

Bible Prophecy Update, Hold On Until Jesus Comes - July 7th, 2024

PROPHETIC PARALLELS – PROPHETIC APPLICATION

THYATIRA CHURCH	LAST DAYS CHURCH
Pressure to join trade guilds leading to literal/spiritual adultery	Pressure to comply/follow the world, leading to spiritual adultery
Pressure to offer sacrifices to pagan gods to keep one's job	Pressure to sacrifice for climate change/Covid to keep one's job
Self-proclaimed false prophetesses misleading the Christians	False prophets, pastors and leaders misleading many Christians
Churches tolerating a Jezebel teaching, not sound teaching	Churches tolerating, teaching; even promoting false-teachings
Christians being deceived by this "Jezebel" spirit to their peril	Christians being deceived by the Climate/Covid lie to their peril
Christians suffering on a sick-bed, some ending in their death	Christians suffering illness from injections some ending in death
Those who don't buy the satanic Jezebel lie being burdened	Those of us though burdened and pressured don't buy the lie
They're encouraged to just hold on until Jesus comes	We're encouraged to just hold on until Jesus comes raptures us

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KAPONO: Would you join me in a word of prayer? Heavenly Father, oh in Jesus' name. Lord, we thank You so much for this time that we can gather as a body of Christ Lord, brothers and sisters who believe in You, Lord. And we thank You that You are so merciful and graceful. Although we don't deserve it, Lord, You love us anyways.

Bless us in this time as we get into Your word, Lord. Would You speak to us Lord, that Your word may change our lives? So we ask a blessing upon today. Holy Spirit lead and guide us. Thank You for Pastor JD and his family. Continue to watch over them and bless the Word this morning. In Jesus' name Amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen and amen. Good morning and welcome. You can be seated. Thank you. Those of you that are joining us online, we want to welcome you as well. But before we get started, I wanted to mention chiefly for those locally here that Tamayo Perry's Celebration of Life will be next Sunday, July 14th after Second Service but on the North Shore.

As many of you know, we were his church. I was his pastor, as was my privilege to be. The services are going to begin at 3:30 p.m., which should give us enough time to get to the North Shore after Second Service.

Were you waiting for me to finish? You would have been up here a very long time. Thank you so much. Thank you. All right. Okay. We're going to start over. Tamayo Perry's Celebration of Life will begin at 3:30 p.m. on the North Shore next Sunday. That's July 14th and we're going to be very involved in this. I will be officiating the Celebration of Life. It will commence at 3:30 p.m. That should give us enough time, even driving the speed limit. Well, you have to because of the traffic to get from the church to the North Shore.

As many of you know he was a part of our fellowship. So cool. He would come with his wife Emilia. And please though pray for his Ohana and the many people who are grieving. This was such a tragic, you know and catastrophic, just unthinkable. And there are a lot of people. Of course he knew a lot of people. A lot of people knew him for obvious reasons. But they just are really grieving in the wake of this.

And so please pray for Emilia, his wife, and many friends and family and really for the people on the North Shore that are just reeling because of this. So that's next Sunday and beginning at 3:30.

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Well, as many of you know this is our first of two Sunday morning services, which is the Bible Prophecy Update where we devote the time to the teaching of the end times, which we happen to be in, by the way, if you haven't noticed.

Then Second Service is a verse-by-verse teaching through the entire Bible, which we are now currently in the last book of the Bible, the Book of *Revelation*. And today's text is going to be *Chapter 2:18-29*, which is the letter to the church in Thyatira. And I've titled the teaching today 'When We Usurp God's Authority.' So that'll be livestreamed at 11:15 a.m. For those of you online, that's Hawaii time. And what we're going to do is consider five questions that come out of this stunning letter, and it is stunning, regarding God's ordained authority structure in a church as well as in a home being usurped or undermined.

Real quick for those of you that are watching by way of YouTube or Facebook, we want to encourage you to go to JDFarag.org. now. Don't wait until we end the livestream. If you go there now, it'll be uninterrupted. And of course, you'll get the entirety of the uncensored Update today. So I'd encourage you to do that now.

I sense that the Lord would again this week, like last week, have me connect today's Update to our verse-by-verse study through *Revelation*. I'm relatively certain that I'll continue to do so with the remaining three letters to the church of Sardis, then Philadelphia, and then lastly, Laodicea.

But it was certainly abundantly clear that I was absolutely to do it with this church, the church of Thyatira for reasons I think you'll see here shortly, chiefly that of the profound prophetic parallels with this Thyatira church and the last days church, more specifically as it relates to what Jesus has John write to them then, as with us now, specific to holding on until Jesus comes.

We sort of turn a corner now with this fourth church, unlike the prior three, beginning with Ephesus, and then Smyrna, the persecuted church, and then Pergamum, the perverted marriage church, as we saw last week. But those first three letters: there's no mention of the Lord's return. The last four letters to the last four of the seven churches there is a mention of the Lord's return, starting with the church of Thyatira. I want to talk about that today.

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By the way, when we get to the church of Philadelphia — next week, Lord willing, is the church of Sardis. Then after Sardis is the church of Philadelphia. We love the church of Philadelphia. That's what the church of Philadelphia means, brotherly love. Philia, Philadelphia, not the one in Pennsylvania, the city of brotherly love.

But the city of Philadelphia then, at that time, was the loving church for which there was no corrective rebuke or exhortation from Jesus to that church. Only two of the seven churches were not on the receiving end of a correction from Jesus. And Smyrna was the first, and Philadelphia will be the next.

The reason I mention that is because I think it's appropriate in the context of this letter to the church of Thyatira, concerning the coming of the Lord. When we get to the church in Philadelphia, there is a verse. In fact, I'm going to give you some homework here. It's due in two weeks.

