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TOPIC:
The End Times

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Come on in! While others are logging on and getting settled, let us listen to some worship music to prepare our hearts and minds.

****Worship Song Played****

Disclaimer: I do not own the rights to this song

Good evening to everyone and greetings from the beautiful British Virgin Islands.

Hi everyone, thanks for joining me. I am Ve-Anna Thomas, also known as Pastor Ve or Sister Ve. I welcome you to our Bible Gleaners Online Bible Study and I believe there is something special in store for you!

Housekeeping:

- Due to issues with my internet connection, I am not going to be doing it LIVE now, but a new video will premiere every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8:00 p.m. EST. If you missed the premiere, you can always watch the replay both Facebook and YouTube.
- Tonight's Bible Study is a BONUS TEACHING.
- Bible Study Handout: available in a separate document to download. Find the link shared with the video
- Please feel free to like, share and comment in the box below, to let me know if this Bible Study has been a blessing to you. I look forward to reading your comments! Also, you can share this video with your family and friends.
- Because this is not a LIVE Bible Study, it is difficult to answer questions, but you can send a DM with your questions, email or post it in the comments; and I will address at the next Bible study session or via a special video.
- Also, you can DM your prayer requests, testimony or praise reports.
- "Rebooting Your Year" Book: Available on Amazon

- During October, we did the Proverb-a-day Challenge and it has been so impacting! The testimonies keep pouring in.
- Remember, for more information about me, this ministry, visit my website www.ve-annathomas.com where you will find tons of inspirational resources! You will find videos from speaking engagements, Sermon Notes, Bible Study Content, Ve-Anna's Victorious Vows (VVV) and so much more. On my website you can also subscribe to receive new content directly in your inbox.
- Finally, if there is any topic that you would like me to speak about or write about, or do a Bible Study about, please send a DM or email VeannaThomasMinistries@gmail.com

Keep me in your prayers as I continue to do the same. Now, let us get into this word that I want to share with you.

Introduction

The topic for this evening's Bible Study is "The End Times". In this evening's Bible Study, we will examine several areas, such as:

- ❖ What is eschatology?
- ❖ Scripture references: Matthew 24 etc.
- ❖ Physical and non-physical signs of the coming of Jesus
- ❖ Other matters
- ❖ And more....

I love to study God's word and I love to teach God's word as well. I do not want to rush into anything. I want us to take our time and study the word of God together. Let us have an interactive session. Share your views. Ask questions – I am not a bible scholar, but I would try my best to answer them.

Have you heard of the word eschatology before?

Right now, I am teaching on this topic during our church Bible Study sessions on Wednesday evenings. Tonight, I will like to give you a glimpse of this.

QUOTE:

If you want to know what happened yesterday, then read the newspaper.
 If you want to know what happened today, then listen to the evening news.
 If you want to know what will happen tomorrow, then read the Bible.

The teaching of Eschatology is needed in the church. We need to be reminded as Christians, that this world is not our home. We need to look beyond what is presently happening for Heaven, where we will be with Christ forever and always.

As students of the word of God, we must study what the Bible says about the end times.

Some familiar hymns:

- When the roll is called up yonder
- There is coming a day
- This world is not my home

Discussion Notes

WHAT IS ESCHATOLOGY?

Eschatology is the study of the End Times or Last Day Events. There are many different things/events that will be happening in the last days.

For Example, the Coming of Jesus & the End of The World are 2 different Things/Events.

FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES:

Revelation 1:3 (NIV)

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Romans 13:11 (NLT)

This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

1 Peter 4:7 (HCSB)

Now the end of all things is near; therefore, be serious and disciplined for prayer.

The books of Daniel and Revelation are essential for an understanding of Eschatology. Also, Matthew 24.

Chapters 24 and 25 of Matthew are often referred to as the Olivet Discourse because they include a lengthy section of Jesus's teaching to His disciples at the Mount of Olives. Also, we can look at Mark 13 and Luke 21.

Jesus instructed His disciples on how to prepare for the future and what they could expect to endure. The Master gained credibility by charting their course into the future. Few things help us

more than leaders who can mentally walk their people into the future, providing both direction and hope.

¹ And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

As Jesus is departing the temple, the disciples observed the splendor of the buildings that were constructed by Herod the Great.

Christ foretells the utter ruin and destruction coming upon the temple. A believing foresight of the defacing of all worldly glory, will help to keep us from admiring it, and overvaluing it. The most beautiful body soon will be food for worms, and the most magnificent building a ruinous heap. See ye not all these things?

It will do us good so to see them as to see through them and see to the end of them. Our Lord having gone with his disciples to the Mount of Olives, he set before them the order of the times concerning the Jews, till the destruction of Jerusalem; and as to men in general till the end of the world.

