

THE THIEF OR THE CHRIST

The Rioting At The Capitol! John 10:10 NIV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

“Who let the thief in?” “Answer: “We all did!”

I. End Times Matthew 24:10-14 NIV

⁹At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³**but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.** ¹⁴**And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.**

II. The New Heaven and The New Earth!” Revelation 21:1a, 4-8 NIV

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,...

⁴‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

⁶He said to me: **“It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.** To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children. ⁸But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—they will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning sulfur. **This is the second death.**”

Isaiah 2:2a, 4-5 NIV

²In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; ...

⁴He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. **They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.**⁵ **Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Isaiah 11:6-9 NIV

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; **and a little child will lead them.** ⁷The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.⁸ The infant will play near the cobra’s den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper’s nest. ⁹They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

III. The Answer for Now : II CHRONICLES 7:14 NIV

¹⁴if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

James 4:8,10 NIV .

⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Hebrews 12:2 NIV 1984 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of *our* faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

REMEMBER – “HIS NAME IS JESUS THE CHRIST!”

COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bread While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." **MATTHEW 26:26 NIV**

The Juice Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." **MATTHEW 26:27-28 NIV**