There's a verse in there that virtually single-handedly proves beyond any doubt, not a reasonable doubt, beyond any doubt that the church of Jesus Christ will not go through the 7-year tribulation. That's in two weeks. So you're going to be tested on it. And so that's your assignment.

Now, let's talk about this Thyatira church because there are those that see Thyatira as representing the Catholic Church in terms of church age, church history and Sardis, being a representation of the Protestant church after the Reformation. And there are some compelling arguments to be made concerning that because this is really where the priesthood was and started there in Thyatira.

However, I, after seeking the Lord concerning the teaching of this letter for both services actually, sensed that He was leading me in a different direction. In other words, I'm not going to get into that. I think there's a word here from the Lord by way of the Holy Spirit for those of us who have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

And so it's for this reason that today's Prophecy Update will be more of a prophecy teaching, and this for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that we need to hear what it is that the Holy Spirit is saying to the church. And every single one of these letters ends the same way with that rhetorical question of **“Let he who has an ear...”**

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Well, we all have two, at least one, right? So I have an ear. I raise my hand. Okay, good. Now, hear. Okay. But more importantly, heed what it is that the Spirit is saying to us His church.

What I want to do is draw your attention to really the last part of the letter. Because this is where Jesus says hold on to this Thyatira church, not the whole church, but there were still some in the church that had not bought into what was happening with the church. And He says to you, the rest of those, you guys just hang on to what you have until I come. What do we have? Jesus. Just keep hanging on to Jesus until Jesus comes.

Now, for us in the context of our day, for our personal application, this speaks to holding on to our blessed hope, which is our only hope of Jesus' soon return in the pre-tribulation rapture of the church. I hope you don't tire of me talking about the pre-tribulation rapture of the church every week, like three times a week. Because I'm going to talk about the pre-tribulation rapture of the church every week, like three times a week.

What I'm hoping to accomplish today is address the prophetic application for this service, then the personal application for Second Service. And here's why. Both the length and the strength of this particular letter packs a powerful prophetic punch, if I can say it like that.

And by that, I mean there's so much in this letter about this church then that applies to us as the church now. It is the longest of all of the seven letters, which means that this will be the longest First Service. (Chuckling) Not necessarily.

If you don't mind I want to borrow three verses from our Second Service text for today's prophecy teaching. They are *verses 20, 24, and 25*. May I trouble you to join me there in the *Book of Revelation Chapter 2*. We'll start with *verse 20*. Jesus is, through John, by the Holy Spirit, writing to this church, a literal church. And He says, *verse 20*, after complimenting them and commending them for not only the good that they were doing, but it was — they were actually growing in grace and doing even better than before. They were doing really good. You can even say gooder.

And then you hit *verse 20*. And this word — talk about packing a powerful punch — **“nevertheless.”** Translated: Despite all the good you're doing. **“Nevertheless, I have this against you: [Listen very carefully] You tolerate [Tolerate] that woman Jezebel, who calls**

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herself a prophetess. [Self-proclaimed] By her teaching, she misleads My servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.”

Now, pay particular attention to *verses 24 and 25* because not only are they going to be germane to our understanding of what the Holy Spirit is saying to us today, but I think it's going to be a great source of encouragement for us today as well.

Verse 24, “Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira...” In other words, I'm done talking about you guys. I want to talk to you guys, the rest of you in Thyatira. **“...to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets...”**

This is the mystery religions, the secret societies from which they were all birthed. It started here. We talked about it last week. He says, **“I will not impose any other burden on you.”** The inference being they were very burdened by this. And then He says this, verse 25. **“Only hold on [Notice the contrast, who have not held to her teaching]**

[Instead, hold on to Me] what you have, until I come.” Because I'm coming. Just hold on.

Unique to this letter to the church in Thyatira is that it speaks to and comports with Paul's second letter to Timothy as it relates to the last days church. This is a passage, a verse in 2 *Timothy Chapter 4:3* that we talk about often in our Prophecy Updates. You know it well, but if you would kindly indulge me, I'd like to read it.

“For there will be a time [The time will come] when people will not [Now, watch this word again] tolerate sound teaching. [Hang on to that] Instead, following their own desires, they will accumulate teachers for themselves, because they have an insatiable curiosity to hear new things.”

Some of your translations render it, **“they will flock in great numbers”** or **“gather among themselves teachers who will say what their ears are itching to hear.”**

I think about in the Old Testament prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah speak to it. In fact, in — is it — it's Jeremiah, I think, might even be Ezekiel — probably all of them. The Israelites would say to the prophets, the prophet Ezekiel, the prophet Isaiah, the prophet Jeremiah, et al; they would say to them **“Stop.”** We don't want to hear it. (Struggling to find the word) Speak only smooth things.

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And there's one breathtaking verse in, I think it is again Jeremiah, where they say, **“Just lie to us.”** Don't speak the truth. We don't want to hear that. We want to hear the good things. And this is right before the Babylonian siege, when Judah was taken captive.

Now, I wanted to point this out because instead of tolerating sound teaching, the last days church, like Thyatira, is tolerating Jezebel teaching. Notice what Jesus says. By her teaching, she was misleading My servants. Not only was this Jezebel — probably not her name — but a reference to the Jezebel of the Old Testament, married to King Ahab.

She was the Queen Mother if you will. And I'm sorry, ladies; you'll forgive me. But she ruled the roost. She wasn't only leading the Israelites into idolatry. She was misleading and usurping her wimpy husband's authority, Ahab's authority.

There's an account —you might be familiar with it — when Ahab — and by the way, Ahab, king of the northern tribes of Israel. The northern tribes of Israel never had a good king. Only southern Judah had a good king. In fact, there were only nine good kings of whom it was said **“...they did that, which was pleasing in the sight of the Lord.”**

All the other kings, Judah and the northern tribes, these kings did evil that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. And then when you get to Ahab, King Ahab, he marries this King Sidonian's daughter, Jezebel. It said of him that he was not only evil, he had the evil game won hands down, meaning that he was the most evil king amongst all of the evil kings.

