"Time is Up" June 4, 2023 Pendleton First Assembly of God Pastor Joshua Brunette

Open: Time is up, the hourglass of sinful human history is almost over, and the new creation God has been redeeming from the earth is about to take its place. Are you Awake? Are you Alert? Are you Watching? Are you Praying? Your King is not waiting forever. The days we live in are not normal, they are unique.

Romans 13:11-12 11 And do this, understanding the occasion. The hour has come for you to <u>wake up from your slumber</u>, for our salvation is <u>nearer now</u> than when we first believed. 12The night <u>is nearly over</u>; the day has drawn near. So let us lay aside the <u>deeds of darkness</u> and put on the <u>armor of light</u>.

Luke 21:36 34But watch yourselves, or your hearts will be weighed down by dissipation (a decline into immorality), drunkenness, and the worries of life—and that day will spring upon you <u>suddenly like a snare(trap)</u>. 35For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of <u>all the earth</u>. But <u>stay awake at all times</u>, praying that you may have strength <u>to escape (Rapture)</u> all these things that are going to take place, and to <u>stand before the Son of Man</u>." (Blessed Hope)

Ezekiel 38-39 Last Days war of Gog and Magog

38 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog (Russia), the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, 'This is what the Lord [a]God says: "Behold, I am against you, Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. 4 So I will turn you around and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them magnificently dressed, a great contingent with shield and buckler, all of them wielding swords; 5 <u>Persia</u>, Cush (horn of Africa region), and Put (Libya) with them, all of them with buckler and helmet; 6 Gomer (Ukraine) with all its troops; Beth-togarmah (Armenia / Azerbaijan) from the remote parts of the north with all its troops—many peoples with you.

7 "Be ready, and be prepared, you and all your <u>contingents that are assembled around you</u> and be a guard for them. 8 After many days you will be summoned; in the latter years you will come into the land that is restored from the sword, whose inhabitants have been gathered from many [d]nations to the mountains of Israel which had been a continual place of ruins; but [e]its people were brought out from the [f]nations, and they are living securely, all of them. 9 And you will go up, you will come like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land, you and all your troops, and many peoples with you."

- 1. The Final harvest is happening now, we have a greater opportunity to win people to Jesus than ever before.
- **a.** In 1906 a revival occurred in Los Angeles on Azuza Street. That revival has ushered in millions of people into the Kingdom of God. Today globally there are 584 Million Pentecostal & Charismatic Christians making up about 25% of Christian adherents, there are an estimated 2.6 Billion Christians on Planet earth.
- b. Iran & China are experiencing revivals in the underground church that have gotten the attention of their corrupt governments who seek to control and dominate their people. There are now an estimated 100 million Christians in China. Making China the 5th most Christian nation on earth.

2. Short men cast long Shadows.

- a. Corrupt leaders, swampy figures, and hidden power brokers hold sway over governments, banking institutions, media, and global regulatory bodies. These men and women are working towards a one world government agenda which is believed to be the only hope and salvation of the human race.
- **b.** Key Point: Never forget that a group of individuals exist today who <u>admittedly hate God</u> and desire to rid themselves of His presence in society all together. These people are here and ready for the Anti-Christ.
- c. 2nd Timothy 3:3-4 They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and <u>hate what is good</u>. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and <u>love pleasure</u> rather than God.

3. Gog and Magog War is being prepared Ezekiel 38 & 39

- a. Syria has been destroyed and no longer holds control over its territory. Iran, Russia, and Turkey carve up the nation for their own purposes. These nations are now in alignment for the 1st time in human history to fulfill this portion of scripture. Syria being destroyed has allowed terrorists and nations that hate Israel to infiltrate the northern border of Israel in preparation for a future war.
- **b.** Iranian proxies in Southern Syria currently have 140,000 missiles, many of them guided missiles pointed at Israel to launch all at once. Iran has built military installations in Syria and has 20,000 Iranian troops in Syria in

preparations for a future offensive. These troops are now being given weapons from Russia due to a recent arms treaty. Russia is also giving Iran American made weapons left after the pullout from Afghanistan. ** The prophet Ezekiel says that the coalition that comes against Israel will come like a cloud. (Missiles?)

c. Hamas in the Gaza strip, which is a proxy govt. controlled by Iran threatens Israel and is a hinderance to peace in the middle east. Hamas is a terrorist organization that occupies the ancient territory of the Philistines.

