

CATHOLIC ESCHATOLOGY IN A NUTSHELL

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Welcome to the last show in our series on Catholic eschatology, or Christian eschatology but specifically Catholic, where we are going to wrap up our series on end-time teaching from a Catholic tradition point of view. And I specify that because as I was coming into the Church, I was struck by so many differences in interpretations in the Scriptures. Prophecy is one of those places but you can't be any more clear than the Bible itself when it says there is no scripture or prophesy of scripture that is of private interpretation, St. Peter says. And if that's true, then where is the interpretation? That means it has to be public. And if it's public, where is it? Well, St. Paul says that the Church is the pillar and foundation of the truth. The Church has the proper interpretation of prophecy.

I'll be honest -- I was just talking to a friend of mine who I helped lead into the church (she went through my RCIA class) and we were talking last night about a new study that I'm about to write, and I'll share more on that in a few minutes, but we were talking about how sometimes we scare ourselves as converts. And I still do this! Look, I've been a Catholic now for over 11 years and there are times when I talk to people or when I do a show and I'll walk away from it and go "Well now, is that really true?" Because some of this is so different than what I was taught growing up, and this is one of those areas in which, especially in this era of peace. Now some things are pretty similar, but the era of peace specifically is something that is uniquely Catholic. It was never taught to me as a Baptist. I never even heard of it. And it's because I didn't have Church history, because the church fathers are full of it. But what is so interesting is there are times when I walk away and I go "Is that really true?" and I scare myself! And I go "Oh my gosh, I bought a lie!" So then in my head I do this back and forth, I argue with myself:

"Well, this is what the Bible says here"

"Yeah, but it says THIS over here."

"Well yeah, but it says this here."

"Okay, but what about this?"

And then I go back and forth in my head and I get to where I breathe this huge sigh of relief and I'm like "Ahhh, it IS true."

I know that's kind of funny. If you're a lifelong Catholic you have no idea how disorienting it can be to get all this new information, to never have been taught it and never have been exposed to it. And even if you're a lifelong Catholics, many lifelong Catholics have never been exposed to it. That's why I'm doing this whole series. That's why I did it and why I do everything that I do - because I really want to help get the word out. It's been here all along! In the Facebook Live from last week, I had someone ask me "Can I do, or is it right to do, a Bible study with a group of Seventh Day Adventists?" And I have this to share/ I ran across it that week and I just haven't had a chance to actually share it

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with her formally, but this is from the encyclical *Providentissimus Deus*. It is Pope Leo XIII encyclical about the Providence of God in 1893. He says, and I love this:

“It is unbecoming to pass by the excellent work which Catholics have left in abundance and to have recourse to the works of non-Catholics and to seek in them, to the peril of faith, the explanation of passages on which Catholics have successfully employed their talent. Although the studies of non-Catholics may be of use, bear in mind that the sense of Holy Scripture can nowhere be found incorrupt outside of the Church.”

I share that with you, Dear One, not to marginalize the contributions of non-Catholics. I was a non-Catholic so I know how much they have contributed. But I will say this: They are missing the most important piece of interpretation of scripture, and that is the tradition and the history of the Church. That is why I have done this series specifically as it applies to end times prophesy because the Bible is so clear that there is no private interpretation of prophesy. In fact, it also says that every prophecy is about Jesus so ultimately it must be a public interpretation, and if it is public where is it? Well, it's in the Church according to St. Paul. We have 2,000 years of church history. We have to know what church history has taught. I hope that you have found this information useful.

In wrapping up our series on eschatology, one more time I'm going to lay out the timeline for you. I didn't do a whole lot of reading through the Bible throughout the series but I left the information for you in the show notes so that you could go back and look at it yourself. There is so much there and if I had done that it would have extended the series into many, many more shows and I wanted to purposely keep it brief. First of all out of respect for your time but also so we didn't delve into the minutiae of all of these prophecies. There are so many and it's all about speculation and mystery. We don't know yet. We know the high spots, the bullet points, and that's what I've been trying to share with you so that as these things continue to unravel. I say unravel specifically because we can see all over the world how things really are unraveling and it engenders fear. That was really the main reason why I wanted to do this series. I want you to know it has been prophesied. This stuff must happen. It has to happen, Dear One, so don't be afraid. All of this must happen first because it is preparing the world to receive this end times era of peace, first of all, and then to receive the second coming of Christ. That's really what it's all about.