He had reached the top of the charts. He was number 1 when it came to evil. And he marries this Jezebel. And one day he's just sitting around probably doing nothing because after all, his wife runs the show. We'll talk about that more Second Service. So now you have to come. So there will only be guys here, I think, Second Service, maybe.

So he fancies this vineyard that's right close in proximity to where his palace was. And he wants that for himself. So it happens to be owned by a guy by the name of Naboth. So he approaches the guy says, Naboth sell me your vineyard. I want your vineyard. And Naboth is like, I can't. It's been in the family for generations. And actually there's a clause; legally, I can't. Even if I wanted to, I couldn't.

So Ahab goes home and just cries like a g-g-irl. Should I just say it? I better say it. I used to say, “baby,” but the problem when you say — I — you know, when someone says, how'd

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you sleep? I slept like a baby. Really? You were up screaming and crying all night then. So I'm trying to get my — anyway.

So he's whining and complaining. And then Jezebel comes home and she's like, honey, what's wrong? Man, Naboth: he won't sell me his vineyard. She's like, don't you worry, honey. I will have the authority. *[Interesting word detail in the text]* I'll get you that vineyard.

So what does she do? She hatches a plot and conspires against him, bringing false witnesses to testify against him that he has blasphemed God. He's then on trial, found guilty, and put to death. Jezebel comes home that night. Honey, it's yours. Then don't forget about Elijah. She put a contract out on Elijah's life after he killed 450 of the prophets of Baal. You have to understand that Jezebel introduced idolatry and sexual immorality, unspeakable sexual immorality to the Israelites by way of marriage to King Ahab.

So when Jesus references this Jezebel, He's referring to this spirit of Jezebel, as some refer to it and what she did. Because the Jezebel of the Old Testament taught the Israelites, God's people, misled them, was a leader over them, and led them, misled them, and taught them how to commit sexual immorality. And she also taught them idolatry.

Now, this begs the question of what exactly was Jezebel's teaching? And the answer is that, like Balaam's teaching, they were similar in that both misled and seduced God's people because see, they couldn't do it from without. It had to be an inside job. So they seduce.

This was the — he taught Balak this is Balaam's teaching — Jezebel's teaching, very similar. They taught God's people and seduced God's people into sexual immorality, which, in turn, led to the eating of food sacrificed to idols. But there's one difference between Jezebel's and Balaam's teaching, and it's that Jezebel's teaching used different methods to reach the same evil end.

Because you see, the ultimate goal was to get the Israelites to sin against God and then bring upon them the judgment of God. Well, how'd they do that? Well, by way of what were known as trade guilds. By the way, if you want to do a search, this word “guilds” — we might try to compare it to unions. They're not like unions, trade unions. Trade guilds were — in fact, you'll even find them today — The American Music Guild.

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What were these guilds? Oh, they were these unions. And they were so numerous and voluminous in Thyatira, but they were all centered around trade. And we're going to, again, see why Second Service. Thyatira, geographically, was not a port city. So they had to resort to manufacturing. And they were very industrial. And so they would form these trade guilds, and these trade guilds were extremely powerful and evil.

Why? Because of the pagan worship associated with them. Each trade guild was associated with abominable idolatry and sexual immorality, leading to the worshiping of a pagan god. Because again, after all, that's the whole point.

Now, how would they do that? Well, the way they would do that is that each guild had meetings in their meeting halls, and they would, of course, eat and drink. But the food that they served at the, let's call it a potluck at their guild meeting. So they might have a, you know, a fabric guild, a dye guild, you know, metal guild whatever. Every guild, trade guild was unique unto itself, and it was devoted to a particular pagan god.

So they would have these meetings in their meeting halls, and they would eat food that was sacrificed to idols, and they would get very drunk, very intoxicated, and so drunk that they had no inhibitions, which is what led them into unspeakable debauchery and sexual immorality.

They were also led into the pagan ritual of taking the wine that they were drinking and pouring it on an altar of fire from which the smoke would rise as a prayer to and worship of the god of that particular guild. This is what Jezebel was teaching the Christians. God says, My servants — your teaching My people, My servants to do this at these meetings for these trade guilds which are devoted to these pagan gods.

Well, I guess, if I'm a Christian attending this church there in Thyatira, this would be a problem. Wouldn't you agree? An extremely serious problem because I ain't going to do that. And you're not going to force me to do that. Because it's sinful. I'm going to sin against God. I'm not going to sacrifice an offering to that pagan god. I'm not going to participate in these pagan rituals in honor of those pagan gods.

I'm not going to eat that food. It does look good, though, that prime rib. But it was sacrificed to an idol. You know a modern-day equivalent of that would be — I'm going to

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ruin this for a lot of people. You know we have freedom in Christ. But when you go to the store, you'll notice that, you know, there'll be a halal stamp. Halal. That's Islamic for it's been sacrificed to Allah. Okay, so have a nice afternoon and bon appetite.

But very similar, they would sacrifice the animals, the meat from which they would eat, but they would sacrifice that animal in the name of that pagan god. And these Christians at that time were fully aware that they were doing this. And they're eating that food that was sacrificed to idols. No, thank you. And then you're going to get me so drunk that I'm not going to have any inhibitions left, and I'm going to enter into sexual sin. No. I'm not — I'm not in. I'm not going to join.

Well, that's even worse. You know why? These trade guilds wielded so much power that the Christians in that day were — the ones who refused, like you and I would. You would too, right? Show of hands. No, don't show your hands.

