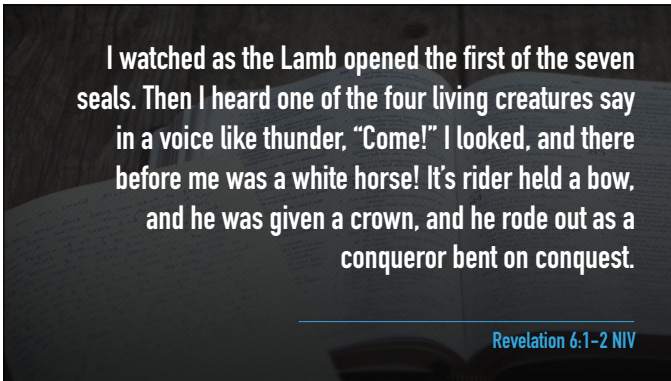
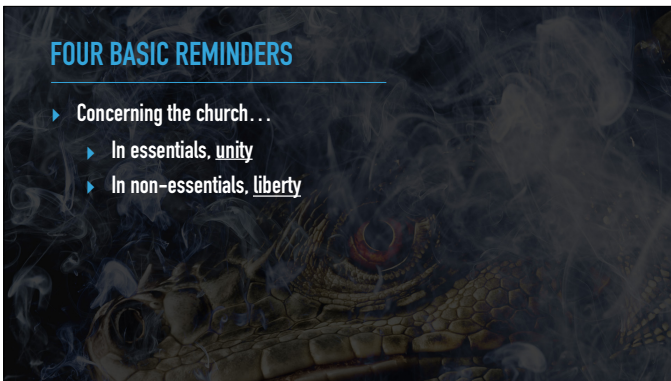


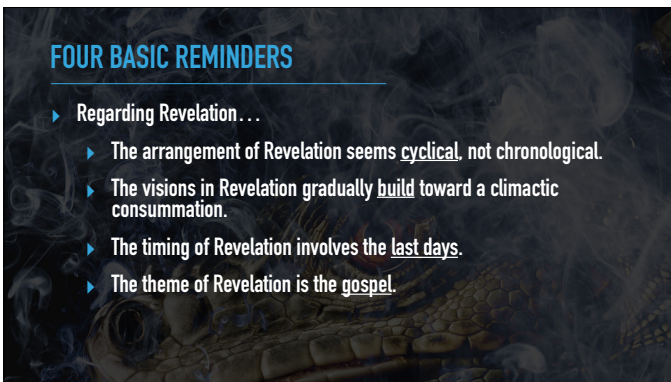
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Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:6-8 NIV

5

GOSPEL TRUTHS

▶ God is ultimately sovereign over evil.

6

I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown . . .

Revelation 6:2 NIV

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Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth . . .

Revelation 6:4 NIV

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I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following closely behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth...

Revelation 6:8 NIV

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GOSPEL TRUTHS

- ▶ God is ultimately sovereign over evil.
 - ▶ Satan can do nothing apart from divine permission.
 - ▶ Suffering is always used to fulfill divine purpose. (Romans 8:28)
- ▶ Men and women are morally responsible for evil.
 - ▶ Men and women are decidedly sinful.

10

GOSPEL TRUTHS

- ▶ God will judge men and women who turn from Him and live for this world.

11

How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?

Revelation 6:10 NIV

12

I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to the earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Revelation 6:12-14 NIV

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GOSPEL TRUTHS

- ▶ God will judge men and women who turn from Him and live for this world.
 - ▶ The breadth of His judgment will be universal.
 - ▶ The effect of His judgment will be terrifying.
 - ▶ The duration of His judgment will be eternal.

14

GOSPEL TRUTHS

- ▶ God will save men and women who trust in Him and live for another world.
 - ▶ Christians are secure on earth in the midst of tribulation. (7:1-8)
 - ▶ God plans the persecution of His people.
 - ▶ God promises protection for His people.
 - ▶ God empowers perseverance in His people. (7:9-10)

15

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

Revelation 7:9-10 NIV

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GOSPEL TRUTHS

- ▶ God will save men and women who trust in Him and live for another world.
 - ▶ Christians will stand in Heaven at the end of tribulation. (7:14)
 - ▶ They will shout God's victory.
 - ▶ They will serve in God's presence.
 - ▶ They will soak in God's glory. (7:15)
 - ▶ They will be satisfied by God's goodness.
 - ▶ They will be soothed by God's mercy.

17

LET'S NOT MISS THE POINT

The purpose of Revelation is not to promote speculation about the future.

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WHAT ARE THESE TRUMPETS?

- ▶ 1-4: Systematic physical judgments across creation.
- ▶ 5-6: Terrifying personal judgments for idolatry and immorality. (8:13; 9:20-21)

19

The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood – idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Revelation 9:20-21 NIV

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WHY DO WE HAVE THESE TRUMPETS?

- ▶ God is giving the world a warning.
- ▶ God is calling the church to war.

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HOW TO DODGE A DRAGON

A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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LET'S NOT MISS THE POINT

The purpose of Revelation is to compel action in the present.

23

LET'S FAITHFULLY PRAY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME

- ▶ Our battle is fierce.
 - ▶ There are forces that are fighting you.
- ▶ Our prayers are effective. (8:2-6)

24

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne.

