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Good morning and welcome to our first service on Sunday mornings. We have two services. The first of which is devoted to Bible prophecy, where we do our weekly Bible Prophecy Updates. Then the second service is our verse-by-verse study through the Word of God. Last week we finished the book of Philemon, and today, very excited, really looking forward to beginning in the Book of Hebrews.

We would encourage you to join us here. It will be livestreamed at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time. We're going to look at why we as Christians can calm down and look up despite everything that is happening in the world today. I hope you're able to join us for the second service.

Also, for those of you online that are on YouTube or Facebook, we would really encourage you to go directly to JDFarag.org. There you will have the uncensored and uninterrupted entirety of the Prophecy Update as this is where it will be available in its entirety for viewing. You might want to do that now so that it is a seamless transition.

While you're doing that, there and for those of you here, I want to kind of start off a little bit different today and just kind of share with you what the Lord this last week... I just love it when the Lord does that. He just kind of meets you right where you are at, ministers to you, speaks to you in and through His Word.

In preparation for today's update, I spent some time in 1st and 2nd Peter. I haven't done that for a while. In so doing, I was just so greatly encouraged and strengthened. While we will be looking at a number of passages in Peter's epistle, I would really encourage you to revisit these letters in your own time in God's Word. This is true of every book in the Bible because God's Word is alive, but especially 1st and 2nd Peter. It is so apropos for where we are at in this world today. There is a reason for that. The reason is that Peter, by the Holy Spirit, speaks to those who are discouraged due to intense opposition and profound persecution.

I'm starting out this way for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the purpose of today's Prophecy Update in particular. Actually, there are two reasons, the first of which to both encourage and perhaps more importantly equip you so that you can give an answer to those asking you questions about what's going on in the world. When they do, you can give them an answer of that hope that lies within you, which by the way, is why they are asking you in the first place because they know where you stand.

They know there's something different about you and peculiar about you, and I don't mean that in a negative sense like you're a peculiar sort. But there is something different about you. They know you're Christian, and you perhaps talk with them about the Lord, but there seems to be this supernatural peace in your life, and there seems to be this joy in your life.

They want that in their life, yet their life is in turmoil and chaos. So they're going to come to you, and they are going to ask you because they're hoping that you will have an answer for them about everything that's going on in the world.

This is 1 Peter 3:15. Listen to what the Apostle Peter writes. He says, "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But (and of this is very, very important, please) do this with gentleness and respect."

I think we do err greatly when we're disrespectful, harsh when we share the Lord or engage in a conversation with somebody about the Lord. It is crucial; it is of paramount importance to do so with a meekness, a humility, a gentleness, and be very respectful when you do.

When the Apostle Paul writes to the church in Ephesus as recorded in Ephesians 4:11-12, he says, "And he himself (speaking of Jesus) gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and

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some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

I don't know if you realize this or not, but from what I just read, this is on you. Don't look at me like that; I'll explain what I mean by that. This is on you to be equipped. It is on me to equip you, but sadly, many a Christian today is ill-equipped, unequipped, and as such is unable to do the work of the ministry. This is my gifting as a pastor/teacher is to equip you, equip the saints. It's also to feed the sheep because the Lord's people today, I think you would agree, are unequipped. They're unfed and, as such, hungry and need to be fed and need to be equipped, and that is chiefly the purpose of today's Prophecy Update.

I'm hoping to provide you with that which you need because you, and by the way, this is another reason why this is on you. You can reach people that I can't. You can go places that I'm unable to go to. You can reach people that I cannot reach because, see, you're their neighbor, friend, coworker, family member, loved one.

See, my problem, and I have many problems, but one of my biggest problems when it comes to this is: I'm the pastor. Don't ever call me Reverend, whatever you do. But as soon as people realize: Oh, you're the pastor? They're on their best behavior. And here's another problem that comes packaged with that. Not only are they on their best behavior, but the wall goes up because, after all, you're the pastor.

That is sad because what has happened is that the world has succeeded in creating this chasm between clergy; I don't like that word and laity. So, I'm the clergy... sorry, I did not wear my collar today or my robe. I'll never wear a robe or a collar except at home, but that's a different thing. Sorry about that image in your mind. But see, you are like them, and they see you as such, and you can reach them in ways that I cannot for that reason.

