## Friday, February 8: Read Revelation 15

So far, we've seen the seven seal judgments (*chapter 6*), the seven trumpet judgments (*chapters 8-9*) and now the seven bowl judgments -- promising to be the final display of God's wrath upon the earth. Chapter 15 simply sets the stage in heaven for the judgments to be enacted in the next chapter. Notice again the presence of the martyrs, angels which carry out God's judgments and one of the four living creatures who hands out the bowls, all occurring around the throne of God in what has been referred to as "the Temple" in heaven. Note *Hebrews 9:11-12, 23-24*.

### 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, February 4 Read Revelation 11

John's revelation now centers in on the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem. Note the time frame here 42 months, 1,260 days (3-1/2 years - half of the 7 year tribulation period). Could the two witnesses be a return of Moses and Elijah, according to how they are described? The final trumpet announces the ultimate rule of Christ on earth, an event that will yet occur in sequence following the next several chapters of Revelation.

#### Notes:

**Pray for:** ---My relationship with God

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

--- My goals and objectives.

# Tuesday, February 5: Read Revelation 12

Chapter twelve depicts a great sign from heaven -- a ruling woman, a dragon, a male child and angels, converging on the scene to enact a drama representing Israel's giving birth to the Messiah and the spiritual battle to stop his ministry. Notice Satan's rage and his final efforts on earth to destroy God's people, those who obey God and follow Jesus. We, the church, fit into that scene today!

## Pray for family and friends by name.

## Wednesday February 6: Read Revelation 13

Revelation chapter 13 is the premier "antichrist chapter" of the Bible! An unholy trinity is revealed here -- the beast, the dragon and the second beast. The three represent Satan, antichrist and the false prophet. They together exercise power over the world, warring against "the saints" and creating a new economic system that requires everyone to take a number in order to do commerce. Modern technology makes it easy to see just how this could be enacted today. We are to be alert to the coming advent of 666.

## 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 (*Matthew 9:38*)
- 2. Worship: 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.
- 5. <u>Outreach</u>: 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, February 7: Read <u>Revelation 14</u>

Chapter fourteen presents a variety of events. First we see the 144,000 Jews from chapter 7 who came to Christ and are here called "first fruits" of the land of Israel. Next, angels cross the sky, announcing the gospel, the fall of Babylon and doom to all who follow the beast. Could this be the final evangelization of the world, this time done not by people but by angels? Finally, Jesus is depicted as predicted in *Daniel 7:13* -- coming on the clouds for the final harvest of souls on earth.

#### *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.