If you refused, then you were then unable to secure a good-paying job. No, we're going to give that to the members of the guild. Or you would be forced into a very — is this sounding a little familiar? You know where I'm going with this, right? Well, just wait till I get there. Don't get ahead of me.

So if they didn't participate in this mandate, then they were relegated to menial jobs, low-paying jobs, or no job at all. They would lose their job. And if this weren't bad enough, it was required. And everyone had to join if they were to have any hope of earning a living and providing for their family.

Conversely, if they refused to and trusted God and honored God in obedience to God, they would have to trust God to provide for them by some other means. Does that sound familiar too?

Again, as I mentioned at the beginning, in our Second Service, we'll go more in depth into the personal application, but for now, we're going to focus on the prophetic application. What I want to focus on is why, the “why” question. Why the Thyatira church leadership would tolerate a Jezebel, acquiescing to go along to get along, as they say.

Because when we get into the letter Second Service, it's not so much that the rebuke is against Jezebel. The rebuke is against the church leadership for tolerating the Jezebel.

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Now, this “why” question: I hope that answering it will have a twofold effect of bringing about repentance for those who've been deceived by the Jezebel of this world. And secondly, encourage the rest of us who've held on to what we've believed, this unwavering, unflinching trust in Jesus.

I like how one said it. You'll never know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have. I find it interesting that Jesus would say only hold on to what you have, what you have left. The only thing you have left is Me. Just hold on. Just hold on to Me. You know, sometimes we hang on for dear life to Jesus.

But truth be made known, Jesus is hanging on to us. We're hanging on by our fingernails to the Lord, and the Lord's going, you can let go; I got you. When my daughter was little, when we would cross the street — man I — you know, if I could — I'd better be careful, you know, with these examples.

I'm going to try to sanctify this one. I mean, I wanted to have like armed guards across the crosswalk, you know because I — you know this is my — this is my daughter. This is my — this is my baby girl. So she would grab my hand, and I'd say, “Hold Baba's hand.” She would hold my hand. And what she didn't realize is that she wasn't really holding my hand. I was gripping her hand so tight that it cut off the blood circulation in her arm because I didn't want anything to happen to her.

Oh, how much more with the Lord with us. It's His hold on us, His grip on us, His love for us. It's like Jesus is saying to us, like he did to them then, just hold on, just hold on, hold on to Me. Don't let go. Well, even if you do let go, the good news is He won't ever let go. He will never leave you or forsake you or abandon you or let go of you.

Well, enter the aforementioned prophetic parallels, which we'll go through. And as we do I pray all of us, myself included, will have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying. So what we're going to do then is end now the livestream on YouTube and Facebook, in order to do that. Hopefully you're already at the website.

So you know this is just another excuse for me to make another chart, right? So I made another chart. And the purpose of this chart is primarily on the eerily similar parallels, I mean, eerily similar between the Thyatira church and the last days church, which we know

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we are because of what the Bible says about the last days church. We are the last days church. And I hope that maybe when we draw these parallels, it'll come into clearer focus for those who still have questions.

That's okay. I understand. I mean, I actually — I am profoundly grateful to those of you that keep coming back every week and sit through these Updates and listen to me say, “This is it.” The end. The credits are going to start scrolling. In fact, they just started. Look! There's the credits. This is how it ends. We're that last generation. This is how the Bible says it will end. And you look at the world today, and it's looking exactly like God's word said it would look like at the time of the end. Conclusion — I know deeply profound — it must mean this is the end.

Okay. By way of a preface, it's of particular interest to note the crushing pressure these Christians were under then, and it's paralleled to the crushing pressure we as Christians are increasingly under now. Would you agree with me that it's getting pretty bad, if you haven't noticed? Have you noticed that we have long ago overstayed our welcome in this world not our home? Have you noticed that this evil, fallen world because of the god of this world, the Devil himself, the enemy of our soul, has kind of turned the heat up a little bit? Revved it up a little bit. I choose that word for a reason.

Have you noticed that the world is growing increasingly hostile to Christians? Let's start with this first one: The Thyatira church was pressured to join trade guilds, leading to both literal and spiritual adultery just like the last days church is more and more pressured to be in compliance with, following of the world's restrictions, guidelines, which in effect leads to both, in some cases, literal adultery, but at the very least, spiritual adultery.

Because see now what you're doing — some unknowingly — doesn't excuse it, but it explains it. What you're doing is you are now — you have been deceived into following a false god and not the true and living God. I have to reflect back on this. I hope we don't forget. I think many have forgotten.

And I don't mean this to be a, you know, I'm going to beat up on all of us. I include myself. Listen, when people are beating up on me, I usually like to send a form email. I noticed you're starting to beat up on me. I just want to assure you; I don't need your help. I do a

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good enough job myself beating on myself. I'm really hard on myself. So no worry. I got it covered. I can do a much better job than you can, so stop beating me up.

I don't mean it to come off like this, but we have forgotten [*Let's be honest*] that we were told as a church that we couldn't assemble ourselves together here. We were told — we would have been — we were — oh, yeah, we're not online on the social media platforms. (Chuckling)

We defied. You — you have to wear a mask. No. I'm not gonna wear one. I mean, if you want to wear one, that's your prerogative. That's fine. We're not going to look down on you. We might have trouble hearing you. Oh, you can't — okay, now you can meet again. Oh, thank you very much. We're obeying man not God now.

And then — but you can't — you can't have your worship team sing. (Chuckling)

Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. So you're saying we can't assemble ourselves together to worship God? And now you're saying we can't sing praises unto God? Listen, I — if you require me to do something that causes me to disobey God, guess what?

I'm getting angry. I should probably not do this. But it's a righteous anger. I'm going to sing louder!

[Congregant says, "Amen."]

I'm going to sing louder!

[Congregation says, "Amen."]

