



The Bright and Morning Star
A Sermon by Sewell Hall

Stars on the first page of Bible

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Gen 1:16 God made the two great lights—
the greater light to rule the day
and the lesser light to rule the night—
and the stars



Stars on the very last page of Bible 2/21

Rev 22:16 “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”



Bright and Morning Star, What is meaning? 3/21

Fair is the sunshine,

Fairer still the moonlight,

And all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer

Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Many times Morning Star is a Symbol of Hope 4/21

Not a person here who
does not know this feeling

Psalmist Knew

Ps 130:5

I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait,
And in His word do I hope.

⁶ My soul *waits* for the Lord

More than the watchmen for the morning;

Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.



Fear Kills Hope Immobilizes People

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How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a *believer's* ear!
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wounds,
And drives away our fear,

Fear Drives people to look for Hope



Num 13:31

“We are not able to go up
against the people,
for they are too strong for us.”

Or Lose Hope

Fear Lead to Wandering 6/21

**For 2 years God Saw to their needs
After all signs God did in Egypt
They didn't believe He could Save Them**

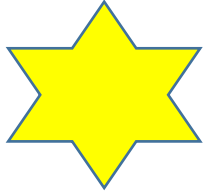
Numbers 24:17 (NIV)

"I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near.
A star will come out of Jacob;
a scepter will rise out of Israel.
He will crush the foreheads of Moab,
the skulls of all the sons of Sheth.
— Balaam's Fourth Oracle



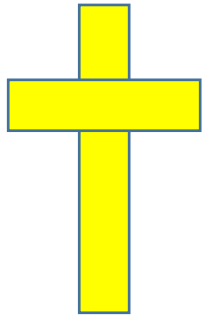
A Problem Not just for Israel

Was Morning Star Jesus or David? 7/21



Was Balaam Talking About David?

David was Israel Strongest King : David dealt a tremendous blow To Moab 2 Sam 8. David was certainly a star in eyes of people.



Was Balaam talking about Jesus,

Jesus was born under a star Matt 2:2 'Wise men from the East – (Balaam was from East) – saw His Star'

Both? Certainly it was a time of great fear and trouble for Israel and David lead to the people to prosper.

Even a greater time of tribulation in the Revelation Jesus saved His people. Jesus said it was Him and He was coming Soon!

Jesus, our Hope, can heal our Fear 8/21

Matt 9:1 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, *be of good cheer*; your sins are forgiven you."

Matt 9:20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.
v22 "*Be of good cheer*, daughter; your faith has made you well."

Matt 14:1 John Beheaded

V25 Jesus walks on water

V26 Its a GHOST!

V27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "*Be of good cheer!*
It is I; do not be afraid."

Jesus Turns our Sorrow into Joy 9/21

Mark 10:46 Blind Bartimaeus

Do you think he was afraid?

v49 **Be of good cheer** ...

John 16:31-33 *The night he was betrayed*

Jesus answered them, “**Do you now believe?**”³² Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And **yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.**³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but ...

be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Jesus Removes our Fear 10/21

Luke 12:7 Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows

V31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ³² “**Do not fear**, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Does Sin Make You Afraid? 11/21

Matt 26 Peter's Fear at Trial
Fear at Sunrise from his Denial
Look from Jesus, Peter weeps in dark
Jesus speaks to the women in Mark 16
'Go Tell Disciples and specifically names Peter!'
I Corth 15 mentions a meeting with Peter
John 21 where Peter swims to the shore
And talks with Jesus before the others arrive.
What did Jesus say to Peter?

Know this God Loves and Forgives
He forgave Peter and He will forgive us



Sin causes fear, but ... there is Hope! 12/21

I John 1:5-9

“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



Fear Not Death, We have Power and Hope 13/21

John 11:25 “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?

V 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.”

Jesus keeps His Promises

John 5:28 “Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth ...



Death is not the end ... 14/21

“O Death, where *is* your sting?
O Hades, where *is* your victory?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way,
the truth, and the life. No one
comes to the Father except through Me.

Abide with Me

Fear Not Hypocrite's nor Bullies if you have Christ 15/21



II Tim 4:14

Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. ¹⁵ Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.

Fear Not Hypocrite's with Jesus at your side 16/21



Rev 2:25 "But hold fast what you have till I come. ²⁶ And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—²⁷ 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father; ²⁸ and I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

No matter what others do we have hope in Him

Do you fear the future? 17/21

Good ol' days weren't always good ...

Yes in USA now sin is legalized, even glorified, forced upon us

Persecution in the Revelation ...

