



# Dare TO Prepare

DANIEL 7

# Daniel 7:13-14, NIV

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# Dare To Prepare

- The Vision: Then, Now & Future
- The Focus of Our Preparation
- We Prepare Ourselves
- We Intentionally Prepare Others
- Are We Prepared/Preparing?
- OK –And Then What?



# Then, Now & Future

- *Those things that have been made clear*
- *Those things that remain a mystery*
- *FOCUS on the purpose of the passage*
  - *A Theology of Hope and Promise*
  - *Resisting the urge to assimilate in despair*



# Then, Now & Future

- *The Vision*

- *Vs 1 – Back in time to the reign of Belshazzar*
- *Vs 2 – Four Winds stirring up the sea*
- *Vs 3-7 – Four terrifying, evil beasts out of the sea*
  - *A Lion with eagles wings (Babylon)*
    - *The wings were plucked*
    - *It then was stood up on two feet as a man*
    - *Recall Nebuchadnezzar's humiliation and restoration*



# Then, Now & Future

- *The Vision*
  - *Vs 3-7 – Four terrifying, evil beasts*
    - *A Bear*
      - *In the process of devouring another animal*
      - *“Get up and eat your fill of flesh”*
    - *A Leopard*
      - *Four wings and four heads*
      - *“dominion was given to it*



# Then, Now & Future

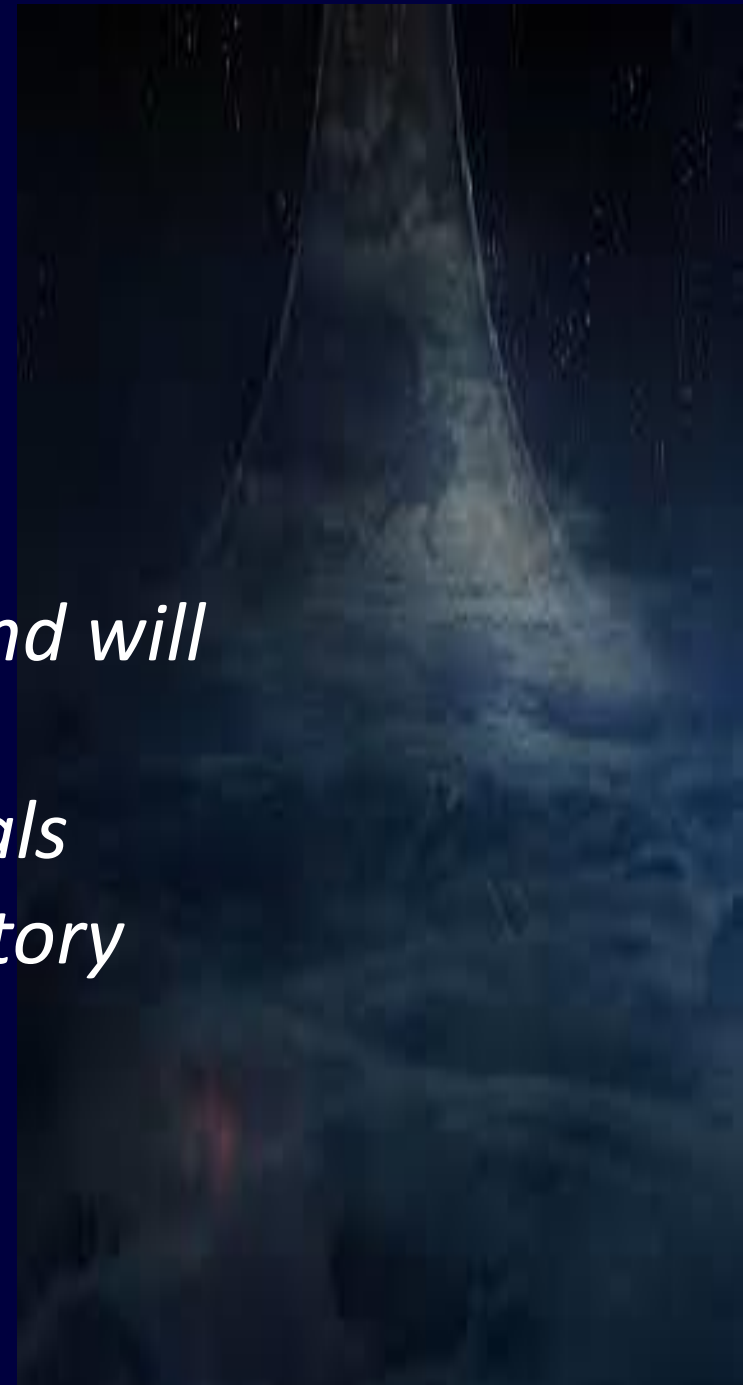
- *The Vision*
  - *Vs 3-7 – Four terrifying, evil beasts*
    - *A fourth beast*
      - *Terrifying, dreadful and strong*
      - *Iron teeth*
      - *Destroyed everything in it's path*
      - *“Different” with 10 horns (leaders)*
      - *A small horn that uprooted 3 of the horns*
      - *With eyes like a man and a mouth that spoke boastfully*





