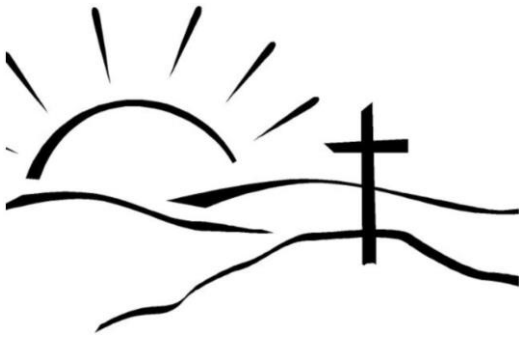




“Dan sal jou lig deurbreek soos die dageraad en jou genesing skielik uitspruit; en jou geregtigheid sal voor jou uit gaan, die heerlijkheid van die HERE jou agterhoede wees.”

17 November 2024

EINDTYD – DEEL 1 JY IS NOU HIER

Openingsvraag:

Wat se emosies flits deur jou kop wanneer jy dink aan die eindtyd?

Skriflesing

Joh14: 1-4

1953

1LAAT julle hart nie ontsteld word nie; glo in God, glo ook in My.

2In die huis van my Vader is daar baie wonings; as dit nie so was nie, sou Ek dit vir julle gesê het. Ek gaan om vir julle plek te berei.

3En as Ek gegaan en vir julle plek berei het, kom Ek weer en sal julle na My toe neem, sodat julle ook kan wees waar Ek is.

4En waar Ek heengaan, weet julle en die weg ken julle.

AMP

Jesus Comforts His Disciples

1“Do not let your heart be troubled (*afraid, cowardly*). Believe [*confidently*] in God *and* trust in Him, [*have faith, hold on to it, rely on it, keep going and*] believe also in Me.

2In My Father’s house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you.

3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and I will take you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.

4And [*to the place*] where I am going, you know the way.”

MSG

The Road

1-4“Don’t let this rattle you. You trust God, don’t you? Trust me. There is plenty of room for you in my Father’s home. If that weren’t so, would I have told you that I’m on my way to get a room ready for you? And if I’m on my way to get your room ready, I’ll come back and get you so you can live where I live. And you already know the road I’m taking.”

- *Alles wat ek wil weet oor die eindtyd is in die 4 verse vasgevat.*
- *Vers 1 - Baie van ons is bang hoe ons doodgaan, maar ons moet ons hart nie ontsteld word nie; glo in God. Ons moet nie bang wees nie, maar opgewonde!!*
- *Vers 2 - Ons het 'n beeld van hoe dit in die hemel gaan wees, al wat ek weet van die hemel is dat dit 'n plek is en ek ken die argitek en bouer van die plek – dis God self*
- *Vers 3 - Jesus sê hy sal ons nie agterlaat nie, Hy kom ons haal. Hy het my nie vergeet nie.*

1. Die Sewe Gemeentes

- **Éfese**- Die Apostoliese Kerk: 30 - 300 nC
- **Smirna** - Die Martelaarkerk: 100 - 313 nC
- **Pérgamus**- Die Kompromiekerk: 314 – 590 nC
- **Thiatíre**: Die Rooms-Katolieke Kerk: 590 – 1517 nC
- **Sardis** - Die Hervormingskerk: 1517-1700 nC
- **Filadelfía**- Die Herlewingskerk: 1700-1900 nC
- **Laodicéa**- Die Wêreldse Kerk: 1900- Wegraping

Open 2:1-3:22

1953

Briewe aan die sewe gemeentes van Asië. Eerste brief: aan Éfese.

1SKRYF aan die engel van die gemeente in Éfese: Dít sê Hy wat die sewe sterre in sy regterhand hou, wat wandel tussen die sewe goue kandelaars:

2Ek ken jou werke en jou arbeid en jou lydsaamheid, en dat jy slegte mense nie kan verdra nie; en dat jy dié op die proef gestel het wat sê dat hulle apostels is en dit nie is nie, en hulle leuenaars bevind het;

3en dat jy verdra het en lydsaamheid besit, en ter wille van my Naam gearbei en nie moeg geword het nie.

4Maar Ek het teen jou dat jy jou eerste liefde verlaat het.

