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Before we get to our prophecy update, I want to mention 2 things very quickly. The first of which is concerning last week's YouTube video. This is more for our online church. You may have noticed that there was a copyright claim on there. The reason for that is because it was Communion Sunday and we chose to do "The Old Rugged Cross", that classic, timeless, precious hymn. Because it was public domain, we wanted to include the Communion service on the video.

Because we have many people, actually 1000s of people online that partake of Communion with us here locally, as a church. So, we wanted to include the Communion service on the video. Then somebody claimed a copyright and as a result, they started getting money for it. It was monetized. I was sharing this on Thursday night, I almost got in the flesh. Actually, I kind of did get in the flesh because this just fries my bacon. Sorry, did I make you hungry for breakfast?

We don't monetize our videos. We don't advertise on our videos. These are greedy people that look for videos especially, ones that get a lot of views. So, we were kind of targeted that way. They'll file an illegitimate claim and until we dispute it. They've already made their money. So, we've disputed it and then they get 30 days to respond. They're not going to respond because they don't have a claim.

But in the meantime, there are still ads on that video. I am just saying to you, "I am so sorry. It will never happen again." We're going to figure out how to do this. I don't know how we're going to do it yet but by the grace of God we're going to figure it out. Because we want to include Communion. So, I don't know. Maybe I need to come up with my own song? Oh, that wouldn't be good either. I mean, we won't do that. Never mind, scratch that.

Alright, the 2nd thing I wanted to mention and I'm very excited about this. We're going to have Pastor Ray Bentley, the Pastor of Maranatha Chapel in San Diego, California. He is going to be here next month. You might want to mark these dates down: Thursday, January 9th and then on Sunday, January 12th. Now, on Thursday, January 9th, Ray and I are going to be up here talking about some of the latest developments prophetically, in Israel and the US as well.

Pastor Ray has some incredible insight into the Middle East. Well, anyway, I don't want to ruin it. But I'm so excited to have him here and share with us some of the things that he is privy to that is taking place specifically in Israel. So, mark those dates on your calendar and more information to follow as we get closer.



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But for now, let's get to our prophecy update. What I want to talk with you about today is what I see as this urgency on the part of some to expedite the implementing of their agendas. Specifically, as it relates to the removing of the US President and the Israeli Prime Minister both of whom, today, stand in their way. They have to go.

At the conclusion of our update I'm hoping to answer the question of: Why the rush? What's the hurry? Last week we talked about: What they're doing. This week I want to talk about: Why are they in such a hurry to do it? What's going on here?

I want to start with this Yahoo News report about Nancy Pelosi. By the way I was thinking about this, this morning. The Lord knows my heart. Nancy Pelosi needs Jesus. Jesus died for Nancy Pelosi. She is not the enemy. The enemy is the enemy. We wrestle not against flesh and blood. Democrats, Republicans, right, left, liberal, conservative, etc. No. Okay? I've come a long way. I should say the Lord's brought me a long way. There was a time when, I probably shouldn't say this because you're going to think very differently of me. It was like Nancy Pelosi (emphasis on the "s"). Okay, I'm just confessing. Don't look at me all smug and pious like that. Okay, back to our prophecy update already in progress.

So, Nancy Pelosi is setting the House in motion toward a historic vote to impeach President Donald Trump on a rapid timetable that could bring the process to conclusion before the Christmas holiday. What's the hurry? Why the rush? Why is this so time-driven?

According to the report, and this is no surprise, right? Trump was defiant. He said on Twitter that Democrats, "Have no impeachment case." And he went on to challenge them to "move fast so the nation can move on." In a pair of tweets, shortly before Pelosi spoke on Thursday, Trump said, "If you're going to impeach me, do it now, fast. So, we can have a fair trial in the Senate and so that our country can get back to business. I kind of like that. Is that okay if I like that?"

Here's what's interesting. The very next day, the House passed a resolution supporting a 2-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. According to this Wall Street Journal report, "Some GOP lawmakers say Democrats used the vote to embarrass Israel and the Trump administration underscoring the tension between Democrats and Republicans on policy in the region." That's the understatement of the Century, right?



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Yesterday, Arutz Sheva published a very interesting commentary in which they aptly described what would happen to Israel if Israel doesn't stick with Netanyahu. Listen to this. The writer says, "Stick with Netanyahu or face a lethal two-state solution."