As Paul says here to the Ephesians, my job is to equip you, provide you with the tools you need to do what God has called you to do for the work of the ministry. Do you realize that you're in the ministry? You're in the ministry. So today I'm going to give you lots of equipment for your work, equipment that you can use, equipment that you're going to need.

The second purpose of today's update and every weekly update is to equip you with a simple way to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you were to ask me what the number 1 fear that a Christian has is, this would be it, right? I mean, the enemy again has succeeded with an astonishing success to get Christians so afraid of what will they say if I share the Gospel with them.

Fear cripples us, and then he just chalks up another one where he closes our mouth, and we don't share out of fear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, we provide you with this very simple, childlike, simple explanation of salvation which we'll do at the conclusion of the update by way of the ABCs of Salvation.

But above all, the main purpose of these Prophecy Updates is this: It's to get Jesus to people and people to Jesus as fast as we can. That is the purpose, the main purpose of these Prophecy Updates.

Would you agree that we are living in a day like never before? It's the likes of which we've never seen before, and I would also say the likes of which we will never see again, this day in which we are living today. So that is the chief purpose of these Prophecy Updates.

There's one more thing that I want to say before we get started here today. We see what's happening in the Middle East. It is not about Jews or Arabs. It's about lost or saved because whether Arab or Jew; they need Jesus. What we see happening on the streets of America today, it's not about Black or White or Asian or anything. It's about lost or saved because everybody needs Jesus.

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In the political climate in which we find ourselves in this nation today, I'm going to take a deep breath before I try to finish this one. It has absolutely nothing, and please hear my heart on this. I'm going to say this as lovingly yet as firmly as I possibly can. It has absolutely nothing to do with the political party. It has nothing to do with Democrat or Republican, or Liberal or Conservative, or Left, or Right, and stop referring to people like that. Stop!

Because whenever you do that, and I've been as guilty as the next guy in doing that, the Lord has really convicted my heart concerning that. But as soon as you label someone, oh, the Lefty. Oh? Wait a minute. Jesus loves them. Jesus died for them. Yeah, but did you see what they did? Oh, what, so they're unredeemable now? So now you've labeled them that... I will let you fill in the blank. What, now Jesus can't save them? See, if you look at people as either lost or saved, it changes everything, and I mean everything. We are living in a day like never before where it is incumbent upon us to get Jesus to people and people to Jesus as fast as we can because people need Jesus now, now! More than ever! Okay, let's close in prayer.

Let's get to the update. I sensed that the Lord would have me talk about everything we're seeing in the world today, indicating how it's just a matter of time before it all snaps. A number of years ago, I heard a pastor illustrate this; the best illustration I heard concerning this was a rubber band. You take a rubber band, and you stretch it out as far as you can for as long as you can. But when that rubber band is stretched as far as it can be for as long as it can be, at some point, it's going to snap, and that's how I see the world today.

It does seem that we have come to this very point in the world today by virtue of how the end of all things is now at hand. And this is 1 Peter 4:7-8, "But the end of all things is at hand." I'm placing emphasis on "is" for a reason.

Let me read that again. "But the end of all things is at hand. Therefore (Important word) be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things (here it is again, listen) have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins."

Romans 2:4 comes to mind. It's the kindness of God, not the justice of God, the judgment of God. No, it is the kindness of God, the love of God, the gentleness of God that leads one to repentance. I tell you I know this might sound like a song. I don't mean to give anybody a flashback here, but what the world needs now... Why do you have to do that? I told you I wasn't going to do that. I don't need your help, you know? Now that song will be stuck in your mind all this afternoon. But what the world needs now...

I will say it like this, is the love of Christ in the people of Christ. We are the representatives of Jesus Christ. And we need to show people love like never before, love one another. By the way, do you know what Jesus would say and did say? He said that's how they're going to know that you're My disciples.

It's not how big or worn out your Bible is. It's not by the bumper stickers on your car, which I'll never put on my car. I've already confessed that problem to you. The only way the litmus test you will be known as a disciple of Jesus Christ will be by how much you love one another. That's how they're going to know.