4. Iran pushing the world to war: The bible tells us Iran will be an enemy of Israel in the last days.

- a. Iran is inching closer to a nuclear weapon. It has developed Ground to ground ballistic missiles capable of delivering a nuclear warhead and has vowed to use it. Iran now has more than enough nuclear grade material to produce at least 6-8 nuclear weapons. Israel and the US will not allow Iran to achieve the goal of a nuclear weapon. We are heading towards a major confrontation unless something changes. Israel has recently been practicing military drills designed to take out Iran's nuclear military infrastructure.
- b. Iranian backed troops have moved into areas of the city of Damascus. Isaiah 17:1-19 tells us that this city will be completely destroyed and uninhabitable forever in a single night. Increased air raids occur in Damascus Syria with Iran moving military equipment into this city less than 100 miles from the Northern border of Israel.

5. How close are we, Ezekiel 38-39 Map is set geopolitically.

- **a.** Turkey and Russia are active in Libya (Biblical Put and Gog) to align the nation geopolitically away from the US, and Egypt and towards Turkey's goal of reestablishing an Islamic Caliphate.
- b. Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and other gulf nations are not a part of invasion force written in Ezekiel Ch 38-39 because of the Abrahamic Accords. 10 years ago, this alignment of nations would not have been possible. God knew what the world would look like, and He told us through the prophet Ezekiel.
- **c.** The Annexation of the Golan Heights accomplished by former President Trump means that the mountains of Israel are indeed the mountain of Israel where Ezekiel tells us the invasion occurs.
- **d.** Iran, Turkey, and Russia's economies are currently under heavy sanctions that are having devastating effects on there economies. Ezekiel's prophecy assumes a motive for the attack is rooted in money.
- e. Vladimir Putin (Russia) Recep Erdogan (Turkey) have both been voted into office for life, to join the Ayatollah Khomeini of Iran.

6. How close are we? Global Surveillance Technology in place, Mass evangelism opportunity

- a. SpaceX now controls 3580 satellites in low earth orbit to cover the world in high-speed internet.
- b. No place on earth will be without internet coverage in a few short years. Even oceans and deserts.
- c. Other corporations and global governments are also working on a global internet system.
- d. Unreached people groups will soon be linked into the Internet and coming global economy through the growing surveillance technology being developed and implemented.
- e. The entire world is rapidly being <u>connected</u>, viewing everything at once, which is creating less privacy, and more easily offended people. It is also a huge problem for online safety and scammers.
- f. Governments are now openly storing our every data point. China has a social credit system in place that they use to control their people. Authoritarian governments love technology because it allows them greater control over people.
- g. <u>He required everyone</u> small and great, rich, and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. Revelation 13:16

7. How close are we? Artificial Intelligence is expanding at a rapid pace.

a. Then I saw the thrones, and those seated on them had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those <u>who had been beheaded for their testimony of Jesus</u> and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its <u>mark on their foreheads or hands</u>. And they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. Revelation 20:4

- b. Artificial Intelligence is growing at such a rapid pace that calls from top experts in the field have been made to place a moratorium on its development. Artificial intelligence is used in most of our financial systems centers today to control the flow of goods, trades, and financial policy.
- c. I have a theory that the Mark of the Beast could be connected to an artificial intelligence that the anti-Christ gives power to. It would be the ultimate idol (image)
- d. "Image" is Greek εἰκόνα (eikona) for "statue" or "resemblance" Revelation 13:15 And it was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak and cause all who do not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

8. Financial Markets teeter on collapse, Greed is severe.

- **a.** The global economic system is a house of cards ready to fall. Consider the economic debt of the United States at 32 trillion dollars, and global trade instability in the news now.
- b. James 5:1-3 Come now, you who are rich, weep and wail for the misery to come upon you. 2Your riches have rotted and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and consume your flesh like fire. You have hoarded treasure in the last days. ** Speaking of those who do not pay fair wages in the last days.

9. A Global government has emerged.

- **a.** The United Nations which are the DeFacto global govt. has proven itself to be useless and the perfect tool for the Anti-Christ to to use. It continuously hates and discriminates against the Jewish community.
- **b.** <u>What about Climate Change?</u> Climate Change is the world problem mechanism by which all nations will be pressured to form a global government pact. Today you are seeing all manner of organizations push the global government's agenda of Climate change. Even the catholic church is proclaiming climate change equally as much as it proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ. The United States has historically stood against the formation of a global government that can dictate laws to the world.
- c. <u>Revelation 16:8</u> 8Next, the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was given power to scorch the people with fire. 9And the people were scorched by intense heat, and they cursed the name of God, who had authority over these plagues; yet they did not repent and give Him glory. ** The world will not repent because they have believed the lie that man has power over the earth exclusively instead of Jesus Christ.