Which, by the way parenthetically, let me say and I've said it before, I'll say it again: This two-state solution is "Hitler's Final Solution" repackaged. They don't want a state with Israel. They want the destruction of Israel. That's what this is all about. Trump and Netanyahu are in the way.

So, the writer says, "Stick with Netanyahu or face a lethal two-state solution. Either stand behind Netanyahu or prepare to see 600-pound war headed mortar shells from the West Bank hitting Tel Aviv by 2022." He goes on to say, the writer, "I am not a Benjamin Netanyahu groupie. I am not a Benjamin Netanyahu fan. I will admit Prime Minister Netanyahu takes many positions that are not as solidly against the two-state solution as I would like.

But [and this is a big but] at the moment Benjamin Netanyahu is the best chance we have in our fight to save Israel from dismemberment at the hands of Benny Ganz and his band of two-state solution Messianics." Interesting choice of words. "Supported by the Israel hating Arab members of the Knesset."

At the conclusion of the commentary he writes, "Before you kick a hero of Israel when he's down, ask yourself why. Why are they attacking him? The answer is that he is the only thing standing between Israel and a two-state solution leading to no Israel." He's got it right. That's not a Christian either. "So, stick with Netanyahu until the bitter end or the end of Israel will come to pass before you know it."

Dare I say the same thing could be said of Donald Trump? He's the only thing standing in the way. And that's the problem. He's in the way. And so is Netanyahu. To me this explains the "why" behind the "what" such that they want Netanyahu out as Prime Minister of Israel for the destruction of Israel. That's what this is all about even if it's but for a short period of time vis-à-vis this proposed rotation in order to avoid a 3rd election, which nobody wants.

According to The Jerusalem Post, "This is a possibility in lieu of unprecedented 3rd elections in Israel though Netanyahu has yet to formally make this offer publicly." Now this morning on my newsfeed I didn't have time. But I think he's basically saying, "Okay, I don't want 3rd elections either. Are you kidding me? I'm willing to revisit



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this whole rotation idea where Gantz and I rotate as Prime Minister. Just so we can form a government, which we haven't had for the better part of one year.

So, he told reporters at a briefing in Lisbon that, "He would limit himself to six months in office. [Nooo!] Followed by a year and a half of blue-and-white leader Benny Gantz as Prime Minister. [Nooo!] And then Netanyahu would serve the remaining year-and-a-half of the term. If, big if, acquitted. They don't need a year and a half. I don't even know if they need a month and a half at the rate that everything's going.

This is actually what Pastor Ray Bentley and I were talking about on the phone this last week. We're just kind of going back and forth about this notion of "what if". Just that "What if" question. What if Netanyahu steps down or rotates in? What if... It's not likely from what I'm reading, some of the research and analysis that I'm reading. It's not likely that they will actually succeed in impeaching Trump because it's going to be dead in the Senate.

However, the damage could have already been done and the same for Netanyahu. In other words, let's be honest. This whole thing about "innocent till proven guilty". You're guilty till proven innocent. So, when voters go to the polls, in the back of their mind, they're like, "Indicted, bribery, fraud, collusion, Ukraine-Russia, all of this stuff?" By the way, that's the whole plan and it plays into the whole plan.

So, that's what's at stake here. If you'll hang in there with me, I want to attempt to answer the aforementioned question of: Why this? Why now? Why move so quickly? Why is this so time-driven? It's my belief that there is an urgency because everything is coming to a head, globally. Which is why, by the way, to a nation, their backs are against the wall and they know it. And they're running out of time. Something has to give.

One need look no further than to the protests worldwide. Have you been following this what's happening all over the world? Particularly in the Middle East; Specifically, in Iran, Iraq, and my birthplace of Lebanon. Not to mention protests in Ethiopia, Guinea, Chile and Hong Kong. According to the Guardian, "Even France is taken to the streets with more than 800,000 people marching against Macron bringing the country to a standstill." This was breaking even this morning as well.

Again, stay with me. There is a common denominator here. The common denominator with everything that we see happening is this demonic



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discord and division. We talked about this last week: Divide and Conquer. Jesus said, "A house divided cannot stand." It cannot stand. It's impossible and Satan knows it. This is right out of his playbook. I mean all of this discord, division, polarization. Not just in this nation but all over the world.