# Then, Now & Future

- *The Vision*
  - *Vs 3-7 – Four terrifying, evil beasts*
    - *The world was beastly then, is beastly now and will continue to be increasingly beastly and evil*
    - *Countries are still often represented by animals*
    - *There is a long list of evil/beastly rulers in history and there will continue to be evil rulers*



# Then, Now & Future

- *The Vision*
  - *Vs 3-7 – Four terrifying, evil beasts*
    - *All are human reflections of the Great Dragon*
    - *There is good reason to have trouble sleeping at night*
  - *Ephesians 6:12*

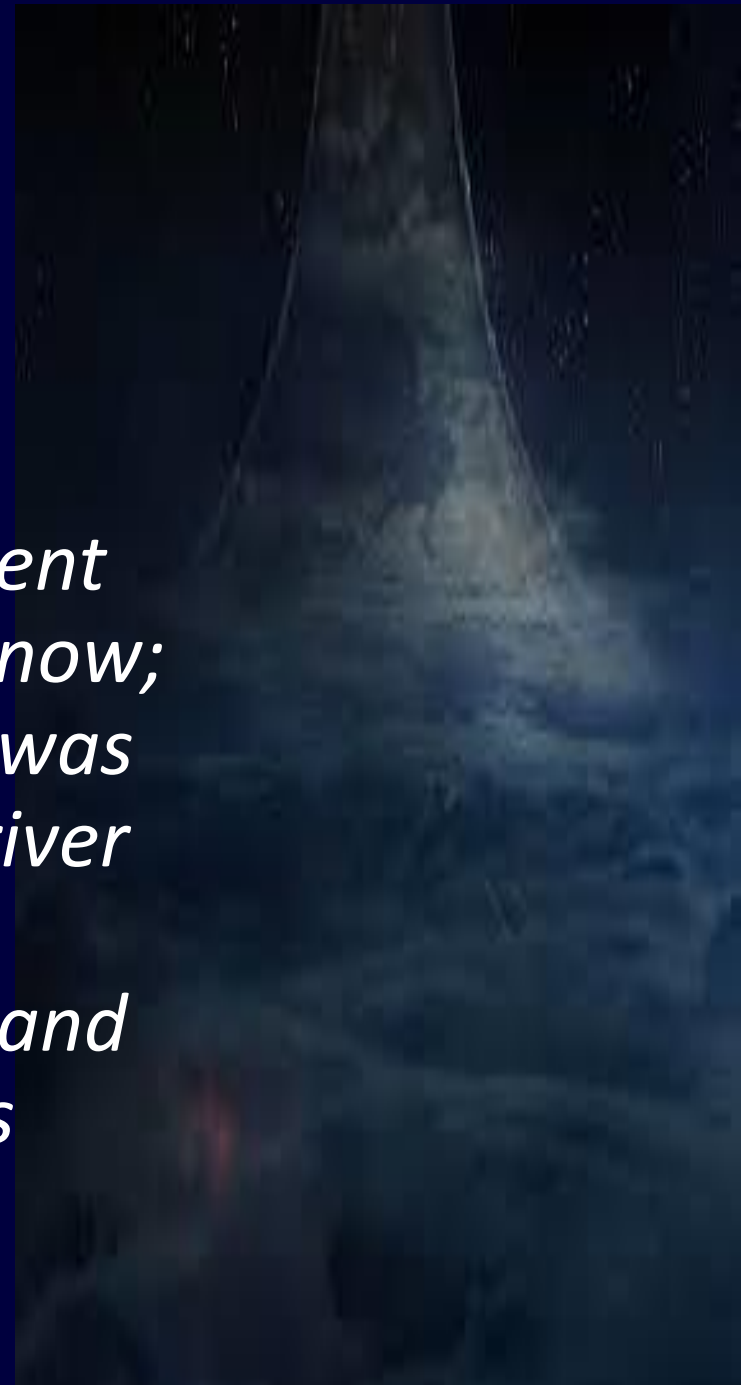
*"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*



