

# The End of the Church as We Know it

My wife (Ruth) and I were ‘born into the church’ – Anglican and Methodist respectively. Since being baptised in the Holy Spirit in 1982 we have been on a spiritual journey to find out what it really means to follow Jesus. In 1987 we left the church system and started meeting in the homes of like-minded believers. At that time we received spiritual revelation that End Times were close. In our spirit we received the understanding that we were part of the vanguard to lead the way to safety because the church system that we knew was going to cease. We also knew in our spirit that persecution would drive this change. We were shown through prophecy that the church leaders were going to be dealt with by Jesus<sup>1</sup> for parasitizing on their congregations and not looking after them properly.

Today we are still meeting in one another’s homes, but as a Kingdom Community. We are privy to much more knowledge from our King and are more aware of where he’s taking his people which will be a remnant. We also understand that we are much closer to what we were shown would happen to the church of the day.

The following points are a summary of the first 20 minutes of a teaching<sup>2</sup> by Terry Bennett at the end of 2018 which outlines the revelation given to him of what’s going to happen to the church in the coming future.



- The Bride will be made ready by adversity. Through difficulties and the fire of God.
- Unless we know God we cannot be a mouthpiece for him.
- Unless God reveals himself we will not know him.
- Man cannot reveal God to us. Neither can the Bible.
- God can use things to reveal himself, but he must do the revealing.
- The Devil knows scripture, but he doesn’t have a personal revelation of God.
- Man is the only being whom God inhabits (lives in).
- God follows a sequence (his order) to reveal himself and to reveal his knowledge to us.
- We’ve had enough ‘pep’ conferences and encouraging teaching over the past 40 years to get us ready, but we aren’t ready.
- To get us ready, God desires a deep, inward, personal work in each of us.
- This work is to establish himself in us and we lose control of ourselves to him.
- We need to remove the word ‘needs’ from our vocabulary. This is only about self.
- Christendom is wrapped up in self.
- We try to draw God into our box and explain him to people from that perspective.
- God has been taking us on a journey to focus on the inward reality of the Internal Kingdom – his kinship in us.
- He’s weaning us from Christianity – from all outward expressions which substitute for him and his Kingdom.
- We must express Christ himself, not Christianity or the church.
- The *ekklesia* is meant to express God to the world, not church buildings and church ceremonies.
- God’s not building a structure, he’s building a people group.

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1 – This came as a rhema when reading Ezekiel 34:17-24

2 – **AUDIO:** Terry Bennett “Sunday 12-30-18” [00:50-20:30]

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- He has no interest in meetings for meeting's sake.
- God is wanting to do something very spiritual and it does not demand anything of this world for it to be accomplished.
- It is of his Spirit, not of this world, and outside of time.
- The effect of it will make us aliens in this world.
- His spiritual work does not depend on us being together for meetings.
- Being together in the spirit doesn't mean proximity.
- God is building something that's not proximity-based, but is relational in the spiritual, but not the natural.
- This eliminates everything we call the church.
- Jesus spoke of things that were not of this world and which people couldn't understand.
- This means that we will not understand the journey God is wanting to take us on.
- We will not be able to figure it out with our mind.
- If we refuse to go on this 'unknown' journey we'll be left to wallow in the filth of Christianity grown cold in its heart towards God.
- If we don't move forward we will be trapped (entrapped) in the present or the past.
- We are being drawn into a high, heavenly, upward calling. It is not of this world.
- You cannot build the *ekklesia* with meetings or by being social.
- The *ekklesia* cannot be built by any natural means, only by his Spirit.
- God is not wanting to tear something down, but to rip something out of us so that we change.
- The day is fast approaching when it will not be safe to be in genuine Spirit-led, Kingdom meetings.
- In the US there will be a state church.
- We will be arrested for meeting together outside of the government's sanctioned church.
- All the church has built externally will come to nothing, but the *ekklesia* will thrive.
- Church buildings are worthless, useless.
- We've known this for years but only now are some believers ready to hear it.
- Everything external is meaningless to God. He's not in it. (That also includes the clergy, robes, church meetings, prayer books, sacraments, ceremonies, etc.)
- The church has become something that God never intended for it to be.
- It became a religion, a structure, very early, and we've lived under the tyranny of it for nearly 2,000 years.
- The church has become something that man can manipulate, that his mind can become involved with, and through which he can explain God. That's a joke.
- You can't explain God, you have to experience him.
- When we lead people with our minds the judgement of God will come upon us.
- It's better that we are judged and disciplined for it here in this life, rather than later.
- If you can't figure God out, live with it. Enjoy him instead.
- Where he wants to lead us we need to be able to sit in awe with our mouths shut.
- What God is going to do with his *ekklesia* will cause the church to be in awe of him or angry with him.
- He's going to prove to us that what we built never accomplished his will. It never could.

- He's going to prove that he knows how to build his *ekklesia*.
- His *ekklesia* is where he's entirely and forever focussed.
- God is leading us out of the 'natural' church into his *ekklesia*, his Bride.
- He's going to use persecution to get us out of the church 'ditch', including making it unsafe for Kingdom groups to meet openly, and unsafe to be called a Christian.
- Most Christians will not be prepared to give up and walk away from what they need to walk away from.
- Compromise and mixture will be commonplace among Christians.
- The Lord has spoken and said the we have a short period of time ("now") to make what's in God's heart our priority.
- This means we have to change our heart.
- We will watch as the church system comes crashing down and comes to nothing.
- With the collapse, all our aspirations, all our wonderful thoughts, all our good intentions, and all our church language will come down with it.
- The collapse will show us that the church system has done nothing to make the Bride ready.
- We'll see that we have wasted our time, energy, money, and our focus.
- We will suffer loss in this collapse.
- The bigger the ministry, the quicker the persecution will be.
- God warned us to remain hidden, but we chose the religious way where we are on display.

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