

Sermon Notes

"Chaos in the Kingdom"
1 Kings 16:8-28

1. **The Kingdom of Man in Turmoil (vv.8-21)**
 - Elah – The Chaos of the Kingdom
 - Zimri – The Vanity the Kingdom
 - Tibni – The Division of the Kingdom
2. **The Kingdom of Man Intrenched (vv. 22-23)**
 - Omri – The Strength of the Kingdom
3. **The Kingdom of God Opposed (vv. 24-28)**

Prayer Opportunities

ONGOING PRAYER: Willy Clingenpeel, Kenneth (Stick) Haun, Michael Herbert and Westray Nowlin

PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES: ROBBY & JOYCE HAMD
Robby and Joyce serve as missionaries with EPC World Outreach in Beirut, Lebanon. Their ministry, the Philemon Project, continues to serve the migrant, refugee and poor children in Beirut through an Early Learning Center. This center provides not only a quality education but countless opportunities for the children (and their parents-many of whom are Muslim) to hear and respond to the gospel. They recently purchased a building that will give them a permanent home for the Center as well as a model to replicate their Early Learning Center to countries like Syria. Through their partnership with Resurrection Church in Beirut, they hope to use the third floor of the building for a church plant. Pray for the funding needed to renovate the building and guidance as they look for a new director for the Center.

Prayer & Fasting

Please join us for prayer on Tuesday, January 4, at noon in the Chapel as we set aside this day for fasting and praying. Our focus will be on the unborn.

Prayer & Care

If you have a need or prayer request, please share that need through the Rivermont website at rivermont.org/prayer. You may also email janet@rivermont.org. All requests are confidential.

Welcome to Rivermont!

Whether you are new to Lynchburg or new to our church, we are so grateful to the Lord that He has brought you to us this morning. We would love to connect with you more personally and we invite you to fill out a Digital Connect Card by scanning the QR code into your mobile device. You can also fill out a Connect Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.



Next Steps to Connect:

- We invite you to take some additional steps to get more connected to this church body.
- Attend live or Zoom Sunday School classes at 9:45 am (rivermont.org/sundayschool).
 - Join us for dinner and Bible Studies on Wednesday nights. RFN will resume January 12, 2022.
 - Attend men's, women's, or youth Bible studies and events throughout the year.
 - Attend the next Getting to Know Rivermont Class which begins on January 16. To learn more and to register go to rivermont.org/gtkr.

If you would like more information about these opportunities, visit our website at rivermont.org.

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give:

1. By placing your offering in the offering plates located in the Narthex.
2. By texting an amount to 434-595-3833; follow the prompts.
3. Online at www.rivermont.org/give.
4. By mailing a check to REPC, 2424 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Coming Up This Week

For more information, please visit rivermont.org/events

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| <p>Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany Sunday</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service with Communion</p> <p>9:45 am Children's Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am Adult Discipleship Open House (Cheatham Center)</p> <p>9:45 am Youth Fellowship, Club 56 and Youth Parents' Meeting (Youth Center)</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service with Communion</p> | <p>Wednesday, January 5</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>4:30 pm Praise Ringers</p> <p>5:15 pm Carillon, Chapel, Cherub, New Song</p> <p>6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir</p> |
| <p>Monday, January 3</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> | <p>Saturday, January 8</p> <p>12:00 pm No Walls Second Saturday Picnic (Gospel Community-College Hill)</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, January 4</p> <p>6:30 am Dawn Patrol Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)</p> <p>9:00 am Preschool</p> <p>12:00 pm Monthly Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> | <p>Sunday, January 9</p> <p>8:00 am Prayer for the Services (Family Room)</p> <p>8:30 am Worship Service</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>9:45 am 20 Somethings+ Life Group</p> <p>9:45 am College Hour (CO House)</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service</p> <p>12:30 pm 20 Somethings+ Lunch on the Run (Family Oasis Mediterranean Grill)</p> <p>4:00 pm Prayer Meeting (Chapel)</p> |

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OUR PASSION: *the renewing of lives through God's compelling love in Lynchburg and the world.*

ORDER of WORSHIP

January 2, 2022
Epiphany Sunday

Preparation for Worship

As you enter the Sanctuary, prepare your heart for worship and please silence your mobile devices.

THE SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION:

O God, Who by the shining of a star did guide the wise men to behold Thy Son our Lord: Show us Thy heavenly light, and give us grace to follow until we find Him, and, finding Him, rejoice. And grant that as they presented gold, frankincense, and myrrh, we now may bring Him the offering of a loving heart, an adoring spirit, and an obedient will, for His honor, and for Thy glory, O God Most High. Amen.

PRELUDE: "The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away"

J. S. Bach

The old year now hath passed away;
We thank Thee, O our God, today
That Thou hast kept us through the year
When danger and distress were near.
There shall we thank Thee and adore
With all the angels evermore.
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith
To praise Thy name through life and death.

THE GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pastor Mike Palombo

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60:1-3 (responsively)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE: #30

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

*THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

*THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Colossians 1:13-14

*THE ACCLAMATION OF PRAISE:

"Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power" (vs. 1 & 4)

O QUANTA QUALIA

Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to Him Who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.

Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.

*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"Grace to you and peace from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come."

(Revelation 1:4)

(Children pre-K through first grade may be dismissed for Children's Church to room #115.)

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE: 1 Kings 16:8-28 (page 298)

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SERMON:

"Chaos in the Kingdom"

Dr. David Weber

THE PRAYER FOR A RIGHT RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE GLORIA:

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"Be Thou My Vision"

Rachel Amos, soloist

arr. Sally DeFord

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, both by day and by night,
In waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word,
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord.
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my high tower.
O raise Thou me heavenward, Great Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Be Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou only the first in my heart,
O high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Son!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Miriam Amos, piano

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

If you are not a member of this congregation but are a baptized believer who is welcome to receive Communion in your home church, then you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. Baptized children of this congregation are welcome to receive the Sacrament after they have received instruction and admission by the Session. After reviewing the Communion packet with your child, contact the church office to set up a meeting with the pastors. The packet may be found at www.rivermont.org/communion.

The Words of Invitation and Institution

The Prayer of Consecration, concluding with The Lord's Prayer (in unison):

Our Father, Who art in heaven: hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

The Reception of the Bread and the Cup

The Concluding Communion Prayer

*THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: #252

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATIONAL AND CHORAL AMEN (sung by all):

"A-men, A-men, A-men!"

*POSTLUDE:

"In Thee Is Gladness"

J. S. Bach

*The congregation standing. Please feel free to be seated if you need to do so. Lyrics and music reproduced under CCLI#64526.

"THE DAY OF EPIPHANY" (January 6 each year, after the "Twelve Days of Christmas") is the day traditionally commemorating the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem. The word epiphany means "appearance" and refers to the appearance of the star which signaled the birth of the King of the Jews (Numbers 24:17) and led the Magi to Jesus. The Magi from the east were Gentiles, yet they were led by the light of the star to worship the King of the Jews, Jesus, Who is "the light to the nations" (Isaiah 49:6). Isaiah prophesied, "Nations will come to Your light, and kings to the brightness of Your rising" (Isaiah 60:3).

The Sanctuary Floral Arrangement

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stephanie Gowen Locke, who was born January 6, 1937.