In this show I want to do a recap and then I'm also going to share with you what our next series is going to be, and I'll do that in the last segment.

But I also want to thank you. Before I jump in I want to thank several of you who left new reviews on iTunes, and I thank you for that. I mentioned last week that 80% of you are listening on an Apple device - either an iPhone or an iPad - 80%! That means, Dear One, if you're listening to me on iTunes or an iPad, please stop the audio and go write a review for me because it helps push the show up in the rankings. Why is that important? Well, I'm going to share with you in a later segment why it's important but it's mostly because it helps me get this information out. The more access people have to the show, the more visible the show is, the more people can have access to this sort of information. I want to thank also the newest Friends of the Show! We have several: Candace, Ann, Kristin, and Abby. Welcome to the Bible Study Evangelista Show, Friends of the Show!

I can't tell you how very much you are contributing to the evangelization that I do, not only as Friends of the Show but also as prayer partners. I can't thank you enough. I know I say this all the time, and I don't mean to harp on this to death, but I can't tell you how thankful I am. I pray for you. I thank God for you, as St. Paul says. I'm humbled by your support. You know, in a week like last week that was so 061217_Catholic Eschatology in a Nutshell

hard and so long, and it seemed like I was never going to figure out what was wrong and it was so expensive to fix it...now I know why all of that had to happen, but I just can't thank you enough for your support both in prayer and also as my Friends of the Show because when times get really hard like that I just want to quit. I just want to say "Screw this, I can't do it anymore." But because of your support and because I know you're there, I know you're praying, and I know you're contributing, I can't thank you enough. I say it a lot but I'm just so thankful. Thank you, thank you, all of you, for all your support. I appreciate it more than you can ever know this side of heaven but one day I will be able to thank you, especially those of you I haven't even met. There's a song, and I might try to find it and post it, back from the 80s. It was by a guy who actually scandalized himself later - we'll say he "fell from grace" - but it was called "*Thank You For Giving to the Lord.*" And I guess that is my tribute to you. I will try to find it and post it with the show next week.

A TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS THAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE LAST DAYS

As I've said in other shows, I believe that we are either in or about to be in the Minor Chastisement or the Minor Tribulation. We know several things that happen during that time. The Minor Chastisement is characterized by heresy in the Western church and we can definitely see how that has happened just in the last hundred years. In that particular show on the Minor Chastisement I read you a lot of those prophecies specific to that heresy, that falling away from the Church.

St Paul actually talks about that in a sweeping way all over, not just the Western church but the entire world. That's supposed to happen either during or just before the rise of Antichrist. Really everything that happens during the Antichrist will happen on a smaller scale during this Minor Chastisement except for the one leader. The Minor Chastisement will be characterized by heresy in the Western church. There will be civil wars in Italy and France that break out at almost exactly the same time, then England. We can see that happening already with the partner of the Muslim ascendancy. I believe that those two things are inextricable. They are conjoined to the point that they will not be able to be separated. I believe that these two things happen together.

So the Muslim ascendancy and the civil wars in Europe occur and in the wake of that there is famine, pestilence, and natural disasters. All of that is outlined for us in the Book of Revelation during the Major Chastisement or the Great Tribulation, but we know that all of that happens on a smaller scale as well. And we can see that happening as well - superbugs, tsunamis, all of the hurricanes and tornados and natural disasters, the famines all over the world - we see that already happening. There is supposed to be a Russian invasion.

