ETERNITY: WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE THE WALLS AND GATES OF HEAVEN ?

PART IV

Matthew 8:5-10

5 When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him,

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6 Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.

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7 And he said to him, I will come and heal him.

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8 But the centurion replied, Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.

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9 For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it.

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10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. (ESV)

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Only those who willingly submit to authority can be trusted to be in authority.

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Revelation 5:1-10

1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

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2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? –

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3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

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4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

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5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

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6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

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7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

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8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

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9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

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10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth (KJV)

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Without hierarchy, there is anarchy.

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Revelation 21:22-27

22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

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23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

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24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,

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25 and its gates will never be shut by day-and there will be no night there.

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26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

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27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. (ESV)

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I Corinthians 15:50-55

50 I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

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52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

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53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

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54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory.

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55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? (ESV)

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I Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

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14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

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15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

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16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

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17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

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18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. (ESV)

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Revelation 20:1-15

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.

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2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,

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3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

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4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

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5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.

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6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

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7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison

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8 and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.

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9 And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,

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10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

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11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

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12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

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13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.

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14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

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15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of . (ESV)

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Zechariah 14:16-18

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

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17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. –

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18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. (KJV)

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Daniel 7:27

And the kingdom and the dominion (to have power or the authority to rule) and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High; his kingdom shall be an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions (empires) shall serve and obey him. (ESV)

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Revelation 21:27

27 But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. (ESV)

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Revelation 22:15

Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

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Revelation 5:10

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. (KJV)

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II Timothy 2:8-12

8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,

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9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

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10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

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11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

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12 if we endure, we will also reign (as a co-regent) with him; (ESV)

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Regent definition: a person appointed as an administrator over a country because the monarch is a minor; or is absent.

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Revelation 2:26-29

26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations,

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27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.

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28 And I will give him the morning star.

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29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (ESV)

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Revelation 22:15

Outside (the gates of New Jerusalem) are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

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Zechariah 14

1 Behold, a day is coming for the LORD, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst.

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2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

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3 Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle.

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4 On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

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5 And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

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6 On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost.

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7 And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light.

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8 On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

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9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

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10 The whole land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. But Jerusalem shall remain aloft on its site from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the former gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.

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11 And it shall be inhabited, for there shall never again be a decree of utter destruction. Jerusalem shall dwell in security.

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12 And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

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13 And on that day a great panic from the LORD shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other.

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14 Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance.

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15 And a plague like this plague shall fall on the horses, the mules, the camels, the donkeys, and whatever beasts may be in those camps.

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16 Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.

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17 And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

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18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

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19 This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

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20 And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, Holy to the LORD. And the pots in the house of the LORD shall be as the bowls before the altar.

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21 And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day. (ESV)

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Revelation 22:16-21

16 I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

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17 The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let the one who hears say, Come. And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

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18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,

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19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

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20 He who testifies to these things says, Surely I am coming soon. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. (ESV)