Every man of Judah and Jerusalem returned with Jehoshaphat at their head, returning to Jerusalem with joy, for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. They came to Jerusalem with harps, lyres and trumpets to the house of the LORD.

-- 2 Chronicles 20:29,30



Matt and Edward Mozingo setting up their tent and getting ready for fellowship and great preaching Men's Peaks 2025 Delmoe Reservoir east of Butte, MT

"For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death."

2 Corinthians 7:10

Fully ALIVE in 2025 - "It is the Spirit who gives life..." - John 6:63

# July 27, 2025

# Christ's Church

Meeting at

30 Red Fox Lane — Bozeman 2902 17th St. S. — Great Falls Holiday Inn Express — Butte



9:00 am - classes

10:00 am - Assembly

Prayer med - Cliff Renner

L.S. - Jachin Icenogle

Preaching - Marshall Harbour

L.D. EVENING 7:00 PM -

### \*JOE SHANAHAN

L.S. - Brian Schweitzer

GREAT FALLS - 2:45 - Bobo Womagno

3:00 pm - classes

4:00 pm - Assembly

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L.S. - Brad Smith

Preaching - Jay Wilson

**Butte -** 7:30 pm - Class

8:15 pm - Assembly

L.S. - Jason Shanahan

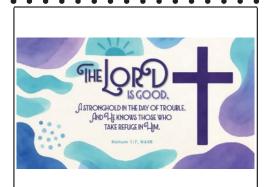
Preaching - Jay Wilson

### Bozeman

**August 3** - 4:00 pm - Annual Picnic in the Park: food, fellowship, and evening assembly (and prayerfully meet some contacts)

### Butte

**Aug. 17 -** Fellowship dinner - 6:30 pm before assembly



BOZEMAN -Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Luke Wilson

Great Falls - Wed. night, 7:00 pm: Jay Wilson

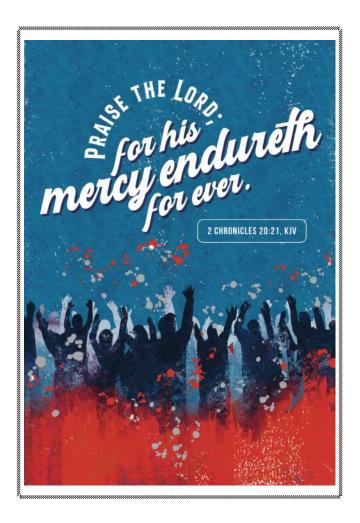
Assembly Lord's Day August 31 at 3:00 pm. No classes

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Family Camp - Aug. 29 - Sept. 1, 2025. Theme: "Instructions from an Elder in Jerusalem"

## **Great Falls**

Aug. 3 - fellowship dinner following assembly. Picnic in the Park: Lion's park; fried chicken and sides



#### Quotation of the week:

Touching the perfection of our character in "all good works," the Saviour presents us with the highest model for imitation, even God his Father. "Be you perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." Again: to a young aspirant after eternal life, he says, "If thou wouldst be perfect, go sell all that thou hast, then come, take up thy cross and follow me." The perfection of our character was the end of the apostolic mission as well as of the entire institution. "Whom we preach, says the apostle, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus." -- Walter Scott, *The Evangelist publication*, July 1, 1839, "On the Perfection of Conscience"

#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Bible School – 67
Morning Assembly – 116
Evening Assembly – 65



Reasonings from Revelation

# "The Beast from the Sea"

"The dragon," says the scripture, "was enraged." A very angry dragon is pictured as waging war with the "woman" [the church of the Lord], those who "keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." This testimony of Jesus, or what might be called "the apostles' doctrine," can be very difficult to maintain in the face of threats of persecution or the presentation of subtle inducements. The dragon (or possibly the apostle John himself) is described as standing on the seashore, and watching...

• From the sea – "And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea," says John of the vision, "having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names" (Revelation 13:1). This beast is working in concert with the dragon, who

similarly has "seven heads and ten horns, on his heads were seven diadems" (Revelation 12:3). "And the beast which I saw," records the apostle, "was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth was like the mouth of a lion" (Revelation 13:2). This takes the reader back to Daniel chapter seven where the lion is the "world empire" of Babylon, the bear is Persia, and the leopard is Greece, predictions in Daniel's time which played out as history took its course.

- World empires In Revelation chapter seventeen, a woman "Babylon" the great harlot (more on that later) is presented as riding on a scarlet beast with seven heads and ten horns. "The seven heads," notes the apostle, "are seven mountains on which the woman sits, and they are seven kings" (Revelation 17:9,10). This, as noted, ties in with Daniel's vision of world empires. "Five have fallen," is John's annotation, "one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while." These empires, or "kings," are featured in the scriptures. The five that had fallen at the time that Revelation was written were 1) Egypt, 2) Assyria, 3) Babylon, 4) Persia, 5) Greece. The one that "is" at the time of Revelation, was Rome.
- "One" to come "And the beast which was and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is one of the seven, and he goes to destruction" (Revelation 17:11). More information is given: "And the ten horns which you saw," says the angel to John, "are ten kings, who have not
  - yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings for one hour. They have one purpose and they give their power and authority to the beast" (Revelation 17:12,13). Writer's perspective: This last world empire will be global, a world government of the United Nations (the "ten kings" would be the nation-states giving their power and authority to the UN). It may undergo a name change (which would explain why "the eighth" is really the same as "the seventh"), but the same global tyranny is there. "These will wage war against the Lamb" (Revelation 17:14). Time will tell if author's perspective is correct.

This beast represents the force of government, perverted and turned against the church.

- Back to the beast of Revelation chapter 13 This beast has power given only to governments. "And it was given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them; and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him" (Revelation 13:7). Also the authority to put people in jail: "If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes..." (Revelation 13:10).
- Longevity of the beast "And there was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words
  and blasphemies; and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him" (Revelation
  13:5). Once again, the forty-two months is the entire church age, from its inception on the
  Day of Pentecost in Acts chapter two until Jesus' second coming. This "beast" is operating
  during all the years of the church's existence on earth.

The "beast from the sea" represents the force of government, perverted and turned into a weapon against Christianity by the dragon. While the dragon thrashes around with great violence in these beginning stages of his death throes, the Lamb's victory program progresses. "Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints" (Revelation 13:10)!!