Then because of the civil wars that happen in Italy, specifically, the Pope will flee Rome and when he does so he will be murdered. Then a great saint is elected Pope and he helps to bring a great military leader to ascendancy. There is some speculation about whether this happens just before the Antichrist or whether it happens during the Minor Chastisement. Most people agree -- when I say that I mean the Church Fathers, most of the Church Fathers and the vast majority of people who talk about interpretation of end-times prophecy - agree that the Pope will flee Rome and is then murdered in the Minor Chastisement or at the tail end of it.

When he is murdered a great saint will be elected Pope and that happens almost immediately. When that happens this Pope will help bring a great military leader to ascendancy. The reason this is important is that this is characteristic of the Holy Roman Empire, the early one. So the Pope and the ruler - the king, the great monarch - then sort of mimic this Holy Roman Empire of earlier history. All of the Church Fathers agree that this will happen again, that there will be the re-establishment of a
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Holy Roman Empire. So this great saint who is Pope and this great monarch together will defeat all the enemies, including the Russians and the Muslims, and somewhere in here there is supposed to be some sort of interior illumination from Jesus. That was in the prophecies of Betania. There is supposed to be an interior illumination that helps converts so many people, the numbers of Gentiles which will come in and inaugurate the age of peace. So the minor chastisement leads directly into the age of peace, the new Pax Romana. Remember that the main characteristic of the Roman Empire was that it was an age of peace, the Pax Romana. I believe, and this is not something that I've actually read, that is probably part of why.

First of all, we know that peace helps foster advances in science and learning and religious conversion because people are safe enough to be able to pursue those kind of things, whereas in times of war all anybody is trying to do is survive. Nobody has time to do any of this introspection or any of that. So advances because of peace are made. It stands to reason, then, that during this Pax Romana, this age of peace - the age of the Holy Spirit and Mary - that great advances will be made in unity for several reasons, but mostly because it will be a time of peace. This is what we believe is this time of normalcy for repentance that is spoken by Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 and then by Jesus in 2 places: Matthew 24:37-39 and Luke 17:26-30.

It's in these little blurbs but once it's pointed out you see very clearly that Jesus outlined it for us. He told us exactly what was going to happen. He told us there was going to be a time of peace in which the Gospel would be spread all over the world. We know that but I just don't think I ever considered it in the context of this age of peace. It makes perfect sense. In this era of peace there will be the establishment of a new Roman Empire, a new Pax Romana. It's a foregone conclusion, really, in the Fathers and the Doctors of the Church that this is a literal Roman empire or a kingdom and it has to be in place shortly prior to the coming of the Antichrist because this is what he will break up into these 10 kingdoms. The Fathers and the Doctors tell us that just prior to the coming of the Antichrist, and the Bible literally says it, that an existing empire will be divided up into 10 kingdoms.

St. Jerome told us that it is some kind of Roman kingdom. He says that all of the ecclesiastical writers have passed down this teaching. He takes it as a foregone conclusion that it is a literal Roman Empire in the last days. It's not the early one, it's a latter one. I read so many of those readings and writings, and we know that this is supposed to happen in the latter days and that it is a real literal kingdom of some sort. Thomas Aquinas said that it could be interpreted in a mystical non-literal sense but he is really one of the only ones. The majority of the latter Doctors all agree with the early Fathers that this is a real literal event. That has to happen before the Antichrist. So we know, then, that there is some time in between.

There are lots of things that have to happen according to the scriptures, but there will be this time of normalcy for repentance in which this new Roman Empire will be established in a sort of new Roman Peace, the restoration of Catholic faith and practice all over the Earth will occur, and there will be a sweeping unity in which a reunion of Christians will occur, and then, of course, the fullness of the Gentiles. This is what our last several Popes have called "the new evangelization", or "the springtime of faith", or "the new Pentecost" that will occur through the Holy Spirit during this age of the Holy Spirit and Mary. She will be integral in all that happens in bringing this peace. I will read to you from Revelation 12 how I believe that is going to happen.

