

Everyone can live to see Bible promises fulfilled

A common response when people hear what the Bible promises for the future is to say, "That will never happen during my lifetime."

When they look at the problems reported every day in the news, it is difficult for people to imagine a peaceful world without problems. But the Bible says the world's current problems are an indication that the time for God's kingdom to fix things is that nearer.

At 2 Timothy 3:1-4, the apostle Paul said, "But know this, that in the last days critical times hard to deal with will be here."

"For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, self-assuming, haughty, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, disloyal, having no natural affection, not open to any agreement, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, without love of goodness, betrayers, headstrong,



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puffed up with pride, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of God."

It's hard to argue that these words don't apply to today. But Paul said these would be "last days." Something is about to end.

Jesus told his followers at Luke 21:25-28: "Also... on the earth anguish of nations, not knowing the way out because of the roaring of the sea and its agitation, while men become faint out of fear and expectation of things coming upon the inhabited earth; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

"And then they will see the Son of

man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But as these things start to occur, raise yourselves erect and lift your heads up, because your deliverance is getting near."

After using the buds on a fig tree as a sign that summer is near, Jesus said in verse 31: "In this way you also, when you see these things occurring, know that the kingdom of God is near."

Paul foretold bad times, and Jesus foretold bad times, starting in verse 5 of Luke Chapter 21, followed by worse times, anguish of nations and men faint out of fear. Afterward, Jesus said his followers could look forward to their salvation.

So the bad events on earth today, fulfilling Bible prophecies, indicate that God's kingdom will soon bring salvation to His people.

Psalm 72:7, 8 says, "In his days the righteous one will sprout, and the abundance of peace until the moon is no more. And he will have subjects from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth."

There will be people living in peace in all parts of the earth under God's kingdom. How will that be possible?

Revelation 11:18 tells us that the time would come for God to "bring to ruin those ruining the earth."

If the people causing the problems on earth were allowed to continue living, and they weren't expected to change, the problems would continue.

2 Peter 3:9 says, "God is not slow respecting his promise, as some people consider slowness, but he is patient with you because he does not desire any to be destroyed but desires all to attain to repentance."

God allows all to have time to re-

pent of anything they have done wrong and give up lifestyles that won't be accepted under His kingdom. But when his time comes, the wicked will be destroyed, and the earth will be restored to the paradise that existed in the Garden of Eden before Adam and Eve sinned.

The time for that kingdom seems to some to have delayed because God has allowed time for everyone to repent. That does not mean his kingdom will not come during our lifetimes.

Any who are in their old age may think it will have to come this year or next for them to see it. Others realize they could die of illness, in an accident, in warfare or in a terrorist attack. But God's kingdom will not come too late for them.

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 says, "However, now Christ has been raised up from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen

asleep in death. For since death is through a man, resurrection of the dead is also through a man. For just as in Adam all are dying, so also in the Christ all will be made alive.

"But each one in his own rank: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who belong to the Christ during his presence."

"Next, the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has brought to nothing all government and all authority and power. For he must rule as king until God has put all enemies under his feet. As the last enemy, death is to be brought to nothing."

Those who don't live to see the prophesied events will be resurrected to live under God's kingdom, so that kingdom will rule during everyone's lifetime. And those living under that kingdom will have everlasting life once death is "brought to nothing."



Katie and Jeremy Bowen

Couple ties knot

Jeremy Bowen of Goodland and Katie Nugen of Wellington were married at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Wichita.

Father James Billinger officiated the double ring ceremony.

The groom is the son of Dale and Linda Bowen of Goodland, and the bride is the daughter of Gregg and Sammie Nugen of Wellington. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Tommi Ringel was the matron of honor, and the bridesmaids were Jule Thatcher, Shawna DePlata, sister of the groom, and Amy Carpenter. Olivia Sneed, cousin of the bride, was a junior bridesmaid.

Wes Bowen, brother of the groom, was the best man. Seth Hayden, Tige Stone and Robert Whisler were groomsmen.

Kenny Horsch, uncle of the bride; Justin Horsch and Chad Gill, cousins of the bride; and Joe Diekemper and Andy Hudnull were ushers.

Kyle Johnson, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer, and Mackenzie DePlata, niece of the groom was the flower girl.

A reception, dinner and dance were held at the Emerald Ballroom at the Wichita Airport Hilton.

The groom has a masters degree in accounting from Emporia State University and works at BKD, an accounting firm, in Wichita. The bride has a masters in accounting from Kansas State University and works at Key Construction in Wichita.

After the honeymoon in Cozumel, Mexico, the couple is at home in Wichita.

Goodland woman wins We Kan! award

The 12th annual We Kan! awards were presented to 10 people, including the head of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, at the Kansas Sampler Festival held Saturday and Sunday in Newton.

Donna Price of the Sherman Convention and Visitors Board received the "Being the Glue" award.

Each year the Kansas Sampler Foundation picks 10 unsuspecting recipients or organizations from around the state whom have made outstanding efforts to help preserve and sustain rural culture in their area.

Foundation director Marci Penner said, "It's people like Donna who help keep our Kansas communities alive and thriving. Donna is not only an asset to Goodland but the

entire region. She helps bring everyone together for cooperative efforts.

"The Kansas Sampler Foundation is proud to recognize the efforts of these dedicated Kansans."

The winners are Paul Bahnmaier, Lecompton, Keeping History Alive; Suzan Barnes, Cottonwood Falls, Making It the Best It Can Be; Judy Billings, Lawrence, Bringing Communities Together.