When one considers, watches, and prays concerning the seriousness of everything that's happening in the world today, this seems to be the only reasonable conclusion that one can come to. Namely that of this being the end, such that it's now only a matter of time before the aforementioned rubber band will finally snap.

And here's the thing: People are seeing it. People know it. People sense it. One need look no further than to the chaos I see as a manufactured crisis from the devil himself to realize what's really behind all of this.

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This is 1 Peter 5; I want to read verses 8-9, "Be alert and of sober mind." Now let's talk about this for just a moment. Sober certainly, but it carries with it the idea of what Paul in writing to Timothy says about a sound mind, a disciplined mind, better translated. In other words, God's not given us a Spirit of fear, but a power, and of love, love, and a disciplined mind.

We are disciplining our minds like we discipline our children. There are certain things we do not let our children do. We discipline them. By the way, discipline, disciple; we train them up and disciple them in the ways of the Lord and in the way that they should go. We discipline our minds, and truth be made known; our minds need some discipline. No, no, no! Cannot! Take every thought captive into the obedience of Christ. You're not getting in.

There's a discipline there, a disciplined mind. Be alert and of a sober mind with a disciplined mind. Why? Your enemy - I have an enemy? You have no idea. The devil - not the Democrats! That's the last time, I'm sorry. "Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him. Standing firm in the faith because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings." This is what I mean by 1st and 2nd Peter being so apropos for where we're at in the world today. "Resist the devil. Stand firm, stand strong."

Okay, now I am keenly aware of those who would argue that come on, we've always had chaos in the world, crisis in the world, suffering in the world. This is no different. However, as we are about to see, this is different. This is different this time. Sadly though, they even go as far as mocking and scoffing those of us who really believe the Word of God and the God of the Word who says in His Word that Jesus Christ is going to rapture the church of Jesus Christ, His bride. When they do this, they don't realize that they're actually fulfilling the very prophecy they continue to ridicule us about.

This is 2 Peter 3:1-4, "Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles. Above all (verse 3), you must understand that in the last days, scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. They will say, 'Where is this coming, He promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.'" Come on; we're going to get through this. We're all in this together.

He goes on in verse 8 and says, "But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord, a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare."

2 Peter Chapter 1, lastly. I want to read verses 19-21. "And so, we have the prophetic word confirmed..." Some of your translations render it a more sure word of prophecy. You can take it to the bank. Actually, don't take it to the bank. They'll scan your face. Use the app.

"So, we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Knowing this first (and this is important) that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation. For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit," Bible prophecy, the more sure word of Bible prophecy.

This brings me to the answers we can be equipped with and give as to why what's happening in the world today is happening in the world today. If you kindly allow me to, we're going to go through three of them for the remainder of our time together. However, in order to do that, we're going to

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end the live stream at this time on YouTube and Facebook and redirect you to the website if you're not already there.

Have you had people ask you about what's going on in the Middle East, a show of hands? Yeah. Well, it's fulfilling Bible Prophecy, the more sure word of prophecy exactly as we were told in God's Word it would. This is our first one that I want to equip you with. Even with this so-called cease-fire between Israel and Hamas, all nations will be and even now are beginning to be against Israel over Jerusalem.

When someone asks you about what is going on in the Middle East, you don't have to be an expert. You surely don't have to be an Arab. In fact, it is probably better that you are not. Just point them to Zechariah Chapter 12:1-3 and simply say that what we are seeing in the Middle East was prophesied in the Bible over 2500 years ago.

What I found to be very helpful and have more of an impact when I do this is when you actually better use their Bible if they have one. If not, show them in your Bible. Show them. Turn to Zechariah 12 and show them in the Bible and read it for them in the Bible. This is what it says. "The burden of the word of the Lord against Israel. Thus says the Lord who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him: Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And (verse 3) it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples. All who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it."

That's what's happening. This is all about Jerusalem. It is the intoxicating obsession of all of the nations on earth. This thing in Gaza, go to the West Bank, go to the Golan Heights, go to Syria, go to Lebanon, go to all of these places, and what you are going to find is Zechariah Chapter 12:1-3 because it is all about Jerusalem. This is the city that God chose out of all of the cities, out of all of the tribes of Israel to put His name on literally, and we talked about that in prior updates. The name of God is literally; His name of ownership is literally on this city, Jerusalem.

