaries! - **Only the Holy Spirit can make Missionaries!** - Man only **Confirms** that Call!

1.2.2. Invite up - Pastors & Anderson prayer team.

1.2.3. Pray for them: Warren, Celia, Abby, & Audra.

1.3. **INTRO: Read** “A Mighty Fortress” 3rd Stanza. (101 hymn stories)

1.4. Todd shared on the 1st 6 verses last week.

1.4.1. Literal 1000 years. χιλιοι (khil-ee-oy)

1.4.2. John doesn't give us too much detail about the conditions of the millennium itself.

1.5. But why this 1000 year reign?

- 1.5.1. [1] An **answer to 2000 yrs of prayers** of Christians for “His kingdom to come!”
 [2] As a **fulfillment of prophecy** given to Israel (i.e. “they will beat their swords into plowshares”, & “nation will not take up sword against nation”)
 [3] The **demonstration of how man should live on earth** (the last Adam will overcome the 1st Adam's failure)
 [4] It is the period for **rewards** for God's servants, especially the martyrs.
 [5] It is a **further revelation** of the glories of the Messiah.
 [6] It reveals the **deep-seated problem in the human heart**. (i.e. mans problem isn't primarily with **Satan**, or a **sinful environment**, but his own heart.)

2. THY KINGDOM CAME! (7-15)

2.1. **SATAN RESTRAINED!** (1,2)

2.2. **One angel** is all it took (not even Jesus, nor an arch-angel, was needed)

- 2.3. Antichrist & false prophet are gone. Satan bound, life should be sweet.
- 2.3.1. **But even in the best environments choices still need to be made.** (i.e. the garden)
 - 2.3.2. The **forbidden fruit** was in Eden **not** to tempt Adam & Eve, **but to** give them a **choice** of whether or not to follow God.
- 2.4. **SATAN REVOLTS!** (7-9)
- 2.5. (7) **See vs.3 “he must be released for a little time.”**
- 2.5.1. People continue with regular life during the millennium. They marry & have babies. Thus, Children are born into the millennium...but not all submit to Christ.
 - 2.5.2. Satan will lead his **final charge** against **the city of God**.
- 2.6. Not a shot is fired. Not a Saint harmed.
- 2.6.1. This is a **fireball from heaven**...& God doesn't miss!
 - 2.6.2. Here, Satan is **unbound** to allow them a **choice** of whether or not to go along with what they had been told!
- 2.7. **As soon as** Satan is loosed, it's right back to business for him. He has no trouble finding a following. He deceives & collects recruits **“in the 4 corners of the earth”** to oppose God's people.
- 2.8. **SATAN'S RUIN!** (10)
- 2.9. **Release & capture!** – Pheasant, chucker hunts. Swing them until they're dizzy, tuck their head under wing, lay them on that wing. {**Chucker** – lay on back & stretch legs out for about 30 sec till appears to be in a trance}
- 2.9.1. **Pheasant Hunt story** – Friend that was so desperate for a pheasant. Came upon one the dog found. It wouldn't fly...had to kick it, then blasted it.
 - 2.9.1.1. That's what I picture when Satan is released only to be dealt with.
- 2.10. (9,10) **Satan's henchmen** are consumed by the **fires of heaven**, while **Satan himself** is consumed by the **fires of hell**.
- 2.10.1. Our legends about Satan as the sneering overlord of the underworld are not the least biblical.¹
 - 2.10.2. He's not shown as **ruler of hell**...just another **tormented inmate**.
- 2.11. **Q: If God would & could do something about Evil...why hasn't He???**
- 2.11.1. **Argument:** If God is all-good, He **would** destroy evil. If God is all-powerful, He **could** destroy evil. But evil is not destroyed. Hence, there is no such God.
 - 2.11.2. **Rebutal:** If God is all-good, He **will** defeat evil. If God is all-powerful, He **can** defeat evil. Evil is not **yet** defeated. Therefore, God can & **will one day** defeat evil. [This is that day!]

¹ The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Book of Revelation; Pg.161.