5Onthou dan waarvandaan jy uitgeval het, en bekeer jou en doen die eerste werke. Anders kom Ek gou na jou toe en sal jou kandelaar van sy plek verwyder as jy jou nie bekeer nie.

6Maar dit het jy, dat jy die werke van die Nikolaïete haat, wat Ek ook haat.

Die Nikolaïete was waarskynlik 'n groep mense wat 'n afwykende leerstelling of praktyk in die vroeë kerk gevolg het.

7Wie 'n oor het, laat hom hoor wat die Gees aan die gemeentes sê. Aan hom wat oorwin, sal Ek gee om te eet van die boom van die lewe wat binne-in die paradys van God is.

Om die gemeente te herinner aan hul eerste liefde. Hulle het hulle passie verloor.

Tweede brief: aan die gemeente van Smirna.

8EN skryf aan die engel van die gemeente in Smirna: Dít sê die eerste en die laaste, wat dood was en lewend geword het:

9Ek ken jou werke en verdrukking en armoede — maar jy is ryk — en die lastering van die wat sê dat hulle Jode is en dit nie is nie, maar 'n sinagoge van die Satan.

10Vrees vir niks wat jy sal ly nie. Kyk, die duiwel gaan sommige van julle in die gevangenis werp, sodat julle op die proef gestel kan word; en julle sal **tien dae** lank verdrukking hê. Wees getrou tot die dood toe, en Ek sal jou die kroon van die lewe gee.

11Wie 'n oor het, laat hom hoor wat die Gees aan die gemeentes sê. Die wat oorwin, sal deur die tweede dood geen skade ly nie.

Om die gemeente aan te moedig om standvastig te bly te midde van lyding. Die kerk het onder geweldige verdrukking gegaan.

Dit voel of die storm nooit verbygaan nie, maar God sê net vir 10 dae!

Derde brief: aan die gemeente van Pérgamus.

12EN skryf aan die engel van die gemeente in Pérgamus: Dít sê Hy wat die skerp tweesnydende swaard het:

13Ek ken jou werke en die plek waar jy woon, waar die troon van die Satan is. En jy hou vas aan my Naam en het die geloof in My nie verloën nie, selfs in die dae waarin Ántipas my getroue getuie was, wat gedood is by julle waar die Satan woon.

14Maar Ek het enkele dinge teen jou: dat jy daar mense het wat vashou aan die leer van Bíleam wat Balak geleer het om 'n struikelblok voor die kinders van Israel te werp, naamlik om afgodsoffers te eet en te hoereer.

15So het jy ook mense wat vashou aan die leer van die Nikolaïete, wat Ek haat.

16Bekeer jou; anders kom Ek gou na jou toe en sal teen hulle oorlog voer met die swaard van my mond.

17Wie 'n oor het, laat hom hoor wat die Gees aan die gemeentes sê. Aan hom wat oorwin, sal Ek gee om te eet van die verborge manna, en Ek sal hom gee 'n wit keursteen, en op dié steen 'n nuwe naam geskrywe wat niemand ken nie, behalwe hy wat dit ontvang.

Om die gemeente te waarsku teen kompromieë met die wêreld. Nikolaïete het valse leerstellings ingebring.

Vierde brief: aan die gemeente van Thiatíre.

18EN skryf aan die engel van die gemeente in Thiatíre: Dít sê die Seun van God wat oë het soos 'n vuurvlam, en sy voete is soos blink koper:

19Ek ken jou werke en liefde en diens en geloof en jou lydsaamheid en jou werke, en dat die laaste meer is as die eerste.

20Maar Ek het enkele dinge teen jou; dat jy die vrou Isébel, wat haarself 'n profetes noem, toelaat om te leer en my diensknegte te verlei om te hoereer en afgodsoffers te eet.

21En Ek het haar tyd gegee om haar van haar hoerery te bekeer, en sy het haar nie bekeer nie.

22Kyk, Ek werp haar neer op 'n siekbed, en die wat met haar owerspel bedryf, in 'n groot verdrukking, as hulle hul nie van hul werke bekeer nie.

23En haar kinders sal Ek sekerlik doodmaak, en al die gemeentes sal weet dat dit Ek is wat niere en harte deursoek, en Ek sal aan elkeen van julle gee volgens sy werke.

