



Chinese Bible School

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As you peruse through this newsletter, the Chinese New Year (February 10) is likely approaching for you. Allow me to extend my warm wishes for a Happy Chinese New Year. This year marks the Year of the Dragon, celebrated as an auspicious period for the Chinese people. In ancient China, the dragon symbolized great wealth and power, with the emperor being likened to the son of the dragon or the heir to the dragon. Consequently, the birth rate traditionally surges during the Year of the Dragon as Chinese parents aspire for their children to be the "son of the dragon." In the spirit of this year, the Chinese express their well-wishes with the phrase: "Dragon rises over the four seas, good fortune is at hand" or 龍騰四海，福運當前.

We are pleased to announce the completion of the postproduction for the topical video lesson titled "The Biblical View of Premillennialism." Both the Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese versions are currently under review by volunteers from our weekly online Bible study group. Anticipate the final videos to be available for viewing on the Chinese Bible School website in February. Leveraging AI technology, we successfully generated Chinese captions for the video, catering to those with hearing impairments or speakers of other Chinese dialects. For those interested in adding words and graphics animation to videos, our first attempt using Keynote on the Mac computer yielded remarkable results, offering an alternative method for video creation.

Our upcoming video lessons, focusing on *First Thessalonians* and *Second Thessalonians*, are currently undergoing meticulous review, with video recordings scheduled for March. Our weekly Zoom Bible study group has concluded the study of these books and previewed the lesson on "The Biblical View of Premillennialism." Moving forward, we will delve into the study of *First Timothy* and *Second Timothy*, which will be recorded as video lessons upon the completion of our mission trip to Asia.

Lord willing, Yolanda and I plan to attend the 16th annual Asian Chinese Bible Lectureship in Melaka, Malaysia, on June 6-8. The theme, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray," aligns with the lesson assigned to me: "Pray with the Spirit and Understanding," derived from First Corinthians 14:15. Alongside participating in the lectureship, we look forward to visiting and speaking to congregations in Taiwan and Malaysia. This presents a unique opportunity to connect with family members and fellow brethren in Christ while spreading the gospel on another side of the world. The estimated cost for both Yolanda and me for airline tickets is \$5,000. If you can contribute towards this expense beyond your regular support, I would be sincerely grateful. Thank you very much!

May God richly bless you in the year of dragon!

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