Sally Hatcher, Leavenworth, Support for Rural Kansas; Susie Haver, Concordia, Making a Difference; Kim Legleiter, Montezuma, Community Support; Dollie Mathes, Harper, Community Difference-maker; Community of Newton, Bringing Kansas Together; and Sue Smith, Cottonwood Falls, Making it Fun!

matters of record

Goodland Police
The following crimes have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

April 27 — Robert McKnight reported the theft of medication, valued at \$30, taken from 533 W. 13th St.

The theft of \$154 in cash from Kabredlo's Convenience Store, 320 E. 8th St. was reported.

April 30 — Kelly F. Drees was the victim of aggravated assault at 2423 Enterprise Rd. Also reported was the theft of four cassette tapes,

valued at \$23.96, taken from Conoco Travel Shoppe, same address.

May 1 — Alejandro N. Parra, of Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested near the intersection of K-27 and 8th St. for driving with suspended license and no proof of liability insurance. He was charged in municipal court.

May 3 — Jerry L. Armstrong was arrested at 421 Broadway Ave. for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license. He was charged in municipal court.

Worship warms the heart

<p>Calvary Gospel Church Pastor: Rev. Steve Rains Fourth & College • 899-3605 Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am Morning Service: 10:30 am Small Group Ministries Wednesday: Prayer and Worship: 7:00 p.m. Youth @ the Rock House: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pastor: Father Norbert Dlabal 307 W. 13th • 899-7205 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30-5 pm Saturday or by appointment Mass Schedule: Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am Spanish Mass: 1st & 3rd Sunday: 2 pm</p>	
<p>Sonrise Christian Church Ninth & Caldwell • 899-5398 Minister: Tony Kafka Youth Minister: Doug Bean Sunday: Worship Service: 9:30 am Sunday School: 10:45 am Wednesday: Junior/Senior High Meeting: 7 pm Adult & Children's Classes: 7 pm</p>	<p>Word of Life Foursquare Church 10th & Clark • 899-5250 Pastor: John Coumerilh Service Schedule: Sunday: Worship Celebration and Kids' Church: 10:30 am First Wednesday: K.W.A.M.! Grades 1 through 5: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Pleasant Home Church Serving the rural community for over 100 years Rt. 1, Box 180 • 694-2807 • 3190 Road 70 Pastor: Charlie Busch 694-2242 Sunday: Worship Service: 9 am Sunday School: 10 am Evening Service: 6 pm</p>
<p>Bible Baptist Church Pastor: Glenn Hermanson Fifth & Broadway 899-7368 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am Morning Service: 10 am Evening Service: 6:30 pm Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 pm</p>	<p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO (719) 346-7984 Sacrament Meeting: 10 am Sunday School: 11:15 am Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 am</p>	<p>Iglesia Del Dios Vivo La Luz Del Mundo Spanish Speaking Church Minister: Esteban Ortiz B. 1601 Texas • 899-5275 Daily Prayer: Sunday thru Saturday: 5 am & 6 pm Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am</p>
<p>United Methodist Church Brewster: Pastor: Worship Service: 10:45 am CST Sunday School: 9:45 am CST Winona: Minister: Rev. Bob Winters Worship Service: 9 am CST Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pastor: Loren Strait Eighth & Arcade • 899-5233 Sunday: Worship Service: 10:30 am Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Activities: Junior High & High School Youth Groups, Adult Bible Study, Choir, Men's and Women's Groups, Devotions Study, Monthly Fellowship Special Notice: Handicap Accessible, Hearing Assistance Equipment and Infant and Toddler Nurseries Available</p>	<p>Kanorado United Methodist Church Pastor: Leonard Cox 399-2468 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 am Worship Service: 10:15 am</p>
<p>Church of the Nazarene Pastor: Bob Willis Third & Caldwell 899-2080 or 899-3797 Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 am Worship Service: 10:50 am Evening Service: 6 pm Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 pm</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 1116 Sherman 899-3631 Pastor: Rev. Janet Hernandez Saturday: Informal Worship: 5:30 pm Sunday: Sunday School: 9:15 am Worship Service: 10:30 am</p>	<p>Goodland Bible Church 109 Willow Road • 899-6400 Pastor: Chad DeJong Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 am Morning Worship: 10:45 am Evening Worship: 6 pm Wednesday: AWANA (Winter) and prayer: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>First Baptist Church Pastor: John Meckling Fifth & Center • 899-3450 Sunday: Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 am (Child care provided) Morning Worship: 10:30 am Wednesday: Bible study 7 p.m. Call church for information Thursday: Bible study 9:30 a.m. Wheatridge Center</p>	<p>St. Paul's Episcopal Church 13th & Center Church 890-2115 or Rectory 890-6969 Priest: Father Hal Lycett Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. Wed. - Sun. For emergencies Wed. - Sun. 890-6969 Sr. Warden for emergencies Mon. and Tues. 890-3320</p>	<p>Grace Fellowship Church 104 E. Hwy 24 • 899-6423 Pastor: Bob Snyder • Residence: 890-0134 Sunday: Sunday School: 10 am Worship Service: 11 am Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm Sunday: Bible Study: 7 pm</p>
<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church 1160 Cattletrail Pastor: Jim Martin Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 11 am</p>	<p>Emmanuel Lutheran Church 13th & Sherman • 890-6161 Pastor: Scott Grimshaw Sunday: Christian education/fellowship: 10:15 a.m. Worship Service: 9 am Wednesday: Confirmation: 6 pm</p>	<p>Church of Christ 401 Caldwell 899-6185 Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 am Worship Service: 10:45 am Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 pm</p>

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