24En ek sê vir julle en die ander wat in Thiatíre is, almal wat hierdie leer nie het nie, en die wat die dieptes van die Satan, soos hulle dit noem, nie leer ken het nie: Ek sal op julle geen ander las lê nie.

25Hou maar net vas wat julle het, totdat Ek kom.

26 En aan hom wat oorwin en my werke tot die einde toe bewaar, sal Ek mag oor die nasies gee,

27en hy sal hulle regeer met 'n ysterstaf; soos erdegoed word hulle verbrysel, net soos Ek ook van my Vader ontvang het.

28En Ek sal hom die môrester gee.

29Wie 'n oor het, laat hom hoor wat die Gees aan die gemeentes sê.

Om die gemeente aan te moedig om heiligheid te handhaaf en boosheid te konfronteer. Tyd van die Rooms Katolieke Kerk.

Vyfde brief: aan die gemeente van Sardis.

1EN skryf aan die engel van die gemeente in Sardis: Dít sê Hy wat die sewe Geeste van God en die sewe sterre het: Ek ken jou werke, dat jy die naam het dat jy leef, en jy is dood.

2Wees wakker en versterk die wat oorbly, wat op die punt staan om te sterwe, want Ek het jou werke nie volkome voor God gevind nie.

3Onthou dan hoe jy dit ontvang en gehoor het, en bewaar dit en bekeer jou; as jy dan nie wakker word nie, sal Ek op jou afkom soos 'n dief, en jy sal nie weet in watter uur Ek op jou afkom nie.

4Maar jy het enkele persone ook in Sardis wat hulle klere nie besoedel het nie, en hulle sal saam met My in wit klere wandel, omdat hulle dit waardig is.

5Wie oorwin, sal beklee word met wit klere, en Ek sal sy naam nooit uitwis uit die boek van die lewe nie, en Ek sal sy naam bely voor my Vader en voor sy engele.

6Wie 'n oor het, laat hom hoor wat die Gees aan die gemeentes sê.

Om die gemeente op te roep tot geestelike herlewing.

Sesde brief: aan die gemeente van Filadelfía.

7EN skryf aan die engel van die gemeente in Filadelfía: Dít sê die Heilige, die Waaragtige, wat die sleutel van Dawid het, wat oopmaak en niemand sluit nie, en Hy sluit en niemand maak oop nie:

8Ek ken jou werke. Kyk, Ek het voor jou 'n geopende deur gegee, en niemand kan dit sluit nie, want jy het min krag en jy het my woord bewaar en my Naam nie verloën nie.

9Kyk, Ek gee jou uit die sinagoge van die Satan, van die wat sê dat hulle Jode is en dit nie is nie, maar lieg — Ek sal maak dat hulle kom en voor jou voete neerbuig en erken dat Ek jou liefgehad het.

10Omdat jy die woord van my lydsaamheid bewaar het, sal Ek jou ook bewaar in die uur van beproewing wat oor die hele wêreld kom om die bewoners van die aarde op die proef te stel.

11 Kyk, Ek kom gou! Hou vas wat jy het, sodat niemand jou kroon kan neem nie.

12 Wie oorwin, Ek sal hom 'n pilaar in die tempel van my God maak, en hy sal daar nooit weer uitgaan nie; en Ek sal op hom die Naam van my God skrywe en die naam van die stad van my God, van die nuwe Jerusalem, wat uit die hemel van my God neerdaal, en my nuwe Naam.

13Wie 'n oor het, laat hom hoor wat die Gees aan die gemeentes sê.

Om die gemeente te bemoedig met die belofte van God se beskerming en seën.

Sewende brief: aan die gemeente van Laodicéa.

14EN skryf aan die engel van die gemeente van die Laodicense: Dít sê die Amen, die getroue en waaragtige Getuie, die begin van die skepping van God:

15Ek ken jou werke, dat jy nie koud is en ook nie warm nie. Was jy tog maar koud of warm!

16Maar nou, omdat jy lou is en nie koud of warm nie, sal Ek jou uit my mond spuug.

17Want jy sê: Ek is ryk en het verryk geword en het aan niks gebrek nie; en jy weet nie dat dit jy is wat ellendig en beklaenswaardig en arm en blind en naak is nie.