# The Focus Of The Passage

*A Theology of Hope Verses 9-10*

*“As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.*



# The Focus Of The Passage

*A Victorious Certainty Verses 11-12*

*“Then I continued to watch because of the boastful words the horn was speaking. I kept looking until the beast was slain and its body destroyed and thrown into the blazing fire. (The other beasts had been stripped of their authority, but were allowed to live for a period of time.)*

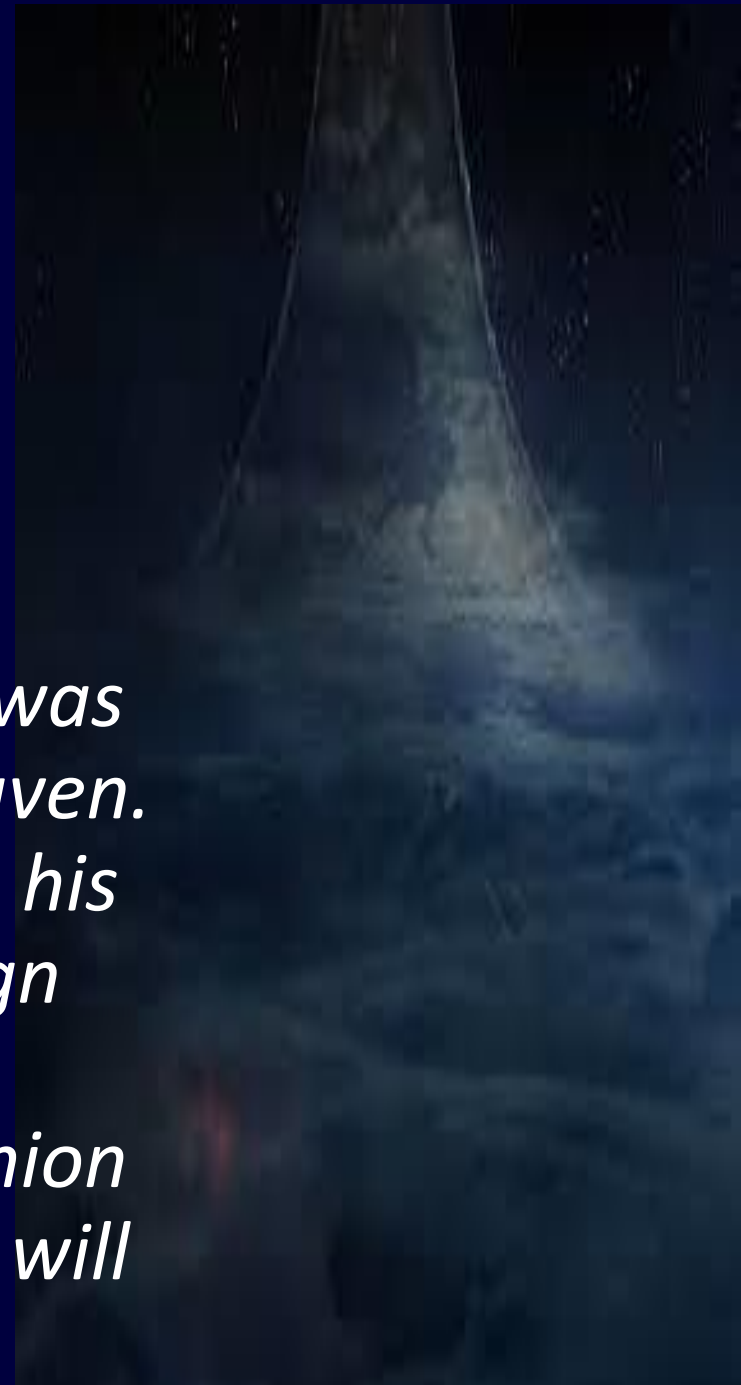