Murdered in street

Burned as Candles

Slaughter under Alter

Rev 22:16

Promised to people

Undergoing persecution

Like we will never know

Fear Not the Future; we have work to do 18/21

Acts 23:11 “But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.”



We can not let fear paralyze us as in the provocation.

Future is Near: Whether End of Time or Jerusalem 19/21

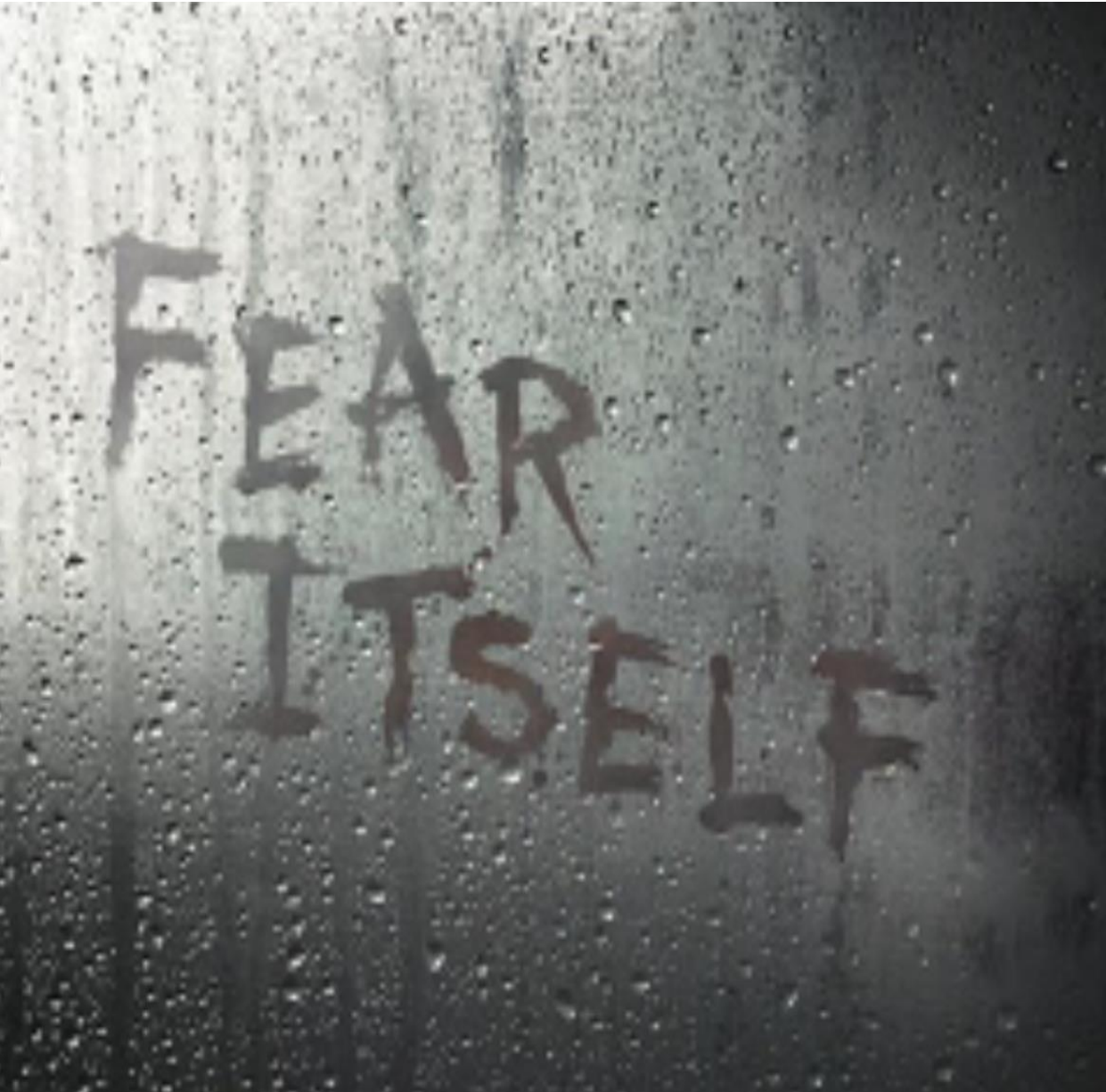
John 12:15 “Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion;
Behold, your King is coming,
Sitting on a donkey’s colt.”



Rev 1:3 “Blessed *is* he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the **time *is* near.**

Fear not Fear ... 20/21



II Peter 1:19

**“And we have the prophetic word more
Fully confirmed to which you will do well to pay
Attention as to a Lamp shining in a dark place,
Until the day dawns and the morning star rises
In you hearts.”**

Do you Believe Everything is Going to be Alright? 21/21