18Ek raai jou aan om van My te koop goud wat deur vuur gelouter is, sodat jy kan ryk word; en wit klere, dat jy jou kan aantrek en die skande van jou naaktheid nie openbaar word nie; en salf om jou oë te salf, sodat jy kan sien.

19 Almal wat Ek liefhet, bestraf en tugtig Ek. Wees dan ywerig en bekeer jou.

20Kyk, Ek staan by die deur en Ek klop. As iemand my stem hoor en die deur oopmaak, sal Ek ingaan na hom toe en saam met hom maaltyd hou, en hy met My.

21Aan hom wat oorwin, sal Ek gee om saam met My te sit op my troon, soos Ek ook oorwin het en saam met my Vader op sy troon gaan sit het.

22Wie 'n oor het, laat hom hoor wat die Gees aan die gemeentes sê.

Die mens regeer. Om die gemeente te waarsku teen geestelike louwarmheid.

Message to Ephesus

1 “To the angel (divine messenger) of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of the One who holds [firmly] the seven stars [which are the angels or messengers of the seven churches] in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands (the seven churches):

2 ‘I know your deeds and your toil, and your patient endurance, and that you cannot tolerate those who are evil, and have tested *and* critically appraised those who call themselves apostles (special messengers, personally chosen representatives, of Christ), and [in fact] are not, and have found them to be liars *and* impostors; 3and [I know that] you [who believe] are enduring patiently and are bearing up for My name’s sake, and that you have not grown weary [of being faithful to the truth]. 4But I have *this* [charge] against you, that you have left your first love [you have lost the depth of love that you first had for Me]. 5So remember *the heights* from which you have fallen, and repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God’s will] and do the works you did at first [when you first knew Me]; otherwise, I will visit you and remove your lampstand (the church, its impact) from its place—unless you repent. 6Yet you have this [to your credit], that you hate the works *and* corrupt teachings of the Nicolaitans [that mislead and delude the people], which I also hate. 7He who has an ear, let him hear *and* heed what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God], I will grant [the privilege] to eat [the fruit] from the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.’ [Gen 2:9; 3:24; 1 John 5:5]

Message to Smyrna

8 “And to the angel (divine messenger) of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of the First and the Last [absolute Deity, the Son of God] who died and came to life [again]: [Is 44:6]

9 ‘I know your suffering and your poverty (but you are rich), and how you are blasphemed *and* slandered by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan [they are Jews only by blood, and do not believe and truly honor the God whom they claim to worship].

10Fear nothing that you are about to suffer. Be aware that the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested [in your faith], and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful to the point of death [if you must die for your faith], and I will give you the crown [consisting] of life. [Rev 3:10, 11] 11He who has an ear, let him hear *and* heed what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God] will not be hurt by the second death (the lake of fire).’ [1 John 5:5; Rev 20:14]

Message to Pergamum

12 “And to the angel (divine messenger) of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of Him who has *and* wields the sharp two-edged sword [in judgment]:

13 ‘I know where you dwell, [a place] where Satan sits enthroned. Yet you are holding fast to My name, and you did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed (martyred) among you, where Satan dwells.

14But I have a few things against you, because you have there some [among you] who are holding to the [corrupt] teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, [enticing them] to eat things that had been sacrificed to idols and to commit [acts of sexual] immorality. [Num 25:1, 2; 31:16]

15You also have some who in the same way are holding to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16Therefore repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God’s will]; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war *and* fight against them with the sword of My mouth [in judgment].

17He who has an ear, let him hear *and* heed what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God], to him I will give [the privilege of eating] *some* of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone which no one knows except the one who receives it.' [Ps 78:24; Is 62:2; 1 John 5:5]

Message to Thyatira

18 "And to the angel (divine messenger) of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, who has eyes [that flash] like a flame of fire [in righteous judgment], and whose feet are like burnished [white-hot] bronze: [Dan 10:6]

19 'I know your deeds, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your last deeds are more numerous *and* greater than the first.

