

# New Year's 2024

December 31, 2023

## I. Introduction

- A. Fortune telling has always been a big business. Remember king Saul and the witch of Endor?
  - 1. I Samuel 28
- B. I hear advertisements for California Psychics, even on conservative radio stations. They usually offer a money back guarantee!
- C. Three questions I want to answer today.
  - 1. What is ahead for the Body of Christ - His Church?
  - 2. What is ahead for you and your family?
  - 3. What is ahead for Fellowship Bible Church?
- D. What good would omniscience be without omnipotence?

## II. Questions

- A. What is ahead for the Body of Christ – His Church? (The rapture. Why I believe it will be in our lifetime.)
  - 1. The present apostasy
    - a. II Thessalonians 2:1-4; II Timothy 3:1-5; Matthew 24:10-12; Revelation 9:20-21; 13:11-18; 17:1-
  - 2. Immorality with the approval of the church
    - a. Tomorrow, the largest Methodist denomination (United Methodist) will lose 7,600 of their 30,000 churches over LGBTQ issues.
    - b. The recent approval by Pope Francis (266<sup>th</sup> pope) to allow the official blessing of some same sex couples. What this is, and what it is not – yet!
    - c. The lining up of events of Ezekiel 38, 39
- B. You and your family
  - 1. You have more control over your future than anyone or anything except for Jesus.
  - 2. Your life to a huge degree is the result of the choices you make.
    - a. Deuteronomy 30; Joshua 22-24
    - b. “But for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” – Joshua 24:15

- 3. “In light of the above challenge, remember, I have no right to expect anything except Jesus and what He chooses to provide for me.”
- 4. There are things you have no control over, but you always have control over how you will respond.
  - a. Job 1:20-22
- C. Fellowship Bible Church
  - 1. The average life cycle of a church is 40-50 years. As a congregation, we are almost 48 years old.
  - 2. *The Cross in the Shadow of the Crescent*, page 26
  - 3. Churches, like people, can serve their purpose and die a peaceful and respectable death.
  - 4. I strongly believe that the Lord is not finished with us yet.
  - 5. My challenge
    - a. Buy a hula hoop or make a circle to stand in.
      - i. Read and do Psalm 139:23, 24
      - ii. Read and do Matthew 28:37-40
      - iii. Read and do Romans 12:1, 2

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

It is about the second coming, more than the first.

## *The Hallelujah Chorus*