[Applause]

Just six feet apart. You know they still got the signs up. If I wasn't so holy and sanctified as a pastor, I would resort to my graffiti days. I'll leave it at that. Use your imagination. Maybe that's too much. Six feet. And here we are. I hope you haven't forgotten what they did trying to wield this unholy power over us to get us, teach us to disobey God.

I've only gotten to the first one, so let's go. Let's keep moving. Moving along. The Thyatira church — and we talked about this — was pressured. Can you imagine the pressure they

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were under to offer sacrifices to the pagan gods if you want to keep your job? No job? No job. Wow. Nothing new under the sun, as Solomon writes, with the last days church.

And by the way — and we'll talk about this in a moment — it's still being pressured. Oh, they've let up a little bit. But there's still that pressure, that burden, as Jesus would say. I know that this is burdensome, and you're getting crushed under the weight of it. The last days church — and it is going to get much worse pre-rapture potentially — to make sacrifices for climate change, which they change the climate with weather manipulation.

And COVID: We all have to sacrifice. We're all in this together. Remember that one? You totally forgot about that one. Let me refresh your memory. 2020 was the year, four-and-a-half-years ago now. Can you believe it? We're all in this together. I'm not in with you. Don't include me. What are you including me in your guild? I'm sorry. I'm not included in that. You might be all in this together. I'm not in this at all. I'm in Christ.

But the sacrifices: these are offerings to the god of science, to the god of climate, Mother nature. You'll own nothing and be happy. You got to make some sacrifices. You can't drive that. I'm going to be careful. I didn't see the parking lot, so I won't specify a car. I'm tempted to though, but... You can't drive that car. You have to make a sacrifice.

So we're going to have you drive — this is a car, by the way — I think it's a Nissan. You'll forgive me. If you drive this car, God bless you. You have to drive a leaf. (Chuckling)

That's a car, right? Nissan Leaf. Man, I owned a 1972 — man, I wish I had that car now — It'd be worth so much money — a Plymouth Road Runner 383. Slapstick. That's what a car was a car; I'll tell you.

[Laughter]

Road Runner. Okay, I'm getting — I'm having a car business flashback.

So you're gonna have to sacrifice that. You can't do that anymore. You can't — for the greater good. It's actually the greater pagan god with a little G that they worship. The Thyatira church had a self-proclaimed false prophetess named Jezebel that was misleading many Christians.

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I don't know if you've noticed this, but in these last days, in this last hour, have you noticed an uptick and an increase in these self-proclaimed prophets and prophetess? I mean YouTube is rife.

Thank God we're off of YouTube. The algorithms would — I don't want to talk about it. It's rife with these prophets, prophetess these women — I had a dream, and in this dream, and I have a prophecy, and the Lord told me, and the Lord showed me, and..... Wow. He told you? I wish He would tell me. Apparently, you've got some, like, inside you know... You got a direct line.

But they're false. And they abound. And here's the problem. These self-proclaimed, self-proclaimed — Jesus said she calls herself a prophet. Who's a prophet? A prophet is someone who speaks for God. They're false prophets. They're not speaking for God. She calls herself a prophet. I don't call her a prophet. I call her a harlot.

So these are false prophets, false pastors, oh, yeah, and false leaders that are misleading many Christians. Why? Again, let's talk about why. Because let's be honest with ourselves. I'll speak for myself. It is very seductive, isn't it, when some of these prophets say hey, things are going to get good again, and we're going to do this, and everything is going to be great and happy days are here again. (Singing)

I mean, I want — my flesh wants to hear that. My ears are itching to hear that. I want that. There's only one problem with that. It's not true. it's not true. It's false. Here's the next one, and this is, again, what we're going to be talking about more Second Service. But the Thyatira church was tolerating this Jezebel teaching, and by extension, they were not tolerating sound teaching.

Do you see the distinction and that delineation there? Well, isn't that what the last days church is doing? I mean Paul is very clear with Timothy, and I mean, explicitly. He says that in the last days the time will come when they will not tolerate *[Key word]* biblical sound teaching from pastors who teach the Bible. They won't put up with it. They won't tolerate it.

Instead, they're going to flock in great numbers to the Jezebels, who are going to tell them what their ears are itching to hear. It's okay. The body's different from the soul: Gnosticism.

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So you know whatever you do with your body, you can commit sexual sin. You can eat food sacrificed to idols. It's okay. That's different from the soul. That's Gnosticism. Well, in part anyway.

And I find it very interesting that the church today in this the last day is tolerating this very same Jezebel teaching and not only tolerating it but promoting it. And all while at the same time, they won't tolerate sound biblical teaching.

Listen, I know I'm not everybody's cup of tea. That's an expression, right? Meaning that you know, I'm not to everybody's liking in terms of my style of teaching, you know, and I do get a little bit demonstrative, and I do, you know, raise my voice. It is a custom in my country.

But there was a day not too long ago when that was tolerated. Let me give you an example, and I think you'll know what I'm talking about. In fact, if you want and you have the time, I would encourage you to go back and listen to some of the preachers of old, the ones that are now with the Lord. I mean you want to talk about fire and brimstone!

I'm watching one; I listen. I love these guys. Now they're with the Lord now. But man... And I think to myself man, even I would be hard pressed to — I mean, I do, but it's... Back then people would tolerate that. Today people are going to walk out on that. See what I just did? Now you're not going to walk out on the rest of the Update or the teaching.

So this is, again, how we know that it's the last days because look at what's happening. It's exactly what we're told. You're hard pressed to find a Christian today, born-again Christian, not professing Christian that can tolerate a sermon that goes longer than 20 minutes. To all of you, you have treasures in heaven, every single one of you. 20 minutes is my introduction.