20But I have this [charge] against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and she teaches and misleads My bond-servants so that they commit [acts of sexual] immorality and eat food sacrificed to idols. [1 Kin 16:31; 2 Kin 9:22, 30]

21I gave her time to repent [to change her inner self and her sinful way of thinking], but she has no desire to repent of her immorality *and* refuses to do so.

22Listen carefully, I will throw her on a bed *of sickness*, and those who commit adultery with her [I will bring] into great anguish, unless they repent of her deeds.

23And I will kill her children (followers) with pestilence [thoroughly annihilating them], and all the churches will know [without any doubt] that I am He who searches the minds and hearts [the innermost thoughts, purposes]; and I will give to each one of you [a reward or punishment] according to your deeds. [Ps 62:12; Jer 17:10]

24But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored *and* known the depths of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you,

25except to hold tightly to what you have until I come.

26And he who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God] and he who keeps My deeds [doing things that please Me] until the [very] end, to him I will give authority *and* power over the nations; [1 John 5:5]

27and he shall shepherd *and* rule them with a rod of iron, as the earthen pots are broken in pieces, as I also have received *authority* [and power to rule them] from My Father; [Ps 2:8, 9]

28and I will give him the Morning Star.

29He who has an ear, let him hear *and* heed what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Message to Sardis

1 "To the angel (divine messenger) of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of Him who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: 'I know your deeds; you have a name (reputation) that you are alive, but [in reality] you are dead.

2Wake up, and strengthen *and* reaffirm what remains [of your faithful commitment to Me], which is about to die; for I have not found [any of] your deeds completed in the sight of My God *or* meeting His requirements.

3So remember *and* take to heart the lessons you have received and heard. Keep *and* obey them, and repent [change your sinful way of thinking, and demonstrate your repentance with new behavior that proves a conscious decision to turn away from sin]. So then, if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

4But you [still] have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes [that is, contaminated their character and personal integrity with sin]; and they will walk with Me [dressed] in white, because they are worthy (righteous).

5He who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God] will accordingly be dressed in white clothing; and I will never blot out his name from the Book of Life, and I will confess *and* openly acknowledge his name before My Father and before His angels [saying that he is one of Mine]. [Ps 69:28; Dan 12:1; Matt 10:32; 1 John 5:5]

6He who has an ear, let him hear *and* heed what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Message to Philadelphia

7 "And to the angel (divine messenger) of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, He who has the key [to the house] of David, He who opens and no one will [be able to] shut, and He who shuts and no one opens: [Is 22:22]

8 'I know your deeds. See, I have set before you an open door which no one is able to shut, for you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not renounced *or* denied My name. [1 Cor 16:9; Col 4:3, 4]

9Take note, I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—I will make them come and bow down at your feet and *make them* know [without any doubt] that I have loved you. [Is 45:14; 49:23; 60:14]

10Because you have kept the word of My endurance [My command to persevere], I will keep you [safe] from the hour of trial, that *hour* which is about to come on the whole [inhabited] world, to test those who live on the earth. [Mark 13:9; 2 Thess 2:1-12]

11I am coming quickly. Hold tight what you have, so that no one will take your crown [by leading you to renounce the faith].

12He who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God], I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God; he will most certainly never be put out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My [own] new name. [Is 62:2; Ezek 48:35; 1 John 5:5]

13He who has an ear, let him hear *and* heed what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Message to Laodicea

14 "To the angel (divine messenger) of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the trusted *and* faithful and true Witness, the Beginning *and* Origin of God's creation:

15 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold (invigorating, refreshing) nor hot (healing, therapeutic); I wish that you were cold or hot.

16So because you are lukewarm (spiritually useless), and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of My mouth [rejecting you with disgust].

17Because you say, "I am rich, and have prospered *and* grown wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked [without hope and in great need], [Hos 12:8]

18I counsel you to buy from Me gold that has been heated red hot *and* refined by fire so that you may become *truly* rich; and white clothes [representing righteousness] to clothe yourself so that the shame of your nakedness will not be seen; and *healing* salve to put on your eyes so that you may see.

19Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I rebuke and discipline [showing them their faults and instructing them]; so be enthusiastic and repent [change your inner self—your old way of thinking, your sinful behavior—seek God's will]. [Prov 3:11, 12; Heb 5:8; 12:5-7]

20Behold, I stand at the door [of the church] and *continually* knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him (restore him), and he with Me.

