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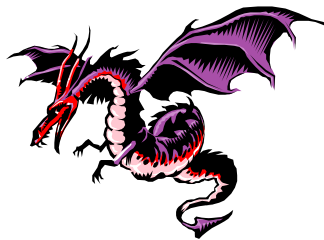
## Apocalyptic Admonitions

Studying the apocalyptic prophets can be challenging, but rewarding at the same time. While it is difficult to be dogmatic about what the various symbols mean, there is much to be gained from the study. There are some definite lessons as well that we can glean from the cryptic writings of these prophets. During my studies, I've learned the following things.

First, one can always learn more from studying the scripture in greater depth. Looking at the apocalyptic writings teaches us that there are many things that we do not know about what God has said and encourages us to dig deeper. In so doing we learn more about other parts of the Bible. One can scarcely look at many of these apocalyptic writings and not take into account the various symbols used throughout scripture. The Bible is its own best commentary. Much of the language in the book of Revelation comes from other parts of the Bible; one understands Revelation only as much as one understands the rest of the

Bible. So it is important to learn the Bible as a whole before seeking to understand the book of Revelation.

Second, God will punish the wicked. Regardless of how one views the apocalyptic writers, this truth can be universally acknowledged. Daniel speaks about "desolations" coming upon Jerusalem (Daniel 9:16-17). Joel speaks about the "great and very terrible" day of the Lord (Joel 2:11).



Zechariah 11:6 writes, "For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them." Revelation 19:15 speaks about the winepress of God's wrath being tread out upon the nations. We know from

plain Bible passages that the wicked will not go unpunished. Paul wrote that those who either did not know God or did not obey the gospel would "be punished with everlasting destruction..." (2 Thessalonians 1:9).

Third, God will care for the righteous. Again, all of the apocalyptic writers acknowledge this fact. Gabriel says to Daniel, "I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved..." (Daniel 9:23). Daniel 12:3 states, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Zechariah 14:9 says, "And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one." Revelation 22:3 states, "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him." Isaiah 60:21 "Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my

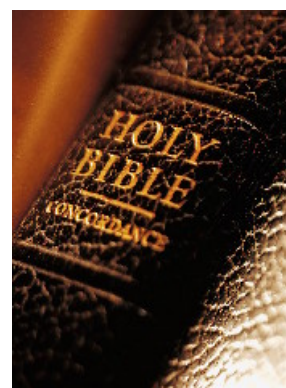
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### Welcome To the Berryville church of Christ

- ♦ *We are thankful to God for this new Lord's Day. It is the day we honor His Son and the Love that He has shown us through Him. Let us worship in spirit and in truth!*
- ♦ **Elders:**  
Clay Bozarth  
Leon Duncan  
Bill Fort  
Bruce Foster  
Glenn Quigley
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# Bible Studies for the week of August 5th, 2007

AM Sermon .....	Studies in Daniel—God's Plans
Scripture Reading .....	Daniel 2:1-13
PM Sermon .....	Why Believe?
Scripture Reading .....	1 John 5:13
Sunday Class.....	The Book of Matthew
Wednesday Class.....	The Book of Proverbs
Ladies Bible Class .....	The Book of 2 Thessalonians
Nursing Home Bible Study .....	The Book of Acts
Home Bible Study .....	Devotionals from the Book of John



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planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified."

Finally, the wicked must repent. Revelation 3:19 states, "As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." Isaiah 36:1 says "Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted." Ezekiel 18:21 "But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die." Daniel 9:13 "As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth." Revelation 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Regardless of how one views the specifics of these writings, these general truths can be clearly understood. Let us study these writings to grow, be warned, and stay faithful to the Lord.

Kevin Cauley

## Being Infectious!

**G**erms. They are all around us. Therefore we often see or hear reminders to wash our hands. Though we were once encouraged to cover our mouths when we coughed or sneezed, now we are being told to do so into our sleeve to guard against our hands passing on germs to others through everything else we touch. Some people with poor immune systems have to be very careful and some germs are more infectious than others. However, even though we try to eat healthily, keep from getting chilled, or are very careful about sanitizing our hands, dishes, and food preparation surfaces, there is no guarantee that we won't catch something.

If we can choose what we will be a carrier of and what we might infect others with, let it be a spirit of JOY. Our attitude in the way we go about daily tasks, the manner in which we interact with others, and the smiles and simple kindness we do along the way each day -- all have great potential to make a difference in another's outlook on life. I was reminded of this not long ago when on a rainy day I (on an impulse) offered my umbrella to a woman and her two children who were walking the opposite direction I

was going. Though she did not accept it from me, saying they were fine, the next day I encountered the woman again and she thanked me once more for having offered the umbrella, stating she was thankful her son had witnessed it to see that there are still decent people in this world.

We may not know the struggles being experienced by those we encounter, but living to serve and reveal how Christians have something to be JOYFUL about all the time, can become infectious in our encounters with others. Genuine JOY can be extremely powerful! Solomon noted. "A JOYFUL HEART IS GOOD MEDICINE, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." (Proverbs 17:22 ESV)

Possessing a JOYFUL HEART will be good for ourselves, but it can also be infectious with those with whom we come into contact. Such a disposition can cause those around us to wonder why we can have such a JOYFUL spirit and we may have the opportunity to share how the blessings we have received in Christ bring a JOY that continues in spite of the challenges that life may present. May the genuine JOY of our salvation be evident all along life's way.

Have a great day SPREADING THE GERM OF A GODLY JOY!