Revelation 8:2-6 NIV

25

The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Revelation 8:2-6 NIV

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LET'S FAITHFULLY PRAY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME

- ▶ Our battle is fierce.
 - ▶ There are forces that are fighting you.
- ▶ Our prayers are effective. (8:2-6)
 - ▶ Our cries go up.
 - ▶ His kingdom comes down.

27

LET'S FAITHFULLY PRAY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME

- ▶ Our God is faithful.
 - ▶ He will demonstrate His power over the gods of this world.
 - ▶ He will extend His mercy to sinners around this world.
 - ▶ He will uphold his justice amid sin in this world.

28

LET'S FEARLESSLY PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL TO ALL

- ▶ Our lives are secure.
- ▶ Our suffering is expected.
- ▶ Our task is prophetic. (11:3)
- ▶ Our message is clear.
- ▶ Our light is unquenchable. (11:4)
- ▶ Our souls are untouchable. (11:5)

29

LET'S FEARLESSLY PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL TO ALL

- ▶ Our power is invincible. (11:6-10)

30

They have the power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have the power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Revelation 11:6-10 NIV

31

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city - which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt - where also their Lord was crucified.

Revelation 11:6-10 NIV

32

For three a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

Revelation 11:6-10 NIV

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LET'S FEARLESSLY PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL TO ALL

- ▶ Our power is invincible. (11:6-10)
- ▶ Our death will be temporary. (11:11)
- ▶ Our resurrection will be sure. (11:12-19)

34

Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

Revelation 11:12 NIV

35

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."

Revelation 11:15-19 NIV

36

And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign."

Revelation 11:15-19 NIV

37

The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small - and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

Revelation 11:15-19 NIV

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Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

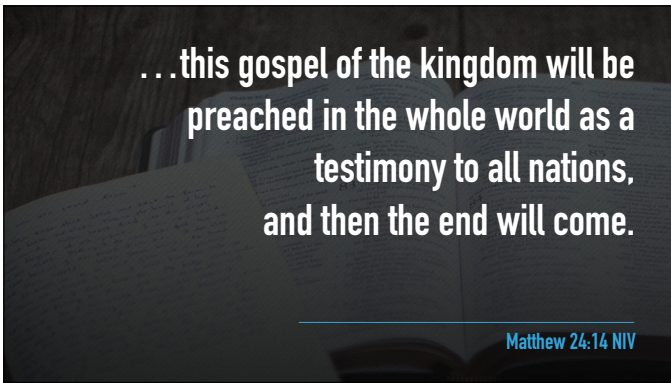
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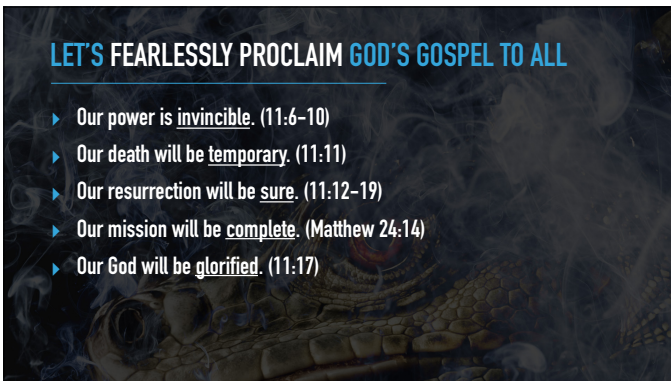
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... this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14 NIV

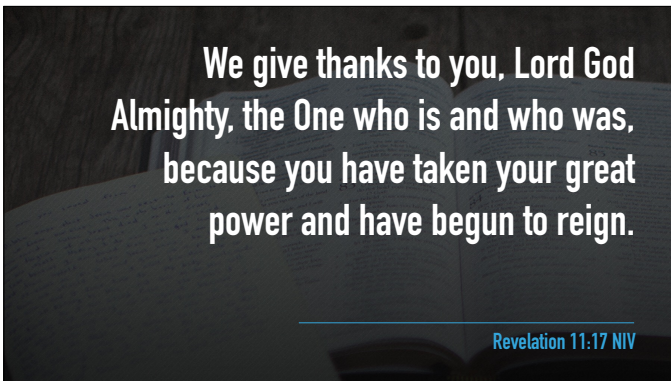
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- ▶ Our God will be glorified. (11:17)

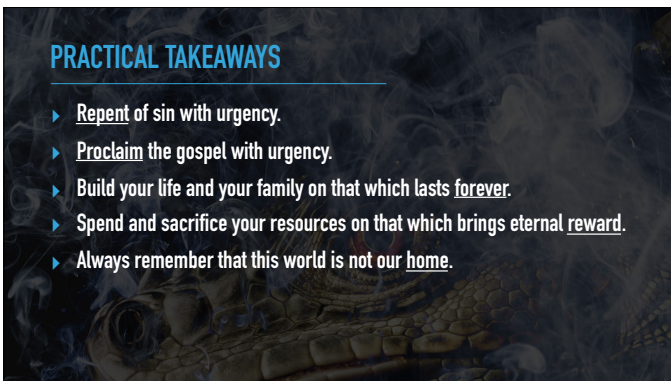
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We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

Revelation 11:17 NIV

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PRACTICAL TAKEAWAYS

- ▶ Repent of sin with urgency.
- ▶ Proclaim the gospel with urgency.
- ▶ Build your life and your family on that which lasts forever.
- ▶ Spend and sacrifice your resources on that which brings eternal reward.
- ▶ Always remember that this world is not our home.

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