[Laughter]

No. We're busy. We got things to do. We got a trade guild meeting afterward. The Thyatira church were being deceived as Christians by this Jezebel, and sadly, it was to their own peril just like the last days church is being deceived as Christians by their climate deception and COVID deception. And sadly it's also to their own peril.

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Now, this is where I really need to just humbly ask you to not let the enemy distract you because he's going to try on this and the next one. Because he does not want you to hear this. And this is a tough one, and again, we'll talk more about it Second Service. But the Thyatira church had some who were suffering on a sickbed. God put them there — I'm going to put you on a sickbed. And I'm even going to kill your followers if that doesn't get you to repent.

You know the last days church has some, if not many, who are suffering on a sick bed of illness from the deception of the injection. And some are even ending in death. Again, we'll expound more on this, but I say this only to highlight how similar the parallels are.

I mean, God's not being bashful to this church. I mean, this is so serious that if you don't repent, I'm going to put you on a bed of sickness to get your attention. And if that doesn't work, then I'm just going to — if you're born-again, I'm going to usher you home because I got to protect My church because this is contagious. You pose a formidable threat to My body, My bride. So I'm going to just have you come home.

Now, this is where, thankfully, it gets better. The Thyatira church had those who didn't buy this satanic Jezebel lie despite being extremely burdened and pressured to do so. Man, I still can taste it in my mouth, the pressure as a pastor, the pressure on pastors in 2020, 2021, even to this day. Man, it was — it was so intense at times that I began to question my own sanity, literally. That's not hyperbole.

That's how powerful the delusion is that Paul speaks of in *2 Thessalonians 2*. Well, there are those, thankfully, in the last days church who won't buy the Big Pharma lie. Revelation 18:23, “**...by your sorcery [Pharmakeia, pharmaceuticals] you deceived all the nations on earth.**”

This is Jezebel. It's a deception. And it could cost you your life. And for some, it has. And so satanic was this deception that there were many that — and God is merciful, isn't He — that really we're left with no choice. And God shows Himself faithful to those who do.

But lastly, the Thyatira church also had those who were still hanging on to their faith and hope in Jesus and His return just like the last days church also has those who, though battle

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weary are still hanging on. We're hanging on to Jesus. And we're hanging on to His soon and very soon return in the pre-tribulation rapture of the church.

Now, we have an issue we need to address. What's the issue? The issue is that there are those who would argue: Pastor, with all due respect this is old news. COVID-19 is long gone. Why don't you move on?

To that, I would simply and humbly repeat the saying of “you ain't seen nothing yet.” And I don't base that on some inside information, although we have many online members that provide, I mean, breathtaking information, no pun intended, on some of the things that are coming down the pike. I'm basing that on the fear of the Lord and the word of God. It's the beginning of wisdom. And to fear the Lord is to hate evil, and it's to hate those things that God hates and to love those things that God loves.

And if you love God and you love God's people, then this should just be met with your sanctified hatred because of what it's doing to the last days church. I mean, I get it. You know, yeah, you can go out now, I guess. You don't have to — there are still some places that require a mask though, right? Why are you looking at me like that? I think there are, especially in the medical industry. I think there are some places that have kind of backed off a little bit on the injection mandate.

You know that we sent out over 150,000 religious exemption letters to people all over, many of whom received the exemption from the injection. We're still sending them out. So that means they're still being required by some.

But when I say I base it on the fear of the Lord and the word of God, I — I know it's coming not because of that, but because commencing in 2020, we experienced a satanic, worldwide test run. And it was met with smashing success. And it's because of this smashing success that they — which they're playing perfectly into God's prophetic plan — because God's allowing it because it fulfills His prophetic plan — but they're going to execute the final solution.

They have to strike while the iron is hot. Everything is going perfectly according to God's prophetic timing. Everything's right on schedule exactly as God said it would be. Bible

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prophecy tells us that everything we're now witnessing in this world, which is seemingly waxing worse with each passing day, would be a sign that it's the end of the world.

And this presupposes that God doesn't want us to be ignorant concerning Bible prophecy. That's why well-nigh one third of the Bible is prophecy. You get the impression that God wants you to know Bible prophecy? Do you get the impression that God wants you to know what's going to happen before it happens, so when it happens you'll be ready and believe? We have another problem here.

Boy, you got a lot of problems today, Pastor.

You have no idea how many problems I have. But no, we have a problem that, again, needs to be addressed. And it's that the vast majority of people today have fallen prey to what I'll refer to as The Big Three: Distraction, division, and deception.

Let's start with distraction. In a word: Election. It has eclipsed many from — like we saw on Thursday night with *Daniel in Chapter 8* — seeking the meaning of the prophecy. Here's this prophecy, and Daniel doesn't understand it, so he seeks the meaning of it.

And what does God do? No, I'm not going to tell you what it means. Figure it out. No, He sends Gabriel, not an intern, Gabriel the Archangel, and explains the meaning of the prophecy to Daniel.

Oh, would to God that there would be Daniels today who would seek the meaning of Bible prophecy. And by the way, when he was shown what the interpretation was, he was sick for days, and it shook him to the core. And he fainted, physically. He literally fainted at what was to come.

But we're not seeking the meaning of prophecy. We're distracted by an election. Oh, we'll tolerate that. We'll tolerate the distraction of an election, which is not really even an election. It's a selection. But we will not tolerate sound doctrine of Bible prophecy interpretation. That's foreign.

Again, I'm not trying to beat up on us here. I'm just — I have to speak the truth to you. I don't have permission to speak only smooth things. You know, listen. You want smooth things? You got a — you can pick from a number of churches that will be more than happy

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to deliver a 20-minute sermonette for any Christianette that wants to go, as one said. But we're not doing that here. I have to speak the truth.

