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The Verse We Never Saw

By Alan Bondar

Does the Old Testament teach about the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the dead? How about the time of the end? It is likely that you will wholeheartedly say, "yes." And I agree! How could anyone miss it? In fact, not only does the Old Testament teach about the second coming of Christ, the resurrection, and the time of the end, but Jesus and the apostles teach about these events as well by using the Old Testament Scriptures.

One of the places that the Old Testament speaks about these events is in Daniel chapter 12. Take a look at some of the details that Daniel writes about:

1"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. 2And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. 4But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many

shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." 5Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. 6And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, "How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?" 7And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. 8I heard, but



Teen Event: Xbox 360 Kinect Competition

Kids, Teens, Parents, and all Mr. Sees are invited to attend this event. Games include: Soccer, Bowling, Table Tennis, Boxing, Track/Field, and Beach Volleyball.

Location: 13252 Broadhurst Loop, Fort Myers, FL. 33919

**Thursday, Sept. 29th,
7-9 pm**

Information: Call Wanda @ 220-8921 for directions, or go to newcovenanteyes.com and click on Teen Ministry for more info on IGNITE Student Ministries.

Remember To Invite Your Friends!

The First Step continued

I did not understand. Then I said, "O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?" 9He said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. 10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. 11And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. 12 Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. 13 But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days."

In one chapter, Daniel is told about:

1. The resurrection (*vv. 2-3*)
2. The time of the end (*vv. 4, 12*)
3. The shattering of the power of the holy people (*v. 7*)
4. The abomination of desolation (*v. 11*)

According to what Daniel recorded here, the time of the end is when the shattering of the power of the holy people is complete, and the abomination that makes desolate is set up. This would also be the time of the resurrection. All of this is written in the Old Testament – in one chapter!

Now let's consider a verse that many of us have never seen before: Luke 21:22. Let's start at verse 20:

20"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. 21Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, 22for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written."

"To fulfill ALL that is written!" When would Daniel 12 be fulfilled? According to Jesus, it is when the disciples to whom he was speaking saw Jerusalem surrounded by armies. And just a little bit later in this Olivet Discourse, Luke records Jesus saying, *"Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place"* (*v. 32*).

In verse 20, Jesus refers to the abomination of desolation spoken of in Daniel. Luke records the abomination that makes desolate as the Roman armies surrounding Jerusalem, which occurred before Jerusalem was destroyed. Matthew records this same event by specifically calling the Roman armies, *the abomination of desolation*, and referencing Daniel (*cf. Matt. 24:15-16*). Matthew even records the same statement about those who are in Judea being instructed to flee to the mountains.

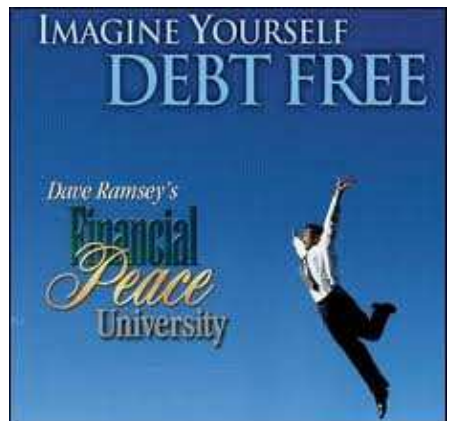
So Jesus refers to Daniel regarding the abomination that makes desolate when He prophecies about the Roman armies surrounding Jerusalem in the first century. Then he says, "these are the days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written."

Well, if it is written in Daniel 12 that the time of the end, the shattering of the power of the holy people, and the resurrection would take place during the time that the abomination that makes desolate is set up, then who made a mistake in what they believed and taught? Was it Daniel, Jesus, Luke, or us?

Somebody made a mistake in believing and teaching when all things written would be fulfilled. My challenge to you is that if you are still clinging to a belief system that does not square with the teachings of Daniel, Jesus, and Luke, perhaps its time to consider reading the Bible through New Covenant Eyes.

Do you believe that *all things written* were fulfilled during the time of the end when Jerusalem was surrounded by the Roman armies?

We must be willing to line up our beliefs with what the Scriptures teach.