Remember in the very first show we talked about prophecy, the characteristics of prophesy and how we should read it, and that it was written to a very specific group of people at the time of the original writing, but also that prophesies have several fulfilments. St. John was writing the book of Revelation 061217_Catholic Eschatology in a Nutshell

to 7 churches in his time, according to Chapters 1 and 2 of the book of Revelation, but then also he was predicting future events that will occur later, and even some past events. It's kind of confusing - prophecies always are, and that is why they are so open to misinterpretation. One of the things that is fascinating is that in Chapter 12 of the book of Revelation he says "a great sign appeared in heaven". Remember that this is the heavenly liturgy that we're seeing. "A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and on her head a garland of 12 stars. Then, being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth and another sign appeared in heaven." Then it talks about the dragon who stood before the woman who was ready to give birth to devour the child, meaning Christ, obviously, and the child was caught up to God on His throne (the Ascension). The woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God. Then it says war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon - Satan - and the dragon and his angels fought but they did not prevail, nor was there a place found for them in heaven any longer. The great dragon was cast out. That serpent of old, called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world. He was cast to the earth and his angels were cast out with him.

That whole chapter is about the church but it is first and foremost about Mary. Mary is the woman who gives birth to the child. We see specifically that St. Michael the Archangel is the one who throws Satan out of heaven. He fights - and I believe this is actually the end of the end times, this is the final battle - and we see that Mary is an integral part of all that happens. Mary, then, is the one who is giving birth to the male child and Satan comes after her. I learned that this chapter is speaking of Jerusalem, of Israel, because Israel gave birth to the Messiah. But you have to see and you have to know that there was a literal woman and the literal woman gave birth to a literal child. It's more than one thing. It's not either/or it's both/and. It is Jerusalem as the woman. It is Mary as the woman. It is the Church, then, as the woman who gives birth to the male child. And so we see at the end of time that the woman and the Holy Spirit will be the conquering factor. That's the reason I read that. She will be, along with the angels, the conquering factor with the male child, of all that occurs to defeat the Antichrist.

I had a question from Cory this week, and I'm glad she asked it because I always worry that I don't make sense when I'm sharing this stuff. Her question was "If there is supposed to be this sweeping evangelization during this era of peace, then how do the Jews get converted during the great tribulation or the Major Chastisement?" And that's an excellent question. In case I did not make sense before I want to do so now. I'm going to try to make it very clear.

The Minor Chastisement leads into the age of peace. There is so much turmoil and then a Pope is murdered. A Pope and a great monarch ascend to power, or authority, and they establish a Christian peace all over the earth. During that Christian peace there will be a great evangelization of the Gentiles but, as always happen throughout the Bible, in times of peace the peoples' faith grows lax. They prosper, the Church prospers, the faith prospers but then the people get lazy. And when they get lazy they fall back into idolatry. That always happens throughout the scriptures. When that happens that will set up the rise of the Antichrist. He will break up this kingdom into 10. Remember that he will defeat 7 of them right off; 3 will resist but he will conquer them utterly and completely.

At that time there will be a universal apostasy -- St. Paul talked about it in 2 Thessalonians 2:2-3 - and that facilitates the rise of the final Antichrist. When that happens he will set himself up as the Messiah of the Jewish people. The Jewish people will accept him as their earthly Messiah because they are looking for a secular sort of government-social-justice Messiah, and he will offer himself as that person. When that happens the Jews will be sucked into this false Messiah and he will have complete power

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and reign over the earth for 3-1/2 years. That is outlined for us in Daniel 7:25 and Revelation 13:5. He will dismantle this Holy Roman Empire - that's in Daniel 7 and 8 - and 3 of them who resist will be crushed. Then the false prophet comes to power who prepares the way for this supreme and final Antichrist, which we see in Revelation 13. He reigns for 3-1/2 years, during which time he will severely persecute Christians. That is part of what I believe the Jews into accepting him as a false Messiah. First of all that is what they are looking for, but secondly he will set himself up as the true Messiah. So it makes sense that he would then persecute Christians who have already accepted Jesus as their Messiah. He will persecute every Christian and set himself up as the false Messiah. He will perpetuate what is called the abomination of desolation, which means he will set himself up as the Messiah and he will desolate the altar. Which means, for us, that we should watch for something that desecrates the altar of Jesus Christ. It could be the Eucharist, it could be some sort of sexual abomination, it could be a combination of those things. Whatever it is, it is going to be completely and utterly scandalous for Christians. We have to look for that. We also have to look for this severe persecution of Christians in which they are almost completely wiped out. Christianity will be almost completely eliminated by this Antichrist.