Let's talk about division, specifically in the last days church in this last hour, and how church leadership, like Thyatira then, tolerates this now. And look at the division it's caused. I see the Thyatira church as a divided church. I have a question. Could it be that they want to just go along, to get along under the banner of being a man-pleaser and not a God-pleaser?

They're kind of dancing around with it because — and they're playing church because they want to play both sides to the middle, as the saying goes. In other words, you know, let's keep them happy.

So we can't, you know, talk about that because then they won't come back, and then so — but let's also keep them happy because — so we can't talk about that because they won't come back. Well then what are you gonna talk about? No wonder your sermons are only 20 minutes long. I'm surprised you're getting 20 minutes out of that.

Can I pose another question? Could this also be the reason and the explanation as to why it is the last days church has become so utterly feckless? The church is not influencing the world. The world has influenced the church, infiltrated the church, seduced the church. It's this third one, deception, that almost single-handedly answers our “why” question concerning these prophetic parallels. Let me explain.

Like with the church in Thyatira who was seduced and deceived by this Jezebel, so too is this true now like it's never been before, nor will ever again be, so much so that when, not if, when the pre-tribulation rapture happens — and it is about to happen — many will be caught by surprise. Why? Because they're too distracted, they're too divided, and they're too deceived.

I think of the men of Issachar. Unlike all the other tribes of Israel, they not only understood the times in which they were living, but we're also told that no other tribe was this said of other than Issachar. They understood the times they were living in, and they knew what Israel should do. Oh, would to God that we would understand the times we are living in, and not just leave it there but know what we're to do.

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And make no mistake about it; when I say Satan revs up and turns up the heat in these last days, these are The Big Three that he uses because they work. He's all about distracting us, getting us off the main thing, so the main thing is no longer the main thing.

Who's the main thing? Not what. Who. Jesus. So I'm just going to distract you.

Oh, look at this shiny thing over there. Whoa!

[Laughter]

That was pretty good, wasn't it? (Chuckling) Maybe that was too good. I don't know.

How about division? He's got — the church is so divided. Jesus said, "A house divided cannot stand." You don't think Satan knows that scripture? So if he can divide the church, down goes the church. It will fall and mighty it will be that fall. No, wonder. And I mean, that's just two of the three D's distraction division.

How about deception? To me, it's at the top of the list. Well, I really did want to shorten today's Update, but I failed yet again. I know lately they've been lengthier than usual, but can I just provide a brief summary of what's about to happen that will catch those not watching by surprise?

It's actually a revision of a summary from a couple of weeks ago that I think would be apropos in the context of today's prophecy teaching. So I would just ask if you'll grant me the grace and hear me out. This is a summary now.

With the world today being on the cusp of war, according to the wars and threats of war that Jesus prophesied about in *Matthew 24* — again, the basis upon which I build this and share this is not the information I receive, but the word of God that I have. Jesus said that like labor pains they will increase in frequency and intensity. And the world today — I don't know — are you are you aware of this?

On the cusp of all-out war. Jesus said that was what would mark the last days before He comes. Now, it's just a matter of time before said war happens. And when it happens, and it absolutely will, the demon-possessed conspirators pulling the levers will execute the final solution. They've been planning it for decades now.

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We've talked about it for the last four years now. This will include, but not be limited to, the completion of the controlled demolition of the world economy, ushering in a biodigital cashless system vis-à-vis artificial intelligence technology in concert with blockchain technology.

And initially, it will be somewhat welcomed under the banner of peace and security by those who have had their livelihoods completely destroyed, by design, by the way. It's already beginning to come to pass, and it's evidenced by the age-old principle of supply/demand. You know what the principle of supply/demand is? Decrease supply, increase demand means prices go high. Decreased demand, increase supply mean prices go low.

But watch this. They've reduced and are destroying, as we speak, said supply with the supply chain ceasing to meet the increased and forced demand, which, in turn, has driven prices to never-seen-before highs. I won't lament about that again this week. Notice I used the word "lament." It sounds way more pastoral than "complain." Pastors lament.

The reason that this will catch many by surprise, leaving them in disbelief is because while the vast majority of the population was succumbing to today's Jezebel trade guilds, these demon-possessed conspirators were busy behind the scenes carrying out their climate change agenda and COVID-19 plandemic and what will ensue subsequently so as to transfer all the world's wealth to a select few stakeholders. These stakeholders are at the ready to force people into a UBI, Universal Basic Income.

And it will be via CBDCs, which is a Centralized Bank Digital Currency which will be predicated upon one's social credit score and carbon credit score, both of which will be connected to the Internet of Things and the Internet of Bodies. Thus the entire population must have a trade-guild type biodigital identification showing verification, particularly of vaccination in order to buy or sell, *Revelation 13* especially now. Have you heard the new spread? I'm not talking about bird flu. I'm talking about the spread of fear from the devil himself who's the one who gives a spirit of fear.

But God, like with the Thyatira church and the rest of those who didn't tolerate this, so too in the last days church there are the rest of us who won't tolerate this. In other words, there are those with ears to hear and tolerate sound teaching and not the Jezebel teaching, which

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is why we need only to hold on until Jesus comes, which by the looks of things is so, so, so, so, so, so soon.

This is the good news. I want to take just a couple of minutes to explain the Gospel, in all of its childlike simplicity by way of what's known as the ABCs of salvation. This is how to be saved, how to have the assurance of eternal life.

Let's start with the A. It's just simply for admit or acknowledge. Because it starts there. You have to see yourself in the perfect mirror of God's law to see that you've transgressed and broken His law. And once you acknowledge that you're a sinner, now you're looking for the Savior.

And here comes the Holy Spirit like the school master, the tutor, taking you by the hand from the law that you broke to the Savior who fulfilled it. You have to acknowledge — unless and until you acknowledge it — then you need to move on and share the Gospel with somebody else. Because if they think they're a good person, they're not going to be interested in the Savior.