Well, it's going somewhere. Where it's going is: It's forcing the nations of the world into chaos and disorder. Perfect! Why is it perfect? Because the disorder will lead to a new world order exactly as we were told it would. Never imagine God is in heaven going, "What? They're going to impeach Trump? When did this happen? Gabriel! Michael! Get over here! What's going on?" No. How disconcerting would that be, by the way. He's all-knowing. He's all-present. He's all-powerful.

Everything is going perfectly according to God's prophetic plan, perfectly! These things must come to pass that the end might come. I got in trouble for saying this one time. I might as well get in trouble now. I actually, rather boldly I might add, made the comment that I actually want all of this to happen. So, I'm, "Go ahead" because if you do this then that means I'm going home. I want to go home. If this doesn't happen that means we're going to be here a little bit longer. I don't want to be here anymore. I want to go home.

If everything was going smashingly? Again, there's that word. I'm telling you we're going to bring that word back "smashing". Well, first of all Christians will become complacent. They won't want to go. Isn't it true when things are going well, we don't think about the Lord's return? Then when things aren't going well, we want the Lord to come back? Right?

Well, I see that on a global basis and on a global scale as well. So, it's almost like, I Know my Bible tells me that this has to happen. There has to be this perplexity, and nation against nation, ethnic group against ethnic group, and division and discord. Because it's going to usher in the Antichrist. This new world order. This one world government, economy and religion.

Interesting, just this morning I decided to include this Arutz Sheva article. It has an accompanying video. It's about 50 minutes in length. I'd encourage you to actually watch it. It's two Jews, one a rabbi and they ask these two questions. You see the first one on the screen: "Will a Messiah prevent an election?" What? "Who can prevent the elections in Israel, which a large majority of the public thinks are unnecessary and will change nothing anyway?" True.



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Listen to this. Gill Hoffman and Rabbi Stuart Wiess talk about miracles and Hanukkah and the challenge of forming a government in Israel. Gil says he believes with complete faith that a Messiah will still come and prevent a 3rd election. Even though it currently looks detached from reality and that the Jewish people never lose hope.

You do know that's what they're waiting for and hoping for, right? They're still waiting for the Messiah because they rejected the true Messiah. So, they're going to embrace the false Messiah, the false Christ, the Antichrist. I would submit that the world today, like never before is so ripe, so ready for the Antichrist.

The reason I sometimes get in trouble is and we're going to see this when we get to 2nd Thessalonians chapter 2. I know that the Antichrist cannot be revealed until the church is raptured. I'm looking at this, "We're waiting for the Messiah [Antichrist] to come: Save the day! No elections! Let us build our temple! Bring peace and security! And I'm thinking, "Oh, wow. That's the Antichrist and we're not going to be here.

We're not looking for the Antichrist; We're looking for Jesus Christ and that trumpet to sound. But they're not and so they're waiting for the Antichrist and we get caught up by Jesus Christ first. Why wouldn't we want that? I mean, it's kind of like, okay? Go ahead. Go ahead. Go ahead You want chaos? Disorder? Go ahead. Because that means I'm going home. Okay, never mind. I feel better anyway.

So, let me try to bring it in for a close. We shouldn't be surprised, right? We shouldn't be surprised that this is happening. Nor should we be surprised by the swiftness with which it's happening. And here's why. This is what I call the "foretold unstoppable momentum". I'll explain.

When birth pains start and gain momentum, there's no stopping it. Right? I was there for the birth of four of our children. It was rough! I'm talking about me, not my wife with the birth pains. But anyway, no it was it was rough. I have such a respect for my amazing wife, but I was there. And when those birth pains started, you'll forgive me for the way I'm saying this, "But that baby's coming! You ain't stopping it." I know that's not proper English, don't email me. Once those birth pains start and they create a momentum, the baby is coming.

And this is what Jesus is saying. He says, "Nation will rise against nation, [Mark 13:8] kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines." Then he likens them to the beginning,



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beginning, of birth pangs, which once started, don't stop. Could you imagine how weird would that be, right? You're dilated to a 9. I'm sorry, guys. So, you're dilated to 9 centimeters and the doctor comes in and says, "You know what? I got to take my staff to lunch. Let's just hold off right. No! You can go to lunch but that baby's coming.