21He who overcomes [the world through believing that Jesus is the Son of God], I will grant to him [the privilege] to sit beside Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down beside My Father on His throne. [1 John 5:5]

22He who has an ear, let him hear *and* heed what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”

MSG

To Ephesus

1Write this to Ephesus, to the Angel of the church. The One with Seven Stars in his right-fist grip, striding through the golden seven-lights’ circle, speaks:

2-3“I see what you’ve done, your hard, hard work, your refusal to quit. I know you can’t stomach evil, that you weed out apostolic pretenders. I know your persistence, your courage in my cause, that you never wear out.

4-5“But you walked away from your first love—why? What’s going on with you, anyway? Do you have any idea how far you’ve fallen? A Lucifer fall!

“Turn back! Recover your dear early love. No time to waste, for I’m well on my way to removing your light from the golden circle.

6“You do have this to your credit: You hate the Nicolaitan business. I hate it, too.

7“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. I’m about to call each conqueror to dinner. I’m spreading a banquet of Tree-of-Life fruit, a supper plucked from God’s orchard.”

To Smyrna

8Write this to Smyrna, to the Angel of the church. The Beginning and Ending, the First and Final One, the Once Dead and Then Come Alive, speaks:

9“I can see your pain and poverty—constant pain, dire poverty—but I also see your wealth. And I hear the lie in the claims of those who pretend to be good Jews, who in fact belong to Satan’s crowd.

10“Fear nothing in the things you’re about to suffer—but stay on guard! Fear nothing! The Devil is about to throw you in jail for a time of testing—ten days. It won’t last forever.

“Don’t quit, even if it costs you your life. Stay there believing. I have a Life-Crown sized and ready for you.

11“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. Christ-conquerors are safe from Devil-death.”

To Pergamum

12Write this to Pergamum, to the Angel of the church. The One with the sharp-biting sword draws from the sheath of his mouth—out come the sword words:

13“I see where you live, right under the shadow of Satan’s throne. But you continue boldly in my Name; you never once denied my Name, even when the pressure was worst, when they martyred Antipas, my witness who stayed faithful to me on Satan’s turf.

14-15“But why do you indulge that Balaam crowd? Don’t you remember that Balaam was an enemy agent, seducing Balak and sabotaging Israel’s holy pilgrimage by throwing unholy parties? And why do you put up with the Nicolaitans, who do the same thing?

16“Enough! Don’t give in to them; I’ll be with you soon. I’m fed up and about to cut them to pieces with my sword-sharp words.

17“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. I’ll give the sacred manna to every conqueror; I’ll also give a clear, smooth stone inscribed with your new name, your secret new name.”

To Thyatira

18Write this to Thyatira, to the Angel of the church. God's Son, eyes pouring fire-blaze, standing on feet of furnace-fired bronze, says this:

19"I see everything you're doing for me. Impressive! The love and the faith, the service and persistence. Yes, very impressive! You get better at it every day.

20-23"But why do you let that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet mislead my dear servants into Cross-denying, self-indulging religion? I gave her a chance to change her ways, but she has no intention of giving up a career in the god-business. I'm about to lay her low, along with her partners, as they play their sex-and-religion games. The bastard offspring of their idol-whoring I'll kill. Then every church will know that appearances don't impress me. I x-ray every motive and make sure you get what's coming to you.

24-25"The rest of you Thyatirans, who have nothing to do with this outrage, who scorn this playing around with the Devil that gets paraded as profundity, be assured I'll not make life any harder for you than it already is. Hold on to the truth you have until I get there.

26-28"Here's the reward I have for every conqueror, everyone who keeps at it, refusing to give up: You'll rule the nations, your Shepherd-King rule as firm as an iron staff, their resistance fragile as clay pots. This was the gift my Father gave me; I pass it along to you—and with it, the Morning Star!

29"Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches."

To Sardis

1Write this to Sardis, to the Angel of the church. The One holding the Seven Spirits of God in one hand, a firm grip on the Seven Stars with the other, speaks: "I see right through your work. You have a reputation for vigor and zest, but you're dead, stone-dead.