That is part of how the Jewish people will rise to power with the Antichrist, because that's what they are looking for. They're looking for their Messiah. They don't accept Jesus as their Messiah. We have accepted Jesus as our Messiah. The Antichrist will set himself up opposite Jesus Christ and he will claim himself to be the true king of history and humanity. He will speak terrible, terrible blasphemies. He will desecrate the altar. He will set himself up as the Messiah, as over Jesus. He wants to be worshipped because he comes from the pit of hell, according to Chapter 12 of Revelation. In fact, that whole book talks about the son of perdition, and so does St. Paul.

That is how the evangelization of the Jews will occur, because the Antichrist will do away with the 2 witnesses who are said to be Elijah - Elijah will come in the last days according to the prophecies, and that could be either literal or figurative. It was figurative in the first coming of Christ through John the Baptist. It could be figurative, and I think it will be, in the end times. The Church Fathers believe that the 2 witnesses are the Holy Pope and the Holy Monarch. So the Antichrist will put to death in a severely graphic way the Pope and the Monarch as the 2 witnesses, if they are the 2 witnesses. Now, I say again that this is a lot of speculation. We don't know. We won't know until it happens, and then we can go "Oh yeah, that's exactly what God said."

Listen, this happens all the time. In my own life when God has come to me and said something to me, I often interpret it one way and it happens another. You know that this is true even of your prayers. You can pray for something specific and look back and know that God has answered your prayer but He did not do it the way you thought he was going to. He did not even do it the way you asked, but He did it. In His wisdom and providence, he does it in secret ways. He does it in ways we never could have imagined. That is how prophesy works itself out. He gives us the prophesy and we know what's going to happen but we don't how, and we don't know the specific people or the specific ways.

These 2 witnesses that we see in Revelation 11 are murdered in a very brutal, violent, and public way by the Antichrist. Then there is some sort of mass conversion of Jews and the conversion of the nations. We don't know if that is going to happen separately or together but we see that in Romans 11, Paul talks about that. Those 2 witnesses are actually resurrected, and we see that happen in Revelation 11. Then we know that the Antichrist, who is stung by the resurrection of these 2 witnesses, tries to prove himself. He fakes an ascension of his own. In Daniel 8:25 we see that, and also we see it somewhat in Isaiah 14. These prophecies that talk about what happen to Satan and the

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dragon and all of that in the end times, these are also prophetic of the Antichrist who is the supreme evil one, the “son of perdition” as the Bible says and Jesus says.

The Antichrist attempts some sort of ascension. Then there is the death of the Antichrist by St. Michael the Archangel. That is said to be in Isaiah 14 and also as I read to you earlier in Revelation 12 at the hands of St. Michael but also through the facilitation of the woman, Mary, and the Holy Spirit. Then immediately after that in Matthew 24:29 we see these 3 days of darkness. This could come here or it could come after the Minor Chastisement, we’re not sure, but there are supposed to be 3 days of darkness. Then the Antichrist will be destroyed by the brightness of Christ’s second coming, and that’s in 2 Thessalonians 2:8. Hallelujah to that.

The second coming, the Parousia. Then we have what the catechism talks about 568-573, the resurrection of the dead and the judgement, then the new heavens and the new earth which are outlined for us in Revelation 20 and 21.

These times, Dear One, are going to be spectacular. I wish I had time to really go through some of what the Bible says will happen during the new heaven and the new earth. We don’t really know what that is going to look like but we know that it will be some sort of physical recreation of the whole universe and it will be purified by fire. I actually think it precedes the second coming, I can’t remember properly and I should have looked before I said it, but we see that in 2 Peter and Matthew 24. Then there is the end of the world. This is what we talk about in the Creed when we say “the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.” We believe that as an article of faith, as part of what makes us Christian. We believe in this second coming and we believe in these prophecies of the last times. Hallelujah and Hallelujah!