# The Focus Of The Passage

*A Lamb Who Is Worthy –Christ Preeminent*

*Verses 13-14*

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# The Focus Of The Passage

***Sanctus Iudicium Holy Judgement***

*Verses 26-27*

*“But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.”*



# So We Prepare

## *Our Hearts and Our Minds*

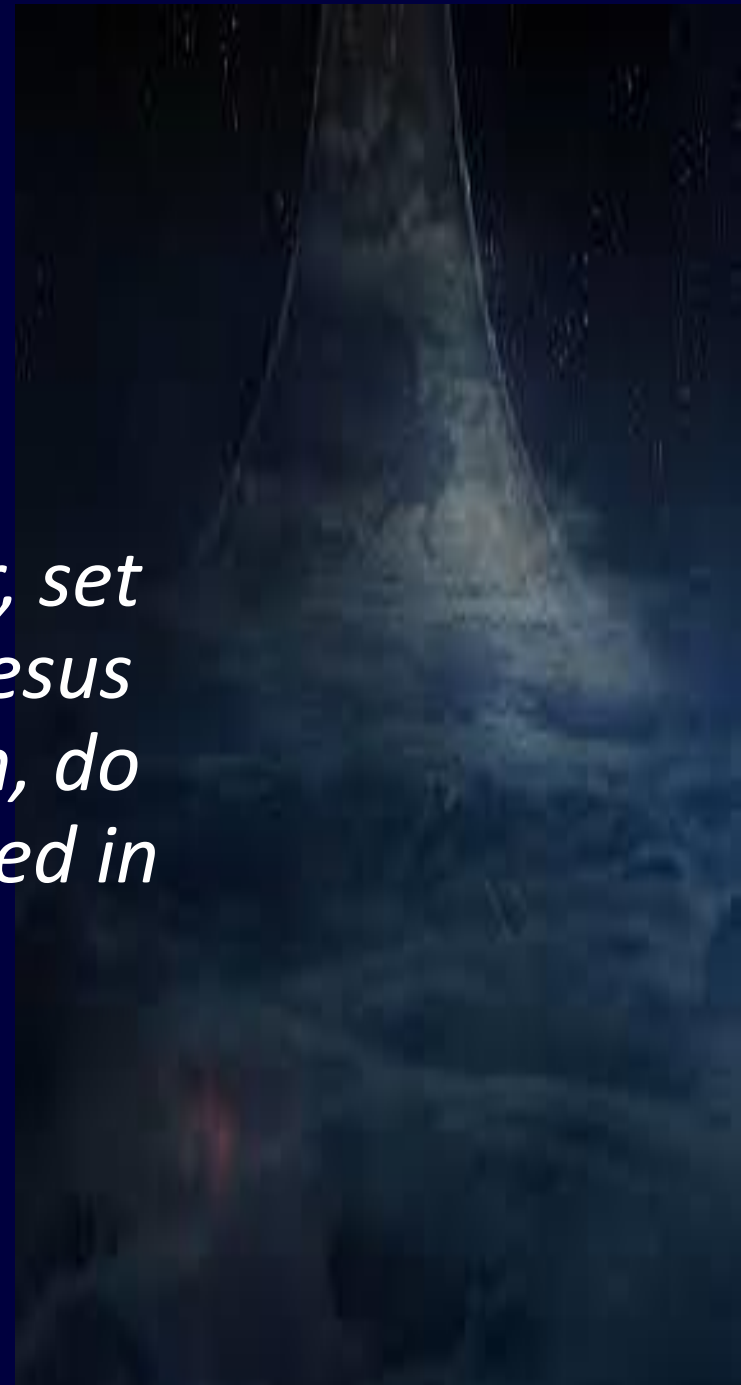
*1 Peter 1:13*

*“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.”*

*-Holy Living*

*-Awake and Alert*

*-Focused*