2-3"Up on your feet! Take a deep breath! Maybe there's life in you yet. But I wouldn't know it by looking at your busywork; nothing of God's work has been completed. Your condition is desperate. Think of the gift you once had in your hands, the Message you heard with your ears—grasp it again and turn back to God. "If you pull the covers back over your head and sleep on, oblivious to God, I'll return when you least expect it, break into your life like a thief in the night.

4"You still have a few followers of Jesus in Sardis who haven't ruined themselves wallowing in the muck of the world's ways. They'll walk with me on parade! They've proved their worth!

5"Conquerors will march in the victory parade, their names indelible in the Book of Life. I'll lead them up and present them by name to my Father and his Angels.

6"Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches."

To Philadelphia

7Write this to Philadelphia, to the Angel of the church. The Holy, the True—David's key in his hand, opening doors no one can lock, locking doors no one can open—speaks:

8"I see what you've done. Now see what I've done. I've opened a door before you that no one can slam shut. You don't have much strength, I know that; you used what you had to keep my Word. You didn't deny me when times were rough.

9"And watch as I take those who call themselves true believers but are nothing of the kind, pretenders whose true membership is in the club of Satan—watch as I strip off their pretensions and they're forced to acknowledge it's you that I've loved.

10"Because you kept my Word in passionate patience, I'll keep you safe in the time of testing that will be here soon, and all over the earth, every man, woman, and child put to the test.

11"I'm on my way; I'll be there soon. Keep a tight grip on what you have so no one distracts you and steals your crown.

12“I’ll make each conqueror a pillar in the sanctuary of my God, a permanent position of honor. Then I’ll write names on you, the pillars: the Name of my God, the Name of God’s City—the new Jerusalem coming down out of Heaven—and my new Name.

13“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches.”

To Laodicea

14Write to Laodicea, to the Angel of the church. God’s Yes, the Faithful and Accurate Witness, the First of God’s creation, says:

15-17“I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You’re not cold, you’re not hot—far better to be either cold or hot! You’re stale. You’re stagnant. You make me want to vomit. You brag, ‘I’m rich, I’ve got it made, I need nothing from anyone,’ oblivious that in fact you’re a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless.

18“Here’s what I want you to do: Buy your gold from me, gold that’s been through the refiner’s fire. Then you’ll be rich. Buy your clothes from me, clothes designed in Heaven. You’ve gone around half-naked long enough. And buy medicine for your eyes from me so you can see, really see.

19“The people I love, I call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they’ll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God!

20-21“Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I’ll come right in and sit down to supper with you. Conquerors will sit alongside me at the head table, just as I, having conquered, took the place of honor at the side of my Father. That’s my gift to the conquerors!

22“Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches.”

- *Die kerk era was verborge in die Ou Testament. Hulle het Messias verwag wat hulle sou verlos het.*
- *Profesieë ken ons ten dele. Dit het niks te doen met ons saligheid nie.*
- *Al die 7 gemeentes was in Turkye.*

Open 3:20

1953

20Kyk, Ek staan by die deur en Ek klop. As iemand my stem hoor en die deur oopmaak, sal Ek ingaan na hom toe en saam met hom maaltyd hou, en hy met My.

AMP

20Behold, I stand at the door [of the church]and *continually* knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him (restore him), and he with Me.

MSG

20-21“Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I’ll come right in and sit down to supper with you. Conquerors will sit alongside me at the head table, just as I, having conquered, took the place of honor at the side of my Father. That’s my gift to the conquerors.

Belofte

Jes 21:11

1953

11GODSPRAAK oor Duma. Daar roep een my toe van Seïr af: Wagter, hoe ver is dit in die nag? Wagter, hoe ver in die nag?

AMP

11The *[mournful, inspired]* oracle (*a burden to be carried*) concerning Dumah (*Edom*): Someone keeps calling to me from Seir (*Edom*), "Watchman, what is left of the night *[of Assyrian oppression]*? Watchman, what is left of the night? *[How long until morning?]*"

MSG

11-12A Message concerning Edom: A voice calls to me from the Seir mountains in Edom, "Night watchman! How long till daybreak? How long will this night last?" The night watchman calls back, "Morning's coming, But for now it's still night. If you ask me again, I'll give the same answer."

Waar is nou nou?