Friday, February 1: Read Revelation 10

Chapter ten contains another interlude between the Trumpet judgments. An angels thunders forth a message that is hidden from John's audience. God's mystery is yet to be revealed. John is instructed to eat "the little scroll" containing a message that would be sweet to the lips (perhaps tantalizing to hear), but sour to the stomach (a bad ending). Apparently the message must go out to all peoples, nations, languages and kingdoms. The seventh trumpet is yet to sound forth in chapter 11.

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), David & Miriam Trott (Cochabamba, Bolivia), Mario Bloise (Argentina), Dan & DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), Robert and Kailey Newkirk (South Sudan), Craig & Shelly Shafer (Sentani, Indonesia), Sue Saunders (Bosnia), Matt and Becky Kooi (Tijuana), Daniel Jezowski (Wycliffe), Andrew & Sara Williams (Ethnos360), Brad and Christa Babjack (University of West Virginia), Salomon and Megan Guzman (Tijuana), Alvaro and Rachel Garriga (Central Asia), William and Salma Garcia (Tijuana church plant)

Thru the New!

(Reading through the New Testament)

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters and underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advise or wisdom gleaned from your reading.
- Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.
- Think about what you're reading. Ask:
 - 1. How does this apply to me?
 - 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?
 - 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?
- Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.

Monday, January 28 Read Revelation 6

Chapter 6 fulfills what the mighty angel declared and the elder at the throne advised in <u>Revelation 5</u>. Jesus is able to open the seals and thus administer the future. He opens six of the seven seals and "all hell" begins to break loose on earth! Interpreting each of the six events is tricky. Pay attention to the imagery in each case and what occurs on earth. The seals are judgments to come upon mankind at the end of history. Sadly, no mention of repentance occurs in each of the six events.

Notes:

Pray for: ---My relationship with God

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

---My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, January 29: Read Revelation 7

Revelation chapter seven represents an interlude between the opening of the sixth and the seventh seals. Before the next judgment occurs on earth, God marks 144,000 Israelites, 12,000 from each tribe, who belong to Him. Next John is shown a scene around the throne, an innumerable multitude of people from across the globe glorifying God. The elder clues Johns that this multitude are all the martyrs who stayed faithful to God out of the great tribulation. Now they reign victorious!

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday January 30: Read <u>Revelation 8</u>

The Seventh seal unravels another series of seven catastrophic events announced by seven trumpets. Each trumpet could correlate with the previous judgments as the seals were broken, or they could be further judgments upon the earth separate from and following the seals. The first four events in chapter eight are judgments against the earth destroying vegetation, the seas, freshwater and the lights of the astral bodies upon the earth (darkness). Again, there is no mention of repentance on the part of mankind.

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- 1. <u>Leadership</u>: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest (<u>Matthew 9:38</u>)
- 2. <u>Worship</u>: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for the development of a youth praise team and more musicians to help lead the church in worship.
- 3. <u>Fellowship</u>: Pray that God would deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship.
- 4. <u>Discipleship</u>: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
- Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others, especially through the upcoming Kingdom Initiative.
- 6. <u>Future Faith Goals</u>: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our 2020 plan as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances to be able to accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, January 31: Read <u>Revelation 9</u>

Chapter nine continues with two more trumpet judgments, this time directly against humanity. The first is pain and agony without death. The second appears to be war itself, which will kill one third of the earth's population. The sad admission in verse 20 is that even so, people will not repent of their godlessness and evil.

Notes:

Thursday Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- Neighbors People who live around me.
- People at Work Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church this Sunday?
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.