

Have God's Dreams (for Your Life)
(By Rev. Anthony Menzel, February 20, 2022)

The past three weeks Rev. Luís has preached about the end times...

We know that the end of this world system may come in our lifetimes...

Matthew 24:14

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

I believe that the Rapture and the rise of the Antichrist must be at least 4 years away...

Revelation 11:1-13

11 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. [a]And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. **2** But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot *for* forty-two months. **3** And I will give *power* to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the [b]God of the earth. **5** And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. **6** These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

The Witnesses Killed

7 When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. **8** And their dead bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also [c]our Lord was crucified. **9** Then *those* from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations [d]will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. **10** And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

The Witnesses Resurrected

11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. **12** And [e]they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended

to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. **13** In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Revelation 13:1-8

Then [a]I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having [b]seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. **2** Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like *the feet of* a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. **3** And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. **4** So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?”

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to [c]continue for forty-two months. **6** Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. **7** It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every [d]tribe, tongue, and nation. **8** All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Based on these passages, we are at least 4 years away from the rise of the Antichrist because the two witnesses have not started ministering in Jerusalem.

We may see the beginning of the Great Tribulation, followed by the Rapture of the church, followed by the rise of the Antichrist, in our lifetimes, or the appearance of the two witnesses may occur in a future generation...

If we take note, for example, the passage regarding the two witnesses mentions the presence of a temple in Jerusalem...

Currently there are different synagogues in Jerusalem, but all that is left of the temple is the Wailing Wall...

Unless the two witnesses will minister at a house of worship that is already constructed, the temple also has to be rebuilt in preparation for their coming...

We should also take note that faithful Christians will not be here for the reign of the Antichrist during the second half of the Great Tribulation ...

Revelation 3:7-13

7 “And to the [e]angel of the church in Philadelphia write,
‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He
who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”’: 8 “I know your works.
See, I have set before you an open door, [f]and no one can shut it; for you have a little
strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. 9 Indeed I will
make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—
indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have
loved you. 10 Because you have kept [g]My command to persevere, I also will keep
you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who
dwell on the earth. 11 [h]Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that
no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the
temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My
God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out
of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name.
13 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

So in the midst of these times we are living in, what should be our goals? What should
be our dreams?

- 1) Hold fast to what we have in Christ.
- 2) Have ears to hear the Spirit of God so that we will do, speak, think, and feel
whatever it takes to be part the part of God’s mosaic or tapestry that God wants us to
be. Hearing the Spirit includes asking about what ministries does God want us to
participate in. Are we attending the right church? Should we have a ministry-related
job? What ministries should we help out with?

What other dreams should we have in Christ?

- 3) I would start with the salvation of unsaved loved ones... We know that regardless of
when the Antichrist comes, tomorrow is not promised to anyone... Who do you love
who is not following the Lord Jesus?
- 4) Healing for ourselves and sick loved ones, whether that be in the emotions or the
body... This includes healing for relationships
- 5) Material things that the Lord Jesus might want us to have for our churches and
ourselves...

A church building or a personal home...

Blessings for the church we belong to should probably come first...

Although our personal blessings should also be used for God’s glory...

For example, a car can be used when visiting shut-Ins or for giving rides...

Making sure that the church is ok is really important, however...

Haggai 1

1 In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, **2** “Thus speaks the Lord of hosts, saying: ‘This people says, “The time has not come, the time that the Lord’s house should be built.” ’ ”

3 Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, **4** “*Is it* time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this [a]temple *to lie* in ruins?” **5** Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: “Consider your ways!

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“You have sown much, and bring in little;
You eat, but do not have enough;
You drink, but you are not filled with drink;
You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm;
And he who earns wages,
Earns wages *to put* into a bag with holes.”

7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Consider your ways! **8** Go up to the mountains and bring wood and build the [b]temple, that I may take pleasure in it and be glorified,” says the Lord. **9** “*You* looked for much, but indeed *it came to* little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?” says the Lord of hosts. “Because of My house that *is in* ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. **10** Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. **11** For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of *your* hands.”

The People’s Obedience

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the Lord. **13** Then Haggai, the Lord’s messenger, spoke the Lord’s message to the people, saying, “*I am* with you, says the Lord.” **14** So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God, **15** on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of King Darius.

Having talked about these 5 goals or dreams that we should have as followers of Christ, I am going to pray to close the sermon...

Prayer of Salvation...

Offering...

Write a letter for Abundant Love's prayer basket...