Paul, writing to the church in Rome, Romans chapter 8:22 says, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth [birth pains] right up to the present time. Then one of my personal favorites. We're in 1 Thessalonians chapter 4. Do you know what comes after chapter 4? I know, this is going to be deeply profound, chapter 5. Spoiler alert. When we get to verse 3 of 1 Thessalonians 5, I can't wait.

Because this is where Paul says, "While people are saying peace and security. Destruction will come on them swiftly, suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman because once they start, they don't stop and they will not escape." Notice the emphasis on "they"? Because he delineates between "they" not escaping and we who are alive and remain will be escaping. When the dead in Christ rise first and we who are alive remain.

This is why and I've shared this before. I'll share it again very quickly and we'll close. I really believe and I'm becoming increasingly convinced that said "sudden destruction" that comes upon them? When the sudden destruction goes down, we go up. Yeah, how about that? Again, I'm going to maybe make some guys uncomfortable. You'll forgive the analogy. We may very well be dilated, I told you to forgive me, ten centimeters. Yeah, prophetically.

It's just a matter of time. Just like with birth pains, that baby's coming. Jesus is coming and there is no stopping Him. He's coming. Look at the momentum. Look at the speed, the urgency with which everything is taking place. One last thing. Did I already say, "One last thing?" Doesn't matter. This is one, one more last thing.

We've talked about this in Revelation. A couple times Jesus says, "Behold I come quickly." That word for "quickly" in the original language of the Greek New Testament is "tachos" where we get our English word for the tachometers in our cars, which is a gauge, a measurement of revolutions per minute. The time is fixed. No man knows the day or the hour.



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But what Jesus was saying is, "I'm coming at a time when things are revving up." So, okay for the women we're at ten, okay? For the guys, we're redlining at 6,000 rpms, okay? Is that better? The guys are going, yeah! Thank you! I needed that. Okay.

This is why we do these prophecy updates. Pastor you say that every week. I know! And I'm going to keep saying it every week as long as the Lord gives me breath. There is coming a week when I won't say it anymore. The reason is, and you know the reason, I won't be here! And you better not be here either!

It's also why we end with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Salvation found in the person of Jesus Christ and the explanation of salvation by way of the ABCs of Salvation.

What's the gospel? The word "gospel" means good news. Your debt has been paid. You're free. Good news. That's the "Good News", the gospel. Jesus came, paid the debt in full, when he was crucified. Then he was buried and then he rose again on the third day. And he's coming back again one day. Good news. That is really good news especially, in a world filled with such bad news.

The ABCs of salvation is just a simple explanation of salvation and the good news of salvation.

The A is for: Admit or acknowledge that you've sinned. This is so important because the acknowledging of your sin means you need a savior. Absent admitting or acknowledging or realizing that you've sinned, you're not interested in the Savior. This is what repentance means in the sense that you're turning from your sin and to the Savior for forgiveness of sin.

That's where it starts. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous. Not even one. None are good." I always quote this at memorial services. The reason I do is because most people believe that if you're a good person you go to heaven well. Well, I got some bad news for you. There's going to be a lot of good people in hell. There's going to be a lot of bad people in heaven. And I'll be at the front of that line.

Because that's not the gauge by which you measure whether or not you enter heaven. "There's no one good." You might be good because at a memorial service everybody just talks about how good they were. Oh, they were such a good person. They had such a good heart. I don't have the heart to read out of Jeremiah where it says, "The heat is



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deceitfully wicked who can know it?" They might have been good, okay, fine. But nobody will ever be good enough.

Here's why. The word sin and this is something that is so sad. Because it's virtually never talked about in churches today. Just bear with me as this is important. Do you know what the word sin means? It's actually an archery term and it means you missed the bullseye. You missed the mark. If you're an archer, in that day in that culture, and you shoot your arrow and you miss the bullseye? They're going to say you sinned. I did? Yeah. You missed the mark. You fell short

And that's what Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned." Missed the bull's-eye and fallen short of the glory of God. By the way, if you're sharing the gospel and you're getting stuck with this first one? Where the person just believes, "Hey I didn't murder anybody." You need to take them back to the law, the mirror of the law. And let them see themselves in the mirror of the law of God, the way God sees them. You take them and you ask them questions. This is just one way and I've used it many times. It's very effective.