Meeting at:

13252 Broadhurst Loop,
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Class Begins:

September 12, 2011

Class Meets:

Mondays at 7:00 PM

Coordinator:

Brennan Courtwright

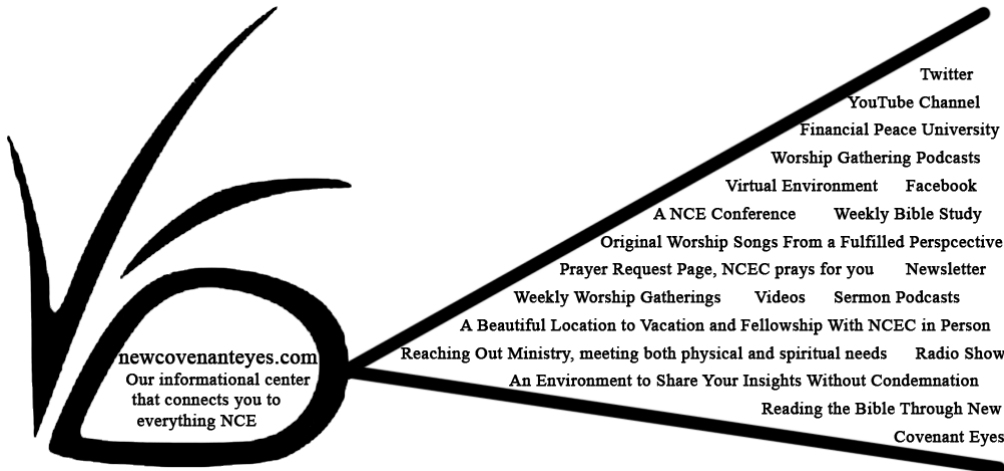
To Register:

Go to newcovenanteyes.com

NCEC is moving forward, but we can't do it without you. God has been working tremendously in NCEC. We are living in a time when no matter where you live, you can play a significant role in the life of NCEC, helping to fulfill our 20/20 Vision:

We seek to impact people by providing an environment conducive to our greatest passion, which is the truth of Scripture, whether inside or outside the bounds of tradition, which frees us to glorify God by pursuing and embracing happiness.

How are we fulfilling this 20/20 Vision?

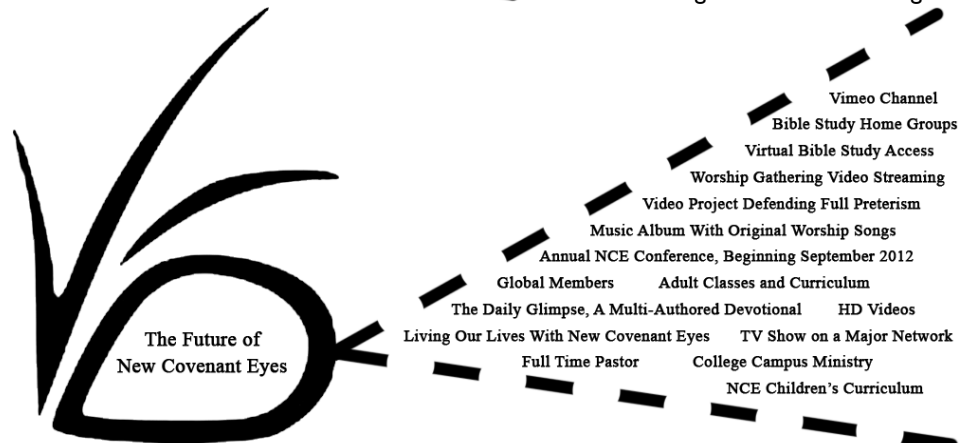


There are many other things that we have set out to accomplish, which will impact more people, in more ways. Some of our goals are listed in the next diagram.

As a church that has the desire to impact people with our environment, one of our very near goals is to welcome global members. Soon, we will be explaining what this will look like and how amazing it will be. However, we are inviting you to team together with us to continue moving forward and fulfilling

our 20/20 vision. One of our highest priorities has always been to have Pastor Alan Bondar devote all of his time and energy into growing and ministering to NCEC, which impacts all of us, both locally and globally.

With that said, our time-line for this effort has been significantly adjusted. A little over a month ago, Pastor Alan inexplicably lost his full time job at a company that he absolutely loved, and has since been diligently searching for another.



This job was very important because it supplemented the income of the Bondar family and allowed them to make ends meet. As has happened with many other things in the life of NCEC throughout the years, we have determined to see this as a powerful catalyst to moving forward on our time-line.

