

# **The Season of End Times**

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# Reformation Sunday (The First Sunday of End Times)

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## First Lesson

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now this is what the LORD says,  
the LORD who created you, O Jacob,  
the LORD who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, because I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you cross through the waters, I will be with you,  
When you cross the rivers, they will not sweep you away.  
When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,  
and the flame will not set you on fire.  
<sup>3</sup>Because I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior,  
I gave Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious and honored in my eyes,  
and I myself love you,  
I will give people in exchange for you,  
and peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, because I am with you.  
From the east I will bring your offspring,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, “Give them back!”  
and to the south, “Do not withhold.”  
Bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name  
everyone I created for my glory,  
everyone I formed, yes, everyone I have made.

## Second Lesson

**Romans 3:19–28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says is addressed to those who are under the law, so that every mouth will be silenced and the whole world will be subject to God’s judgment. <sup>20</sup>For this

reason, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by works of the law, for through the law we become aware of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, <sup>23</sup>because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God <sup>24</sup>and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood. God did this to demonstrate his justice, since, in his divine restraint, he had left the sins that were committed earlier unpunished. <sup>26</sup>He did this to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so that he would be both just and the one who justifies the person who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

## Gospel

### John 17:6–19

<sup>6</sup>“I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup>“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>“But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

<sup>17</sup>“Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth.

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# Last Judgment (The Second Sunday of End Times)

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## First Lesson

### Jeremiah 8:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Tell them, “This is what the LORD says:

Do people fall and not get up again?

Does someone turn away and not turn back?

<sup>5</sup>Then why has this people turned away?

Why is Jerusalem always turning away?

They take hold of deceit

and refuse to turn back.

<sup>6</sup>I have paid attention and listened,

but they do not say what is right.

No one repents of his wickedness,

asking, “What have I done?”

Everyone pursues his own course

like a horse charging into battle.

<sup>7</sup>Even the stork in the sky

knows her seasons.

The turtledove, the swallow, and the crane

observe the time of their migration.

But my people do not know

the judgment of the LORD.

## Second Lesson

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you do not grieve in the same way as the others, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>Indeed, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then in the same way we also believe that God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep through Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>In fact, we tell you this by the word of the Lord: We who are alive and left until the coming of the Lord will certainly not go on ahead of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, encourage one another with these words.

# Gospel

## Matthew 25:31–46 (EHV)

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. <sup>36</sup>I was lacking clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’

<sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or lacking clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

<sup>40</sup>“The King will answer them, ‘Amen<sup>a</sup> I tell you: Just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire, which is prepared for the Devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you did not give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you did not give me anything to drink. <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, lacking clothes and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not take care of me.’

<sup>44</sup>“Then they will also answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or lacking clothes or sick or in prison and did not serve you?’

<sup>45</sup>“At that time he will answer them, ‘Amen I tell you: Just as you did not do it for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me.’ <sup>46</sup>And they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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# Saints Triumphant (The Third Sunday of End Times)

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## First Lesson

### Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>Watch this, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth,  
and the former things will not be remembered,  
and they will not come to mind.

<sup>18</sup>Instead, rejoice and celebrate forever because of what I am creating.  
Watch this, I am about to create Jerusalem to be a source of gladness,  
and her people will be a source of joy.

<sup>19</sup>I also will be glad because of Jerusalem,  
and I will rejoice over my people.

The sound of weeping will not be heard again in her,  
nor will the sound of crying.

<sup>20</sup>There will never again be an infant there who lives for only a few days,  
or an elderly man who does not fill out all his days,  
for one who dies at a hundred will be considered a young man,  
and one who fails to attain a hundred years old will be regarded as cursed.

<sup>21</sup>Then they will build houses and inhabit them.

They will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>They will not build a house and have another person live in it.

They will not plant and have another person eat the crop,  
for the days of my people will be like the days of a tree,  
and my chosen ones will enjoy all the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup>They will not toil in vain,  
and they will not give birth to children doomed to disaster,  
for they will be offspring who are blessed by the LORD,  
and their descendants will be with them.

<sup>24</sup>Then it will happen that even before they call, I will answer;  
while they are still speaking, I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb will graze together,  
and the lion will eat straw like cattle,  
but the serpent will eat dust as its food.

They will not harm or destroy on all my holy mountain,  
says the LORD.

## Second Lesson

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (EHV)

<sup>1</sup>Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, <sup>2</sup>for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When people are saying, “Peace and security,” destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, <sup>5</sup>for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

<sup>7</sup>To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup>You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

## Gospel

### Matthew 25:1–13 (EHV)

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, ‘No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later, the other virgins also came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, let us in.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Amen<sup>a</sup> I tell you: I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

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# Christ the King (The Fourth Sunday of End Times)

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## First Lesson

### Isaiah 51:4-8

<sup>4</sup>Pay attention to me, O my people,  
and my nation, listen to me!  
For teaching will go out from me,  
and I will establish my justice as a light to the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>My righteousness is near.  
My salvation goes forth,  
and my arms will bring justice to people.  
Coastlands will wait for me.  
They will have confidence in my arm.  
<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens.  
Look closely at the earth beneath,  
because the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
and the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and its inhabitants will die like gnats.  
But my salvation will remain forever,  
and my righteousness will never be abolished.  
<sup>7</sup>Listen to me, you people who know righteousness,  
you people who have my teaching in your hearts.  
Do not fear the insults of men,  
and do not be discouraged by their abuse.  
<sup>8</sup>Because a moth will consume them like a garment,  
and its worm will consume them like wool.  
But my righteousness will remain forever,  
and my salvation will remain for all generations.

## Second Lesson

### Revelation 1:9-18

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingship and patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony about Jesus.

<sup>10</sup>I was in spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard a loud voice behind me, like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and among the lampstands was one like a son of man. He was clothed with a robe that reached to his feet, and around his chest he wore a gold sash. <sup>14</sup>His head and his hair were white, like white wool or like snow. His eyes were like blazing flames. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like polished bronze being refined in a furnace. His voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>He held seven stars in his right hand. A sharp two-edged sword was coming out of his mouth. His face was shining as the sun shines in all its brightness.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand on me and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last— <sup>18</sup>the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell.

## Gospel

### John 18:33–37

<sup>33</sup>Pilate went back into the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. He asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”

<sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

<sup>36</sup>Jesus replied, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here.”

<sup>37</sup>“You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

Jesus answered, “I am, as you say, a king. For this reason I was born, and for this reason I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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