Especially when I'm dealing with somebody that's giving me a hard time about, "Hey I'm not a sinner. I'm not a bad person. I'm a good person. I didn't murder anybody." So, I say, "Well hey, have you ever like coveted your neighbor's Mercedes-Benz 560 SL, convertible, red, Palomino leather? You've sinned. Yeah, but that's a little thing. It doesn't matter. If I have a chain, and I have 10 links on it. Nine of them are good to go. But one of them is smooth, kind of just hanging on. How secure are you? Just takes one."

Romans 6:23, I love Romans 6:23. Because once somebody embraces the reality and it is the reality. That they've sinned against God and fallen short of the glory of God. Now you have to pronounce the sentence on them. What's the sentence? What's the penalty? Oh, this is bad news.

Don't you hate it when somebody says, "I got good news and I got bad news, which one do you want first? I don't want the bad news. Just give me the good news. No, you have to have the bad news actually, first. The bad news is: You've been sentenced to death. It's the death penalty, man. The wages of sin is death.

That's really bad news. Good. Because now that you know how bad, the bad news is the "gooder". This isn't... Again, don't email me. The "badder" the bad news is the "gooder" the good news will be. If I've just been sentenced to death, I'm ready for some good news. I have some



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good news for you. The gift of God - gift - of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I always like the courtroom analogy. There you are before the Judge of the Universe and you're guilty as charged. Now, you're in the sentencing phase of the trial. The Judge of the Universe sentences you to death. And just as they're getting ready to take you away, in walks a man. No ordinary man. He's the "God Man", Jesus the Christ.

And He says to the Judge of the Universe, "Hold everything. Stop! I will go to my death in his stead, in her stead." The Judge of the Universe looks at you and says, "Good news! Your debts paid. You're free to go. Unshackle him."

That's what the word "gospel" means. That's the good news. It's the gift of God given to us. At this time of year, at Christmas, a gift is something that we didn't pay for. If we pay for it, it's not a gift. I know that's a firm grasp of the obvious, right? If I pay for it, it's not a gift. I paid for it.

But now somebody else pays for it and gives me the gift? That's a gift. Well, that's what Jesus did. He paid for it. It cost him everything. It cost Him His life. He went to his death. He paid in full for it and He offers it to us.

The B is for: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. This is Romans 10:9 and 10, it says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved. This is one place where I like that word, "will". I want the word "will" in that one. "You will be saved."

The C, the C is for: Call upon the name of the Lord. Or as Romans 10:9 and 10 also says, "If you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Here's why: For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified. And it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

Romans 10:13, lastly, seals the deal. All who call upon the name of the Lord. Here's that word again, "We will [will]be saved". Its childlike simple. Jesus said we must come trusting as a child to Him to enter the Kingdom of God.

Why don't you stand and we'll pray? We'll have the worship team come up. I do want to say that if you're here today, or watching this online by some other way. And you've never called upon the Lord, confessing



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with your mouth, believing in your heart, trusting in him for the forgiveness of sin. I would implore you today to make the most important decision of your life for eternal life.

I want to take it a step further. Maybe this is for somebody watching online. It's no accident that you came upon this video on YouTube. God directed you here for such a time as this. Today is the Day of Salvation. I don't know why anyone would ever want to put off or delay such an important decision with the stakes so high. We're talking about eternity here. We're talking about eternity here and when you see what's happening in the world today?

Oh, my goodness. I mean, if you don't know the Lord? This is terrifying, right? But if you do know the Lord, this is... People criticize for us for this. They think there's something sadistic about us? Seeing everything going on in the world and going, "Hallelujah! Praise the Lord! What did Russia do? Praise you, Lord Jesus. Come quickly! Maranatha!

And people are looking at you going, "What is the matter with you?" Whoa! Did you know what this means? It means Jesus is coming! Because we were told this would happen right before he came.

Father, thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you for telling us in your Word what's going to happen before it happens. So that those who don't believe will believe. And those who do believe will lift up their heads and look up, knowing our Redemption draws nigh.

Lord, for anyone here or watching online that has never called upon you. I pray today they would surrender to you. Call on you. Put their trust in you.

Lord, finally, lastly, come quickly Lord Jesus. Even so, Maranatha. In Jesus name. Amen