² And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Knowing what was to happen in the future, Jesus shocked the disciples by revealing that the temple they so admired would be destroyed. This would be the result of Israel's rejection of her Messiah.

³ And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Question #1 – When will these things be?

Question #2 & #3 – What will be the signs of:

- (a) Your coming
- (b) The end of the age

So, the disciples questioned Jesus. They wanted to know the timing of the temple's destruction, which they connected to Jesus return and the end of the age.

In Matthew 24:4-8, Jesus speaks of the first half of the 7-year tribulation. He used the imagery of the beginning of labor pains to describe the events of this time.

The disciples had asked concerning the times, when these things should be? Christ gave them no answer to that; but they had also asked, what shall be the sign? This question he answers fully.

The prophecy first respects events near at hand, the destruction of Jerusalem, the end of the Jewish church and state, the calling of the Gentiles, and the setting up of Christ's kingdom in the world; but it also looks to the general judgment; and toward the close, points more particularly to the latter.

What Christ here said to his disciples, tended more to promote caution than to satisfy their curiosity; more to prepare them for the events that should happen, than to give a distinct idea of the events.

This is that good understanding of the times which all should covet, thence to infer what Israel ought to do. Our Saviour cautions his disciples to stand on their guard against false teachers. And he foretells wars and great commotions among nations.

From the time that the Jews rejected Christ, and he left their house desolate, the sword never departed from them. See what comes of refusing the gospel. Those who will not hear the messengers of peace, shall be made to hear the messengers of war.

But where the heart is fixed, trusting in God, it is kept in peace, and is not afraid. It is against the mind of Christ, that his people should have troubled hearts, even in troublous times.

When we looked forward to the eternity of misery that is before the obstinate refusers of Christ and his gospel, we may truly say, the greatest earthly judgments are but the beginning of sorrows. It is comforting that some shall endure even to the end. Our Lord foretells the preaching of the gospel in all the world. The end of the world shall not be till the gospel has done its work.

Christ foretells the ruin coming upon the people of the Jews; and what he said here, would be of use to his disciples, for their conduct and for their comfort. If God opens a door of escape, we ought to make our escape, otherwise we do not trust God, but tempt him. It becomes Christ's disciples, in times of public trouble, to be much in prayer: that is never out of season, but in a special manner seasonable when we are distressed on every side.

Though we must take what God sends, yet we may pray against sufferings; and it is very trying to a good man, to be taken by any work of necessity from the solemn service and worship of God on the sabbath day. But here is one word of comfort, that for the elect's sake these days shall be made shorter than their enemies designed, who would have cut all off, if God, who used these foes to serve his own purpose, had not set bounds to their wrath.

Christ foretells the rapid spreading of the gospel in the world. It is plainly seen as the lightning. Christ preached his gospel openly. The Romans were like an eagle, and the ensign of their armies was an eagle. When a people, by their sin, make themselves as loathsome carcasses, nothing can be expected but that God should send enemies to destroy them.

It is very applicable to the day of judgment, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in that day.

2 Thessalonians 2:1 (KJV)

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

Let us give diligence to make our calling and election sure; then may we know that no enemy or deceiver shall ever prevail against us.

⁴ And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

⁵ For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

The Spirit of Deception

The Spirit of Deception originated from Satan in the garden of Eden. Spiritual deception can result in a person's eternal ruin.

Identify the Spirit of Deception:

- Data breach
- Stealing confidential information
- Identity theft
- Credit card theft
- Facebook (social medial) hacks
- Fake social media pages (setting up duplicate accounts etc.)
- Scammers (phone, internet, computer virus etc.)

The spirit of deception is subtle and cunning. Satan always disguises himself.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 (KJV)

¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

The devil is trying to get you to buy a lie; that is what the spirit of deception is all about. The lies will be wrapped up in truth.

Strongman – Lying Spirit

Manifestations:

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| Strong Deceptions | Flattery | Superstitions |
| Religious Bondages | False Prophecy | Accusations |
| Slander | Gossip | Lies |
| False Teachers | | |

Scriptures: 2 Chronicles 18:22, Psalm 31:18; 78:36, Proverbs 6:16- 19; 10:18; 20:19; 26:28; 29:5, Jeremiah 23:16-17; 27:9,10, Matthew 7:15, 2 Thessalonians 2:9-13, 1 Timothy 4:7; 6:20, 2 Timothy 2:16, 2 Peter, 1 John 3-5, Revelation 12:10

Roots:

- The works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21)
- By their fruits you will know them (Matthew 7:20)
- According to Matthew 6:10, 11:12, 12:29, 16:18, 18:18, 28:18

Bind: Lying Spirit

Loose: Spirit of Truth, (Father God, Jesus, Holy Spirit and The Word of God) John 4:23-24; 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 17:17; 1 John 3:24-4:6

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Ending

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Self-examination Questions

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References

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