Friday, February 15: Read <u>Revelation 21-22</u>

With judgment complete, John is now shown the final establishment of Glory, a new heaven and a new earth. First, he sees the city of God, the new Jerusalem adorned like a bride with a foundation, walls, gates and streets of gold. The Lord God and the Lamb are its temple and its light. Flowing from the throne is the river of life with the tree of life at its banks.

The Angel gives a final message to John, beginning in verse 6 of chapter 22. The angel reminds John why he has spoken, future things that will occur, followed by the coming of the Lord. The identity of Christ as God is clearly seen in the final chapter revealed as the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. The Revelation of Jesus Christ now concludes with a warning, a promise, a prayer and a blessing.

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 11 Read <u>Revelation 16</u>

Revelation 16 presents the seven last plague judgments upon the earth. The final plague sets the stage for the showdown between God and Satan, good and evil. Sadly, men curse God during the plagues but they do not repent of their wickedness.

Notes:

- *Pray for:* ---My relationship with God
 - ---My life roles
 - ---My personal needs/weak areas
 - ---My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, February 12: Read <u>Revelation 17-18</u>

Chapter 17 reveals a great adulterous "prostitute" who leads the world astray. Also called Babylon, she persecutes the saints. Part of her mysteries are revealed in seven mountains, eight kingdoms and ten final kings, who will pass their power to the Antichrist. Even so, Jesus will be victorious in the end.

Chapter 18 predicts the fall of Babylon. Verse 20 states that its fall is because of the way it treated God's people. Babylon in the Old Testament refers to both a nation and its capital city. Revelation uses it figuratively as both the political/economic reign (powers) of the Antichrist, as well as the false religious system, called a prostitute,that supplants God's true reign in the last times. In this case, Babylon will be forever destroyed, just like it was in the Old Testament times.

Tuesday: pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday February 13: Read <u>Revelation 19</u>

In chapter 19, celebration with praises to God breaks forth because the great prostitute is destroyed. The way is paved for the wedding feast of the Lamb alluded to by Jesus in <u>Matthew 22</u> and elsewhere. Next, the royal entrance of Jesus, the groom, is depicted coming from heaven in majesty. He comes to conquer and judge evil. He proceeds to the battle of Armageddon, disposes of the Anti-christ and the false prophet in the lake of fire and defeats the opposing army with the word (sword) of his mouth.

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- Leadership: 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. <u>Worship</u>: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
- 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 so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, February 14: Read <u>Revelation 20</u>

In chapter 20, Christ deals with Satan himself, locking him up in the Abyss, bound in chains for a thousand years. Next, a resurrection of the righteous martyrs occurs. These reign with Christ during the Millennium after which Satan is loosed for a brief time. He again gathers an army against the Lord and brings them to Jerusalem for war. There Satan and his followers are defeated by fire from above. Satan is joined to the beast and the false prophet in the lake of fire.

The final scene of chapter 20 depicts the great white throne judgment where all people of all times stand before God in judgment. Books reveal their good and bad works, while the Lamb's book of life reveals their destiny either with God in paradise or with the devil in the lake of fire.

<u>Notes:</u>

<u>Thursday Pray for "My World"</u>

(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.