I remember as a child praying that I would be present when Jesus came back to the earth. Out of ignorance, I guess, because I thought I was going to be one of those people who lived through the tribulation if I was actually here. So that was a crazy crazy prayer, but we are really standing on the precipice of something spectacular with this age of peace.

That wraps up our series of eschatology from a Catholic point of view. I hope you found the information useful and comforting. In fact, in apocalyptic literature that was the whole point of the authors offering it to the people there were writing to - to bring comfort so that they would know terrible things are going to happen but were prophesied and they must happen so that everything can finish the way it’s meant to, so that Jesus can come. He wants to give us time for repentance and that is why he is giving us this Age of Peace so that the fullness of the Gentiles can come in, and that means the Muslims as well. We know that Mary will have some sort of huge place in that, and so do we. And that leads into a lot of really good news I have to share with you.

This week I got word that my study on the tabernacle is going to be published. It will include a workbook, a narrative book - we call it a trade book in the industry, but it’s just a narrative of the study - and a video of the study all together. I believe that is why I had all this trouble - that and the “Love the Word” journal - I believe that’s why I had all this trouble with my computer these last weeks. It’s a good thing and it has to happen.

I even said on Facebook that you can bet your butt that if I start a new project that something awful will happen. It always does. Please pray. I’m having an issue with my wrist. I think it’s an issue with my mouse and the way I sit and work so pray for that. You are an integral part of this new study

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coming up. It's apologetic. If you followed along with that Tabernacle study you know that it is a way to share our faith in the nutshell and the structure of the Old Testament tabernacle.

I say all of that to say that I believe it can be a tool of the Holy Spirit in bringing unity to the Church. As a non-Catholic the tabernacle is what brought me into the church. When I started making the connections between the tabernacle that I had been taught and new and the Church and the liturgy that I was learning, when I made that connection I realized "Oh my gosh, this Catholic thing is true. It's been true all along, I just didn't know!" I didn't know anything Catholic so I didn't have the Catholic information to compare to the Biblical information and foundation I already had. When I put the two of those things together, the Biblical evidence is incontrovertible. You cannot argue with the way God has laid out both the Bible and history. This study is, for me, the most important study I have ever done.

I put a whole lot of stock in it partly because I spent years trying to get it published and the timing was just never right. I shed many, many, many tears over the rejections that I repeatedly received over this study. Specifically one publisher had it for over a year. When I would check on it he would ask me questions and I would spend time rewriting and restructuring - and this went on for over a year - and I finally just thought to myself "You know, he is dragging me along and he is never going to say yes" and I finally just dropped it. It was agonizing because I knew that the content of this study is just so important for evangelization and for apologetics, for explaining our faith.

It's twofold: It's a faith-sharing study so Catholics will know how to share their faith with non-Catholics and fallen away Catholics, and at the same time they will become more rooted in it themselves. Every teacher of every stripe knows that the best way to learn something is to teach it. As you're learning it to teach it you are learning it yourself. All of this is to say that I got the news yesterday that the study is going to be published! We have a meeting on Monday. I don't want to say yet who it is, but we have a meeting on Monday with the whole company - like 12 people - and I'll be spending the whole day outlining all of the content and we'll be deciding what goes in the book, what goes in the workbook, and what goes in the videos. Please be in prayer about that. If I'm on your prayer list, that's what I need you to pray for - that and my wrist issue.

I want to thank you for your other prayers because they are really what keep my ministry afloat. I won't spend time on it and I won't cry like I did earlier, but it's so important. I need your prayers. Nothing can get done, Dear One, unless we are sacrificing and offering our sacrifices to Christ. Do that too, if you think of it, for my ministry. Offer your sacrifices, offer your prayers for the unity of the Church and for my work, because you are contributing. You are a contributor to this study and every study I do, every one I have ever done. You are a contributor. Thank you again.

