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End Times Bible Study Teaser

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I want to give you a little taste of what we're going to be learning over the next few weeks. The Lord placed on my heart a few days ago something that is very important. Many churches today that I know of are not preaching very much at all on end times prophecy. Most churches today don't even preach about sin any more, and it's something that's very important.

But the Lord placed on my heart, with this kind of ministry on the radio station, it's a good place to start teaching some end times prophecy lessons, because, dear listeners, let's be honest. There are so many different kinds of religions and they're all teaching something different.

For those of you who are regular listeners, you now that on this show, the name of the show is BibleTalk Radio Show. Everything that we teach is straight out of the Bible. It's what the Bible says. I'm not trying to teach you what I think or what our organization or our church believes. We want to show you what the Bible says, and that's why it's so important to put a copy of the Bible in everyone's hand. That's why I want to give you one if you need a Bible.

One of the important things to understand is that Jesus Christ, Himself, spoke about prophecy, and He spoke about it in very important terms. He spoke about the last days,

the end times, the end of the world, when He would be coming back. He spoke about that, and He gave us some instructions regarding these last days. It's very important to understand what Jesus Christ said and what the other books in the Bible said regarding the end times, not only in the New Testament, but also in the Old Testament.

Dear listener, there are a lot of people whom I have come across who are interested in the end times, the last days, but there is a lot of confusion. So what I'd like to do is I'd like to take the next few weeks – I don't know how many weeks; we'll let the Lord guide us – to give some lessons on the end times. There are many, many things that I believe are very important for you to know regarding the end times.

The most important thing as always is, if you were to die today, are you 100% sure that you'll go to Heaven? The number one thing to know is do you know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour? That's number one, because prophecy and end times/last days lessons are going to be very scary for people who do not know Jesus Christ, and, actually, that's a good thing. If you get scared from some of the things that we're going to talk about and that brings you to the Lord, good! Praise the Lord. But it would be better if you know the Lord already, because for those of us who know the Lord, when we



talk about the end times, it's very encouraging. It's awesome. There's a very big difference between the unsaved person learning about the end times and the saved person learning about the end times. But I don't want to jump into it. I want to tease you.

When you go to have a good meal, and boy, we love to eat, but when you're going to have a good meal, it's nice to have something to tease you. We call that an appetizer, but I call it "appe-teaser." And so when the cook is cooking the food, you're smelling the onions and the garlic cooking in the oil and your mouth is starting to get wet and, wow, it's like I can't wait to taste that. I want to give you that tonight, so I want to give you some Bible verses.

So, if you have your Bibles tonight, would you please turn to our first. I'm only going to go over about five Scriptures tonight real quick. Turn to the book of John, Chapter 14. I want to take you straight to the Saviour, straight to something that Jesus said, and we'll begin our "appe-teaser" with that tonight. So, John 14:1, Jesus Christ speaking.

¹Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house... Where is that? Heaven. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so... Many religions teach that there is no such thing as Heaven or that Heaven is only a thought. If it were not so, I would have told you. So He's saying there is a place called Heaven and there are mansions there, "in My Father's house." He says, now, very interesting for those of us who are His children, for those of us who are saved, He says, I go to prepare a place for you... for believers. Jesus Christ Himself is preparing a place in Heaven for us.

He says, ***³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again...*** Oh, that's a promise. Sometimes I go to a store and I say, "Oh, I want to buy this thing; I'll come back later to buy it." But my schedule is busy and I'm not able to come back for two or three days, so I became a liar because I didn't fulfill my promise. But when Jesus Christ says, "I will come again," you'd better believe He's going to fulfill that. He says, ***I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.*** In other words, Jesus is coming back. When is He coming back? Well, we need to learn about that. Let me take you to another Scripture, dear listener.

The book of Acts, after John there's another book called the book of Acts, Acts Chapter 1. Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross. He died and He was buried in a tomb, but He did not stay there. Three days later He rose again from the dead and He spoke to His disciples and He was seen of over 500 people.

He did give instructions to His disciples, and in Acts Chapter 1, when He finished speaking to the disciples, we see in verse 9, it says, *And when he had spoken these things... There were a lot of things that He said... while they beheld [or while they watched], he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

And while they were looking up in the air, it says, *And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men [two angels; in another place, it said angels] stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing [or looking] up into heaven? this same Jesus [the same One that was here,] which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so [or like this]*



come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. So there's another promise from the Bible that, not only is Jesus coming back; it's the same Jesus.

Let's go to another place, I Thessalonians in the New Testament, a few books later, I Thessalonians Chapter 4. This time, it's the apostle Paul who is speaking, and he's saying to us about the end times in I Thessalonians 4:16.

¹⁶For the Lord himself [Himself,] shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

So, He's coming back and He's going to take those that are dead in Christ and those that are living in Christ. Have you had enough yet? Let's go to one more verse in the New Testament. We're going to go to the last book in the New Testament, the book of Revelation. Oh, many people hear about the book of Revelation and they are frightened by the book of Revelation, and for some people, they should be frightened. But for those of us who are saved, this is a book of encouragement. In fact, did you know that the book of Revelation is the only book in the Bible that has a promise of blessing if you read it? It's the only one.

So in Revelation 19, this time it's the apostle John speaking here and he's having a vision and he's telling us about the vision that the Lord showed him about the future, about the end times. Revelation 19:11: *¹¹And I saw heaven opened... Remember, these are the last days... and behold a white horse; and he that*

sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹²His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood... Absolutely, He shed His blood for us and many, many saints have shed their blood to get the truth of the Gospel out... *and his name is called The Word of God.* Oh, who's that? John 1:1: *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.*

¹⁴And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite [or kill] the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. Now, in case you don't know who this is yet, verse 16: *And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.* That's Jesus Christ. Amen.

Okay, now, I want to show you an Old Testament prophecy of the Lord, but interestingly enough, this Old Testament prophecy appears in the New Testament. Right before the book of Revelation is the book of Jude. Jude Chapter 1, actually, Jude only has one chapter.

So, the book of Jude verse 14: *¹⁴And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam... That shows you how far back this goes... prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, ¹⁵To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly*



deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

So that's an Old Testament prophecy that was prophesied nearly six thousand years ago, at least five thousand years ago, in the book of Genesis, but it's not given to us until the book of Jude in the New Testament.

So, dear listener, that was just a little teaser that I wanted to go over with you about the next coming weeks. We're going to get into, Lord willing, several lessons on prophecy and end times, and not only that, dear listener, but how does that apply to you in your life right now. Prophecy is very important. The Lord gave it to us for a reason, and we're going to get into that.