- 2.12. Since Lucifer's rebellion, God had permitted him to work on this earth, but he has always kept him as **a dog on a chain**.
- 2.13. (10) Satan's ultimate downfall is fulfilled in stages:
- 2.13.1. Ever since his **original defiance** of God & onward...**his "retirement plan" was fixed!**
- 2.13.2. **The prophecy** – crush his head.
- 2.13.3. **The promise** – Jn.12:31-33 ³¹ **Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.** ³² **And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself."** ³³ **This He said, signifying by what death He would die. [Now, meaning because of the cross!]**
- 2.13.4. **The Sentence!** – **"the eternal fire was prepared for the devil & his angels."** It would only be a matter of time.
- 2.13.5. **The Decline!** – 1st kicked out of abiding in heaven(originally/Pride); 2nd kicked out of even visiting heaven(12:9, mid-trib); **Then**, cast into the pit(20:2); **Now**, **"The Devil gets fired"** literally thrown into the Lake of Fire(20:10).
- 2.14. **Who else shares in his fate? - Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels"**
Mt25:41
- 2.15. **WHITE THRONE!** (11-15)
- 2.16. **Different from** the **Bema Seat**(explain).
- 2.16.1. An evaluation of their stewardship.
- 2.17. **Different from** the judgment of the **Nations** (Mt.25:31-26)
- 2.18. **This judgment** involves ONLY the lost, & follows the 2nd resurrection **or** the resurrection to condemnation.
- 2.18.1. **They were judged according to theirs works:** Not to get into heaven but to determine the **degree** of their punishment.
- 2.18.2. Meted out by **God**...not Satan!
- 2.18.3. This judgment is based on the **"books"** – i.e. **it is objective!**
- 2.18.3.1. **Everything man has done is recorded.** {all of the secrets of the mind heart are known}
- 2.18.3.2. A Permanent record – **see Job 19:23.**
- 2.18.4. The **"book of Life"** belongs to the Lamb(21:27).
- 2.19. (13) **The sea, death & Hades** – It doesn't matter **when** or **where** a person died.
- 2.19.1. **The bible is clearly against any teaching on reincarnation or annihilation.**
- 2.20. **Hades** – OT used **Sheol**, NT uses **Hades** for the holding cell for souls awaiting judgment.
- 2.20.1. It is a place of **conscious punishment**, **but not** the **eternal destination** of those souls.

- 2.20.2. When translated **Hell** it is speaking of *Gehenna*, the *Lake of Fire*. Usually associated with **fire**, like “*hell fire*”.
- 2.20.3. **Separate from God’s presence**, but never from **His wrath!**
- 2.21. **Hell is:** A witness to the **righteous character of God**. He must judge sin!
Hell is: A witness to **man’s responsibility!**
Hell is: Also a witness to **the awfulness of sin.**
- 2.21.1. If we once saw **sin** as God sees it, we would understand why a place such as Hell exists!
- 2.21.2. **God will not lower** His standards, or **alter** His requirements!
- 2.22. Because of **sin**, we incur **guilt**. **Guilt is the liability**(debt) **to be punished.**
- 2.22.1. So our **sin** brings about **guilt**(culpability, fault); which results in **punishment**(sentence); & ultimately **condemnation.**
- 2.22.2. The Christian will **not** be **condemned** because Jesus bore the **guilt**, the **sin**, the **punishment** on the cross!²
- 2.22.3. We are exempt because...Jesus was **judged in our place** & has **taken our hell!**
- 2.23. Sinners who reject Christ will **face Him**: “For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,” Jn.5:22
- 2.24. Sinners who reject Christ will **hear Him**: say, “I never knew you, Depart from me”!!!
- 2.24.1. This ought to move us to **pray** for the lost, **be a witness** to them, & **share** our faith with them.
- 2.24.2. There is justice for those who demand it! (i.e. wont accept His Mercy!)
 2.24.2.1. “His **mercy is new every morning!**” for them will read,
 “His **justice is new every morning!**” ☹
- 2.25. Still **2 chapters left**, still plenty of time for a **happy ending!**

² Shepherd’s Notes; pg.88