10. The technology to track and implement a global currency control system is ready.

- **a.** A global Internet covering is being launched as we speak to cover every square inch of planet earth. SpaceX and Facebook are leading the charge to blanket the earth. Digital Currency is coming through Bitcoin and most global governments are now exploring and or implementing a digital currency alternative to real cash.
- **b.** <u>Revelation 13:16-17</u> And the second beast required all people small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark— the name of the beast or the number of its name. ** A system must exist to enforce and control a global economic system.
- c. Global Internet coverage will be active in 2-3 years due to Elon, musk, Jeff Bezos, China, and other corporations working to launch 10's of thousands of satellites into low earth orbit. Once complete this will make it impossible to live "off grid."

11. The earth is groaning under the weight of the sins of its inhabitants.

- **a.** Sin globally is not only tolerated but it is celebrated, we are living in the days where people are calling evil good and good evil. There is little mourning over the sinful state of humanity in God's church today.
- **b.** Consider that the porn industry is a 15-billion-dollar industry in the U.S. alone and the human trafficking slave market is a 150-billion-dollar global market.
- c. Drug abuse globally has created 247 million drug users worldwide and 21 million addicts in the United States alone.
- **d.** Murder of newly born babies is now legal in 9 states in our "Christian" nation.
- e. Drug overdoses killed over 100,000 people in the United States in 2021

Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Hurricanes, Floods, Fires occur but are not a sign of the end only of the broken condition of the earth.

a. <u>Matthew 24:6-8</u> You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. These things must happen, <u>but the end is still to come.</u> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are <u>the beginning of birth pains</u>.

The Olive Tree Jesus spoke about referring to Israel has blossomed.

a. <u>Matthew 24:32-33</u> 32Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branches become tender and sprout leaves, you know that summer is near. 33So also, when you see all these things, you will know that He is near, right at the door. 34Truly I tell you; this generation will not pass away until all these things have happened.

The itching ear preachers are here, and they are popular.

- a. <u>2nd Timothy 4:3</u> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers <u>to say what their itching ears want to hear.</u>
- **b.** A House divided: Churches are planted because people cannot get along with one another or agree to disagree. Churches split over paint color and carpet. Churches are launched today to allow or suit the sinful cravings of people who reject God's word.
- c. Popular "Superstar" pastors and teachers who knowingly or unknowingly preach a false gospel. 2nd Corinthians 11:14-15 14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.¹⁵ Therefore it is not surprising if his servants <u>also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness</u>, whose end will be according to their deeds.

An Apostate church is alive and thriving in the world.

- **a.** Apostasy defined: Departing from the tenants of faith in Jesus Christ. Many churches are leaving the faith and they do not even realize it. Jesus said we would have great deception in the last days.
- **b.** Mainline denominations accepting homosexuality and the term Gay Christian: Catholic, United Methodist, Episcopal Church, Anglican Church, American Baptist Church, Evangelical Lutheran, National Baptist Convention, United Church of Christ, Presbyterian Church USA all have acceptance of homosexuality percentages according to pew research above 50% throughout their congregations. Why?
- c. An increasing number of churches do not expound the bible or believe it as the inerrant word of God. A recent Gallup poll showed that only 24% of people believe the bible is God's literal word. More people 26% believe the bible is a book of fables and moral precepts taught by men.

The World largely sides against Israel and the United States preparing them for the lunacy of the antichrist.

God controls the timing of the end to come, not Men, why?

- a. AD 363 Caesar Julian attempted to build the 3rd temple to disprove the prophecy of the anti-christ and Jesus words about desolation occurring in the rebuilt temple. May 20th 363 AD the night before the Jews would begin to rebuild the temple an earthquake struck the city and destroyed the items prepared for the building of the Temple stopping the effort immediately.
- **b.** <u>Isaiah 46:10</u> I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'
- c. <u>2 Peter 3:8-10</u> But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; <u>but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.</u>

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

d. Only God knows who will be saved and who will not, and He is not done saving souls for eternity.