# So We Prepare

*For Our Eternity*

*Matthew 25*

*10 Virgins*

*“Truly I tell you, I don’t know you”*

*Separating Sheep and Goats*

*‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’*

*“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”*



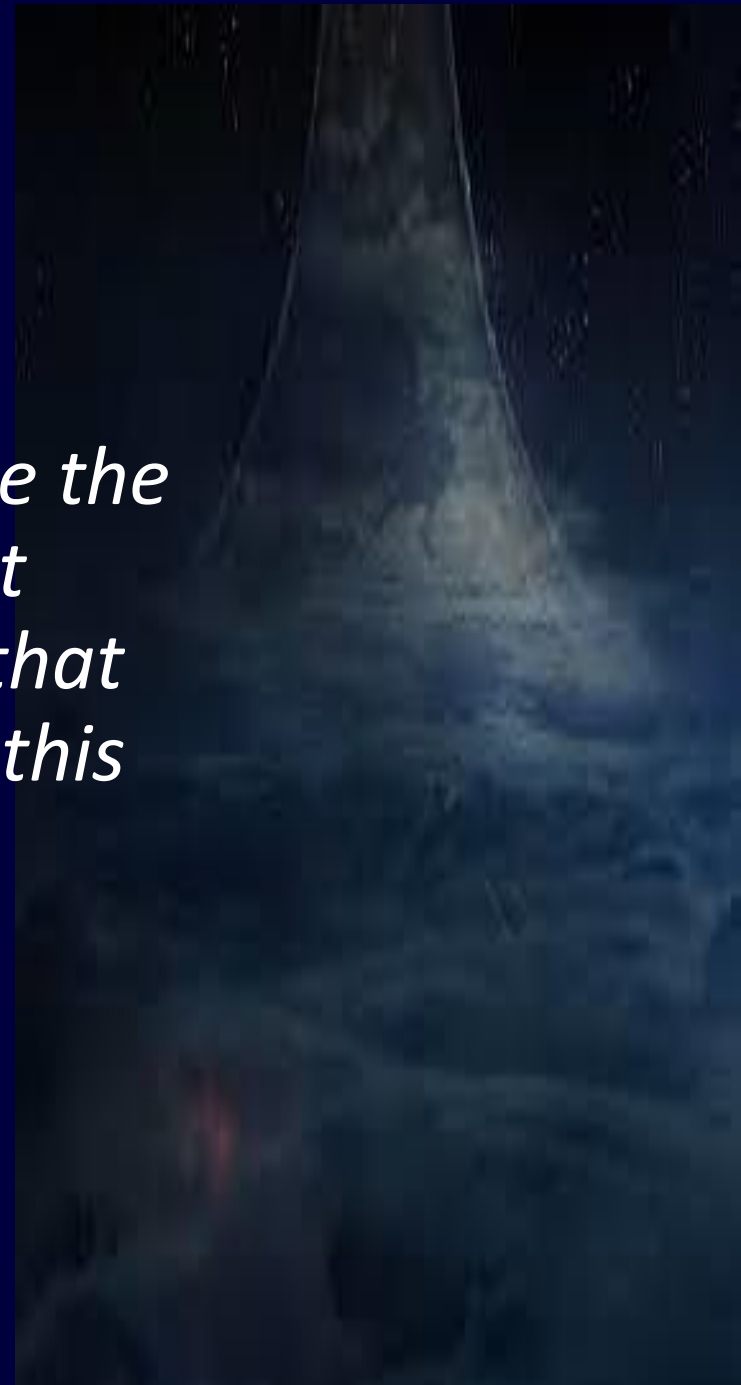


# So We Prepare

*To Judge 1 Corinthians 6:2-3*

*“Or do you not know that the Lord’s people will judge the world? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases? Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life!”*