Romans 3:10 says, **“There's [No one good] no one righteous, not even one.”** [*Save one, Jesus the Christ*] And *Romans 3:23* explains why. It's because **“All [Of us] have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**

In other words, we were all born sinners which is why **“we must be born-again [*Spiritually in order*] to enter the kingdom of heaven.”** [*As Jesus said*]

I've been likening the Gospel to a courtroom. And the reason I do that is because of *Romans 6:23*, where the sentence has been handed down once the guilty party has been found guilty. And we're all guilty. And now we're going to be sentenced. What's the sentence going to be? It's the death sentence **“...because the wages of sin is death.”**

“But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” That's what the word “Gospel” means. Good news. Your death sentence has been paid by another. You're free to go. **“And whom the Son has set free is free indeed.”**

Now, when we get to the B, this is very central in more ways than one because there's really no other requirements. I mean, the A leads to the B, which manifests in the C. It's just

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simply believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. As *Romans 10:9* says, “**...if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved.**”

And this is not just like, oh, I believe God. I believe in God. Well, congratulations, so do the demons, and they tremble To believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord changes everything. You're saying: I'm putting my trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of my sins, which He paid for in full, so that I can be saved for all eternity and not perish in hell for all eternity. That's what believing in Him means.

And the C, lastly, is for call upon the name of the Lord. Or as *Romans 10:9* also says, “**If you confess with your mouth...**”

And by the way, every knee is going to bow, and every tongue is going to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. The only difference between now and then when every knee bows and every tongue confesses is that doing it now is unto salvation, then it will be unto damnation.

So why is it important to confess with your mouth, or as *Romans 10:13* says, “**...call upon the name of the Lord**”? “**...all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved**” because “**...out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**”

So if I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that God raised Him from the dead, then what's going to come out of my mouth? Jesus is Lord. It's that simple. It's maybe in some ways too simple. Jesus said you have to be like this child to enter the kingdom of heaven. It's childlike simple.

We've complicated the Gospel. We've added terms of service to the Gospel that have to be agreed to. Anytime you put anything in between someone and salvation you have — you are preaching a different Gospel, as Paul would write to the Galatians. The simple Gospel is believing that Jesus Christ is Lord. And you'll be saved.

I implore you today if you're here watching online and you've never called upon the name of the Lord, believing in your heart, putting your trust in Him, I implore you — I don't know how else to say this or ask this, but please don't put it off. Things are happening really fast if you haven't noticed. And that trumpet's gonna sound soon and very soon. And I pray that nobody in my hearing today, and even here in this God's church today, would ever be numbered amongst those who were left behind when that trumpet does sound.

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Let's get to "But God Testimony," which today — I have to confess — I sort of chose it because well, it kind of pulled my heartstrings a little bit. So I think you'll see why here in a second. It's from Shannon Muise. I hope I'm pronouncing your name right, Shannon.

She writes, "But God Testimony." Just finished watching your Update for this last Sunday, June 30th, and like the woman who shared her testimony with you Pastor JD, God and the Holy Spirit also used that scripture in Daniel to speak to me as well. I was a caregiver for our Mom for many years. Tough job, but such a blessing at the same time, before she went home to be with the Lord.

I sensed Jesus asking me about what I would like to do after my mom goes home to be with Him, and if I would like to work. Pastor, I had no idea. I only prayed that yes, I would. Then there was silence from the throne. I was praying that prayer about four to five years before Mom would go home to glory. But God.

I now have a job with the Toronto Blue Jays. God did that. But God. I live in low-income housing, and I have been waiting to move to a one- bedroom apartment, then you said that God may have you not relocate and just stay there! Pastor, I just burst out crying at that! It was so surreal! The Holy Spirit definitely used you for me on that day, as well as for that woman!

I know you get a lot of "But God Testimonies" *[And this is where she got me]* but I would be so privileged and honored if you could read this next Sunday.

[Laughter]

[And then it even gets more, touching and moving] [She says, "please would you" and "thank you"] [And then she says this] Mom and I [Her mom who went home to be with the Lord] loved watching you each Sunday before she went to be with Jesus. I actually found you by accident (Wink wink) quite a few years ago. Sincerely, Shannon. Toronto, Canada."

Come on up Kapono. You can stand up. Praise the Lord!

[Applause]

She got me. But what a testimony, you know. I love hearing about people who said, you know, my mom called me one day, said you got to watch this guy in Hawaii They say it just

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like that. I'm like, oh, so it's their fault. And then they'll share something like, well, they went home to be with the Lord, and we would watch you every week together. And now I still watch you. And it's like they're still there with me though they're in the presence of the Lord. And that always gives me chicken skin.

Thanks for your patience, for your grace. I know I went long again. Thank you for hanging in there with me. Let's pray. Father, thank You. (Sighing)

Lord, thank You for the detail in Your word, especially when it comes to Bible prophecy. I mean, You're not leaving a lot of margin for guessing. The specificity with which many of the prophecies we have in our Bibles is such that I don't think that there can be any mistake. And to know that You want us to know Bible prophecy more than we ourselves even want to know Bible prophecy, not just for the sake of knowing it, but for the sake of knowing You and being ready for You when You come for us.

Lord, we are just holding on to what we have because You're all we have. You're our blessed hope. You're our only hope. And we will hold on until You come no, matter how hard it gets, and it could get harder. So Lord, please give us that supernatural strength as only You can to hold tight.

And Lord Jesus, for anyone that has never called upon You, believed in You, is unsure about their salvation in You, Lord, I pray that today would be the day of their salvation and they would not delay the most important decision of their life for eternal life. And lastly, Lord, and I'm going to pray this every week until You do it. (Chuckling)

Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Maranatha! In Jesus' name. Amen.