THE SECOND COMING GENERATION SESSION 1: 150 CHAPTERS ABOUT THE END OF THE AGE

- I. Why is it necessary to study these 150 chapters? Why is the Second Coming Generation so significant to God? Are we living in this generation? If so, what does it mean for my life?
 - A. Our goal is to present a deep dive into the Word of God so that can become confident in God's Plans and Purposes for the End of the Age. Many people have been hurt over the years from people emotionally reacting and giving wrong interpretations etc. God wants us to be confident and secure in knowing Truth.

Acts 17:11-12 — "Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed."

- B. Your personal view of the End of the Age.
 - 1. The most important thing about you is what you believe about God. Your own view of the End of the Age is also powerful, because we respond to life based on this view.
 - 2. Any presentation of a detailed narrative of future events from a biblical perspective must be tempered, knowing that church history is littered with self-confident teachers who proudly overstated their position or were dogmatic where the Scriptures were not. It is best to delineate between primary truths and our personal opinions when presenting details of end-time themes.
 - 3. There are many different Bible Prophecy and End Time teachers/preachers/bloggers in the Body of Christ.
 - a) 4 Categories:
 - (1) Focus is on revival only.
 - (2) Focus is on darkness/judgment only.
 - (3) Focus is on none of it.
 - (4) Coming revival AND darkness.

Isaiah 60:1-3 — "Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep

darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising."

(5) The purpose of the End of the Age Plan: To reveal Jesus
Haggai 2:6-9 — "For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I
will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and
they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,'
says the Lord of hosts. 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of
hosts. 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the
Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts."

II. GOD'S INVITATION TO UNDERSTAND HIS END-TIME PLAN

A. There is much, controversy, conflict, and confusion about the End of The Age.

Jeremiah 23:17-19 — "They keep saying to those who despise Me, 'The Lord has said, "You will have peace"; And as for everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, They say, 'Calamity will not come upon you.' "But who has stood in the council of the Lord, That he should see and hear His word? Who has given heed to His word and listened? "Behold, the storm of the Lord has gone forth in wrath, Even a whirling tempest; It will swirl down on the head of the wicked. "The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart; In the last days you will clearly understand it."

Jeremiah 9:23-24 — "Thus says the Lord, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord."

B. One of the most serious misunderstandings of the End of the Age is that the darkness and satanic chaos is highlighted much more than the Joy of the revealing of Jesus! Studying the End of Age actually produces joy because it is the Father's action plan to release His Son to come again!

Revelation 1:3 — "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near."

C. Our natural response to life is too often riddled with offense and unforgiveness. Understanding our future equips us to embrace life moving forward with confidence because we trust God.

D. Often our response to sudden pressure like 2020 is an intense emotional reaction in which we then often misinterpret where we are on God's timeline. This is a significant problem. God is calling us to be firmly established in His Truth so that we have a peaceful and joyful expectation of what He is doing! History is littered with date setting, wrong interpretations etc. this produces a "scoffing" spirit from the world and parts of the Body of Christ.
2 Peter 3:3-4 — "Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

E. Matthew 24:25 — "Behold, I have told you in advance..."

Jesus is confirming that He told us in advance in order for us to prepare for a period of time to face the turbulent times. There will be be both positive and negative pressures that will arise. Often we live in this world in which injustice happens all around us and we feel like we can't respond to it. The anti-christ will epitomize the highest form of injustice ever seen and we will have to know how to respond to it.

- F. The 150 chapters are a Heavenly intelligence briefing, 1000s of years in advance, specifically formulated for the body of Christ! God will give us tremendous wisdom and insight into this generation if we desire it. He won't give it, however, to those that are passive, complacent, and are not seeking it.
- G. Essentially, we are going to glean from God's word what the body of Christ's destiny is. We will know the details and story anti-christ rise and demise. We will understand Israel's role and ultimate destiny. We will then understand God's response to all of this through the revealing of Jesus!

III. 150 CHAPTERS ABOUT THE SECOND COMING

- A. There are over 150 chapters in the Bible in which the end times is the main subject—we identified 31 chapters in the New Testament; 34 chapters from Genesis to Psalms; 41 chapters in Isaiah alone; and 55 chapters from Jeremiah to Malachi totaling 161 chapters on our list. We talk about 150 chapters knowing that some will debate some of these chapters, so we refer to 150 chapters so as to not exaggerate this number.
- B. There are 89 chapters in the four Gospels which give us a record of Jesus' heart and power at His first coming when He came to pay the price for our redemption. The 150+ chapters give us

a record of Jesus' heart and power at His second coming when He comes to take over the earth. These 150+ chapters reveal the same Jesus operating in the same Holy Spirit as recorded in the same Bible. **Almost twice as many chapters of Scripture describe Jesus' second coming than His first coming.**

- C. We must be equipped in these glorious 150 chapters on the end times—which magnify the Jesus we love. The generation in which the Lord returns is clearly the generation the Bible describes the most. Jesus spoke more about that generation than the one in which He was born. He did this to prepare His Bride to be victorious in love during the most dramatic time in world history.
- D. Many end-time prophecies have a dual fulfillment. This is also referred to as the law of the double reference. There was clearly a partial fulfillment of what was prophesied in the past, while the complete fulfillment of the prophecy is yet in the future.
 - 1. Often the complete fullness of the negative prophecy will be fulfilled in the Great Tribulation and the fullness of the positive prophecies will be seen in the end-time revival and the millennial kingdom—that is what is referred too as the generation in which the Lord returns. In other words, many of the Old Testament prophecies have a partial fulfillment at some point in history, with a complete fulfillment in the generation in which the Lord returns.
 - 2. Sometimes the partial fulfillment also serves as a prophetic picture of what the fullness will look like at the end of the age. It is important to note that these prophecies have spiritual applications at any time in history for all believers, even before their complete fulfillment at the end of the age.

E. NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES: Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 17; Luke 21

Jesus' main emphasis in these four parallel chapters is to describe the Great Tribulation just before His second coming. He predicted the siege of Jerusalem and the destruction of its temple (Mt. 24:2) by the Roman armies in AD 70. This tragedy foreshadowed the siege of Jerusalem at the end of the age (Joel 3:2, 12; Zeph. 3:8; Zech. 12:2-3; 14:2; Rev. 16:14).

1. Many details in these four chapters make it clear that Jesus' words go far beyond the events of AD 70 to describe events at the end of the age. For example, Jesus describes the time of the Great Tribulation as the worst time in history (Mt. 24:21). God shortens this time frame to three-and-a-half years in order to keep the entire human race from being

- physically killed (Mt. 24:22). Jesus said this hour would come as a snare upon the entire earth, not only Israel (Lk. 21:35).
- 2. The Great Tribulation will surpass all other crises in history, including the one million people who died in AD 70 and the fifty million who died in World War II, yet neither AD 70 nor World War II threatened the existence of the human race. Jesus said this time of tribulation would not happen until after we see the abomination of desolation (Mt. 24:15), which includes a worldwide Antichrist worship system centered upon the image of the Antichrist and the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:13-18). None of these details were fulfilled in the Jewish revolt against Rome (AD 66-70).
- F. **MATTHEW 24:** Jesus describing a "meta" view of the end of the age. He describes the Great Tribulation and gives us significant truths to look for.