I. **Matt 13:37-40** - The current age before Jesus’ return - Two camps
   A. Jesus is sowing seeds — sons of the kingdom — sheep
   B. Satan is sowing seeds — sons of the wicked one — goats
   C. **John 10:10 (NKJV)** 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

D. **Satan and the sons of the wicked one**
   1. **Ephesians 6:10–13 (NKJV)** - Wrestle not against flesh and blood
   2. **2 Corinthians 4:4 (NKJV)** 4 whose minds the **god of this age** has blinded

E. **Jesus and the sons of the kingdom**
   1. **1 John 3:7–9 (NKJV)** - Practice righteousness; destroy the works of the devil
      a) **Practices** - *pŏiĕō* - To behave in a certain manner; to do or perform
      (1) **Matthew 13:41 (NKJV)** - Gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who **practice lawlessness**.
      b) **Manifested** - *phanĕrŏō* - Make known by revealing clearly; made visible
      c) **Destroy** - *luō* — to cause to cease to exist—‘to cause to come to an end, to cause to become nothing, to put an end to

F. **During this age, we are engaged in a war**
   1. **2 Timothy 2:3–4 (NKJV)** 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.
   2. **2 Timothy 4:5 (NKJV)** 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
   3. **Matt 13:30** 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”

G. **We are practicing in the current age with the age to come in mind**
   1. **Mark 10:28–30 (NKJV)** - Deal with persecutions
      a) **Time** - *kairŏs* - An occasion, set or proper time; opportunity
      b) **Age** - *aiŏn* - An era, period of time that arises and replaces another
2. **Matt 5:10** Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

   a) **Persecuted** - *diōkō* - To become subject to systematic harassment and attack due to one's religious beliefs

II. **2 Thess 1:5–10** - What happens at the end of this age?

   A. **Repay** - *antapŏdidōmi* - To recompense; pay back, return in kind

   B. **Those who trouble you** - Who? - Sons of the wicked one

   C. **Tribulation** - *thlibō* - Persecute, cause trouble or hardship; press or squeeze; crowd against

   D. **Vengeance** - *ĕkdikēsis* - Retribution, carry out justice

      1. Vengeance is what happens as a result of the love of justice

      2. Judgment means justice

III. **Esther 4:13–14**

IV. **Rev 13**

V. **Revelation 20:4–6**