So what's next? Our next series is going to be on LOVE the Word™. I just finished my journal and I haven't said anything about it. If you're on Blessed Is She website or you're on my website or you get the weekly email then you have probably seen the picture on the right hand side in the margin of your weekly email. That is the LOVE the Word™ journal that I just finished. If you don't have one you will probably want one because we are going to do an entire series on how to LOVE the Word™ with Mary. We are going to listen and watch her as she loves the word, and then we are going to let her teach us how to do the same. I am going to walk through the whole process.

If you have a journal you'll have the guided instruction sheet that goes along with it, but you'll also have the 480 journaling pages that you can use throughout the year. It is a mass and a scripture journal. This whole LOVE the Word™ thing is Lectio Divina without the Latin. I am going to give you a 061217_Catholic Eschatology in a Nutshell

handy little acronym - LOVE - to learn and practice Lectio Divina, which I will explain in the series. It's going to be about a 6-week series on LOVE the Word™. If you don't have the journal yet you will want to order it. You get a special introductory price right now of (I think) \$25.99. I actually had to already reorder the journals. I sold out, so they are on backorder right now but they should be here shortly. If you don't have it you're probably going to want it. We are going to spend 6 weeks talking about this series I'm going to walk you through how to do the process. We're going to do it together. I'm going to do a sheet of my own and I am going to offer it in the study notes so you can see how I do it, but you're going to want to do it your own way.

You can use this journal as both as a mass journal, which I'll explain. Matthew Kelly actually made mass journaling popular. If you've never heard of it I'm going to explain it to you and show you how to do it, and also using the daily readings in your daily prayer. I am going to walk you through exactly how to do that with the Bible. I get that question all the time, so I'm going to walk you through the whole process. The series will be about 6 weeks long. You're going to want the journal, I promise!

There are free printable journal pages on the weekly email, so if you are not signed up for that you need to do it because you'll get the free journal pages. If you want to print those out yourself instead of buying a journal feel free to do that, you'll just have to do it every week, and if you want to continue to do that you'll just have to go have them printed somewhere.

Also, if you are a leader of a group of some sort I am going to offer those journal pages in a group so that you can print them out so you can facilitate a group of your own. It's sort of like an e-book and I am going to give you access to that. They'll be \$20 instead of \$30 but you can print those as many times as you want and you can give those to whomever you want as long as you give me credit for the LOVE The Word™ process, and the acronym and all of that. It's a trademarked deal. You can feel free to use it, and I want you to - I want you to spread it far and wide! We want to make sure people know how to get in the Bible.

So I'm going to do the whole series and I want you to spread it wherever you are. Teach other people with these journals. Teach your kids. You can use these journals with kids. I have actually thought about doing one for them with either St. Joseph or a slider, so you might be able to give me feedback on that. So if you don't have a journal you're going to want one; if you don't want the journal then you'll need to print the pages. We are going to do a 6-week series on LOVE the Word™ With Mary - how to do Lectio Divina the way Mary does it. She is going to teach us how to do it. We are going to follow her. We are going to go through that whole series. We are going to talk about mass journaling. We are going to talk about how to use the lectionary, which is the readings and prayers of the church.

That is our next series, and directly after that I am going to do a series on healing the father wound. I was on my Women of Grace with Jonette aired this past week again and I had a lot of people ask me about that. I don't know why but I've never done a series on that, and that seems silly because except for the apologetics questions that is probably the most frequent question I get. So we are going to do healing the father wound, and in that we will talk about mother wounds as well. That will be after our LOVE the Word™ series.

Next week I am going to take a break to prepare. I have got a lot of stuff to do for this meeting, this new project and to prepare for this new series, and I have to get all of these journals in and all of those orders out. I am going to take a week break and then we will be back to have our LOVE the Word™ study. I will send you a study next week too, so you will get your email, and I am going to rerun

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one of the other teachings, maybe a Prodigal Son, so you'll get one but it won't be a new series yet. The new series will be in 2 weeks.

Thank you, Friends of the Show and prayer partners. I love you, love you, love you. Pray for me in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