We are doing everything we can as local members to make this happen, but we can't do it alone. We are asking for you to journey with us in fulfilling our 20/20 Vision by making a monthly financial commitment to NCEC. If you have been impacted by the ministry of NCEC and would like to see us continue to thrive and grow, even a one-time donation would be an incredible blessing. If you would like specific information regarding this goal, please e-mail Mariel Courtwright at bookkeeper@newcovenanteyes.com.

We ask that you visit the online giving page at newcovenanteyes.com/onlinegiving to learn more about how you can make a financial commitment to NCEC. We would also encourage you to browse around on our site to learn more information about our 20/20 Vision, our ministries, and all that God is doing through NCEC.

If you prefer to contact us by mail, our mailing address is located on the front of this newsletter.

Above all, we ask that you be in prayer for NCEC, and we wish to pray for you as well. Please go to our online prayer request page to submit your requests, or reach us by phone at (239) 220-8519.

The local members of NCEC thank you for taking the time to read this letter:
 Alan & Gail Ann Bondar, Dennis Cassella, Brennan & Mariel Courtwright, Chris MacKenn, Denise & Jeremy Defrehn, Angie Lucas, Bob & Sharon Lucas, and Wanda Short

News

Pastor Alan Bondar recently had the privilege to write an article for Fulfilled Magazine. If you would like a copy, send your inquiries to:

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Calendar

September

- 3: Band Practice 4:30pm
- 4: Worship Gathering 10am
- 7: NCE Training 7pm
- 10: Band Practice 4:30pm
- 11: Worship Gathering 10am
- 12: Financial Peace University 7pm
- 14: Bible Study 6:30pm
- 17: Band Practice 4:30pm
- 18: Worship Gathering 10am
- 18: Session Meeting After Worship Gathering
- 19: Financial Peace University 7pm
- 21: Bible Study 6:30pm
- 24: Band Practice 4:30pm
- 25: Worship Gathering 10am
- 25: 20/20 Vision Meeting
- 26: Financial Peace University 7pm
- 28: Bible Study 6:30pm
- 29: Youth Event: Kinect Competition 7pm

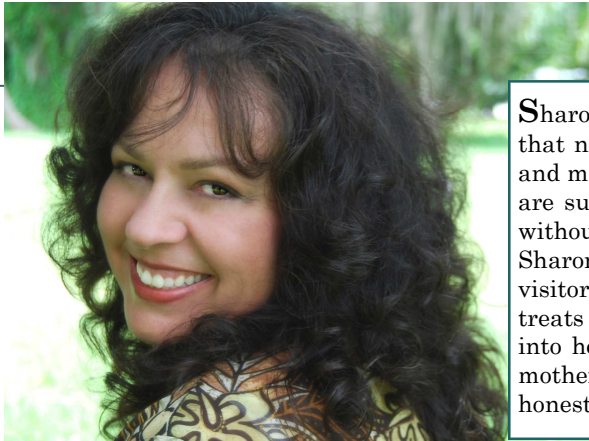
Upcoming Birthday's

September

- 5: Jack Lucas
- 22: Denise DeFrehn

October

- 14: Dennis Cassella
- 18: Chris MacKenn



Member Highlight: Sharon Lucas

Sharon Lucas is the Hospitality Ministry leader at NCEC. It is apparent to us that nobody else has the mind and the passion for making visitors, attendees, and members feel like somebody special. When you walk through our doors, you are sure to get a hug from Sharon and a hospitable welcome. Nobody gets by without receiving a warm welcome like you're part of the family. And thanks to Sharon, we have a really well designed welcome packet that we can hand to our visitors so that they know all about NCEC. Sharon also organizes the coffee and treats for our Worship Gatherings and Bible Studies as well as bringing us all into her home for Fellowship Hangouts. She is the wonderful wife to Bob and mother of some really great kids, one of which is Jack, another Mr. See. We can honestly say that the environment of NCEC would not be the same without her!

Reading the Bible Through New Covenant Eyes

“Being creedal and confessional is not a bad thing. In fact, it’s a necessary thing. A statement of what you believe is a creed; a detailed dictation of those beliefs is a confession. To say, “I have no creed but Jesus,” is a creed. And to express the details of what you believe about Jesus is a confession. Therefore, being creedal and confessional is not the problem ...

The problem is that the confessions and creeds of the historical Church, and especially the creeds, have become a sort of magic decoder ring, which a person must use to interpret the Scriptures in order to be considered orthodox.”

Reading the Bible Through New Covenant Eyes, Preface, Pages 14-15