*-How can we prepare to be judges?*



# So We Prepare

*Our Fellow Believers II Timothy 4:2*

*“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”*

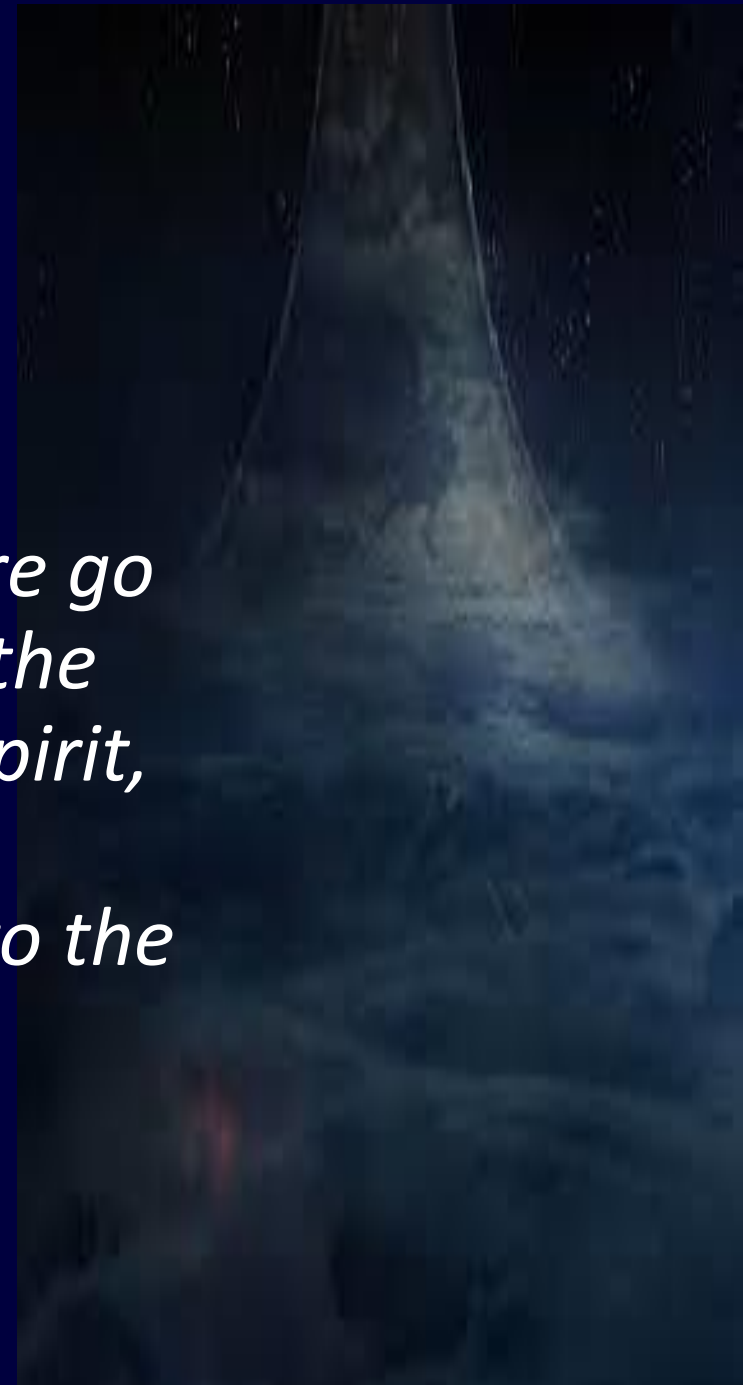
- When it is convenient and when it is not*
- Patiently, carefully, lovingly, scripturally*



# So We Prepare

***Non-Believers Matthew 28:18-20***

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*



# So We Prepare

*Non-Believers Jude 22-23*

*“Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh”*



# So We Prepare

*Revelation 22:1-7*

*The Day will come when our journey is over and we are finally home. Focus on that. Dare to prepare yourselves and others for that certain day of victory.*

*What does that look like for you?*

*What does that look like for our Church?*

*Worthy is the Lamb Who will take us Home.*