Carl Hanson

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## The Week in Review: July 29th, 2007



Sunday Bible Class.....	47
Sunday AM Worship.....	55
Sunday PM Worship.....	49
Wednesday Night Study.....	46
Contribution.....	\$1438.00
Budget.....	\$1743.39

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## Kevin's Korner

**T**he lectureship that I attended in Alabama this past weekend was a delight.

There were many there that I had known in the past and got to see again. There were also several who I had just met online this past year and I was able to get to meet and know them as well. It was very enjoyable and I appreciate the time that the elders give me to participate in such events. If you would like to hear the lectures that were presented on the 2nd annual Preacher's Files lectureship, you can listen to them online at [www.preachersfiles.com/forum](http://www.preachersfiles.com/forum). There is a section there just for the lectureship and the links to the sermons are posted. Eventually we'll have video up as well as audio.

One very pleasant thing about the lectureship this year is that I was able to get to meet several of our brotherhood mission workers. I met brother Barry Hatcher who works in Indonesia and he will be coming through the Berryville area in a couple of weeks. I invited him to stop by and say "hello" to everyone here.

There is also a brother who is a native from India who traveled to the U.S.

specifically for this lectureship this year and while here will be visiting several different congregations. He wants to come and visit us here at Berryville as well and will be traveling here this coming Friday. I will go pick him in up Hope, Arkansas and bring him back Friday evening. His name is Bontha Esudas and I believe that you will find him a most charming fellow.

Brother Pat Cowden passed through Berryville this past Wednesday afternoon and he stopped and I got to meet and visit with him as well. He is a missionary that is seeking to raise funds to go to the islands of the Pacific. He gave me a packet of material and I have posted that on the back bulletin board for anyone who would like to read what he is seeking to do in his work.

Several have mentioned to me that they would like to have a copy of the founding fathers series that Apologetics Press has put out. I am going to order some of those and I would like to know how many of you would like a set. These sets cost \$24 each. Please let me know by next Sunday if you would like to have a set. Thank

you.

The reception for Clay and Wanda Bozarth was very well attended yesterday. They also had plenty of goodies for the guests. I was not aware that they had so many family members. There were many of them there and it was enjoyable to get to see some of them again. We certainly want to congratulate brother Clay and Sister Wanda for their 50th wedding anniversary. This is quite a rarity in our nation today. It's unfortunate that more individuals don't follow their example and keep the promises that they make to their spouses.

Of course, the Bible is clear on the teaching of marriage. Jesus said, "What God has joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6). We all ought to commit that verse to memory, the married and the unmarried alike. It is something that many people simply do not know that Jesus said and the more who are taught what Jesus taught regarding marriage the better off our society will be. God bless those faithful couples who have kept their marriage vows, in sickness and in health, for better or worse, til death do they part.

## Announcements

- Please remember in prayer: Sylvia Anderson, Lois Bales, Leon Duncan, Mary Forehand, Jim Hatenhauer, Larry Meek, Wilma Morris, Joan Sanderlin, Bill Webb.
- Our monthly elders and deacons meeting is tonight after services. If you have a business item to discuss, please see one of these men.
- Our VBS is set for tomorrow night through Wednesday. The theme is "Christian Olympics." I'm sure that it will be wonderful. We'll meet from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.
- We have a children's picnic scheduled for this coming Saturday, August 11th, in the city park at noon. Bring finger foods, chips, cookies, drinks.
- Men's breakfast is scheduled for this coming Saturday at 7:00 AM. All men are invited to attend.
- The new assignments for August are: Rusty Windle, announcements; Bill Fort, worship coordinator; Pat Quigley and Callie Smith, communion preparation.
- Our pantry item is: Green Beans.



## God's Salvation Plan

1. **Hear** the Gospel—Romans 10:17
2. **Believe** on the Lord & His Word—Mark 16:16; John 8:24
3. **Repent** of your sins—Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
4. **Confess** Christ—Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9
5. **Be Baptized** for the remission of sins—Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27
6. Live a **faithful**, dedicated life—Revelation 2:10; 2 Peter 1:5-10

# Welcome!

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## Times for Worship and Study

<b>Sunday Morning Bible Class:</b> .....	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship:</b> .....	<b>10:20 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Worship:</b> .....	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wed. Ladies Bible Class:</b> .....	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Wed. Evening Bible Class:</b> .....	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday Nursing Home Bible Study</b> .....	<b>2:00 PM</b>

## Serving Each Other

**August 5th, 2007    August 12th, 2007**

### Sunday Morning

<b>Songs:</b>	Glenn Williams	Ken Smith
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Rusty Windle	Bruce Foster
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Matthew Morrell	Ray Duncan
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Dan Hand	Ken Smith
	George Eddings	Glenn Williams
<b>(assist)</b>	Jerry Roller	Brandon Foster
	John Gass	Benjamin Windle
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Clay Bozarth	George Eddings

### Sunday Evening

<b>Songs:</b>	Bruce Foster	Bill Fort
<b>Preaching:</b>	Kevin Cauley	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	Ken Smith	Dale Pinkley
<b>Scripture Reading:</b>	Matthew Morrell	Jerry Roller
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Dale Pinkley	Rusty Windle
	Benjamin Windle	Floyd Bills
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ray Duncan	Michael Morrell

### Wednesday

<b>Songs:</b>	Rusty Windle	Kevin Cauley
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	John Gass	Clay Bozarth
<b>Invitation:</b>	Ken Smith	Leon Duncan
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	Brandon Foster	Glenn Quigley

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