He declares through the Prophet Zechariah that there's coming a day, that day is here, that day is now! When all of the world is going to be obsessed with the boundaries, these burdensome boundary stones, and they are going to seek to divide, cut, heave away, give away. God says, oh, no, you don't. That's My city. You try to cut it into pieces; I will cut you in pieces. How about that?

That is what this is all about. Whether it is Hamas or Hezbollah or all of the above, it is all about Jerusalem, laying claims to Jerusalem, which by the way, you will not find even one time in the Koran. But yet Muslims lay claim to Jerusalem as their third most holy site. It is not.

For those who are interested, we did a deep dive into the "Deal of the Century," as it is known in our Prophecy Update on February 2nd of last year. Subsequently, we addressed the prophetic significance of the Abraham Accords in the August 16th update last year entitled, "Peace with Many." And just this last Thursday, you might find helpful our verse-by-verse study through Isaiah 17, which is "A prophecy against Damascus, Syria."

Again, just to equip you, all of the links will be provided for you. If that's too much, I understand. But at the very least, you can provide an answer to those who are asking about what's happening in the Middle East by pointing them to Zechariah 12. It is in play in real-time, beginning to come to pass exactly as we were told it would.

Number 2: Even if there is another so-called economic recovery, the fact remains that a global financial collapse is now inevitable. If someone asks you about this, you can point them to Revelation Chapter 6, beginning in verse 5, "When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand." A type of commerce, buying and selling in trade and business.

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"Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" In other words, it's going to take an entire day's wages to just buy the basic necessities to make a loaf of bread.

They have a word for it. Wait for it; you know this word. It's called hyperinflation. Do you know how it works? You don't have to be an economist to figure this out. But when you start printing trillions, with a T, dollars just out of thin air and then just give them to people, start getting the people to become dependent upon them so that they can just seamlessly transition when the time comes to a universal basic income. And they're going to do that with a digital financial system, which we will talk about more in just a moment.

But very interesting, money will become worthless. For those of you students of history, you only need to go back to World War II with Germany. There's a famous well-known picture of a wheelbarrow full of money. I mean, packed high, stacked and packed. Do you know the wheelbarrow's worth more than the money that's in it? Money becomes worthless.

This is exactly what's going to happen, and we're not just talking about a particular part of the world. This is already happening in some parts of the world, but this is what will come upon the whole world during the 7-year tribulation.

Now in verse 7, "When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind." Now, this comes after the black horse. "They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine, and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth."

Well, isn't that what will always ensue when it takes a day's wages to buy just enough for a loaf of bread? They call that a famine, and they call that a plague and the death that will ensue as well. It's right here, and this is in play in real-time as we speak today.

Again, for those interested in a more in-depth look into this, our update titled "The Great Setup" was back on December 6th of 2020. We looked at how "The Great Setup" will lead to "The Great Reset," which is a global transition to a global economy via the World Economic Forum and what Klaus Schwab dubs "the fourth Industrial Revolution," which is the merging of man with machine, artificial intelligence.

I hope you don't tire of me saying this, but I'm going to say it again. This whole COVID-19 thing was planned in order to accomplish a controlled demolition of the global economy because you cannot usher in this new economy, this is a one-world economy, this cashless system, this digital system until you destroy what's in place currently, and it's being destroyed as we speak, in real-time.

More recently, we looked at what's known as the social credit score financial system in an update I titled "Coming to a Head." I would really encourage you; again, the links are there for those of you here. They'll be online, and you can maybe refer them to someone.

Third last, even if this so-called vaccine, which is not a vaccine, doesn't reduce the world's population initially, the fact remains that people won't be able to buy or sell without it eventually.

Now Revelation 13; everybody knows Revelation 13. I want to read just the two verses, 16 and 17, and you'll see why in a moment. You can point people to these two verses and read it to them. It says, "It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave (pretty much covers everyone) to receive a mark on the right hands or on their foreheads so that (verse 17 is key) they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark which is the name of the beast or the number of its name."

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Again, you'll forgive me for the simplicity with which I say this, but this too is already in play in real-time as we speak today. If you don't mind, I'll refer you to two more updates. We have links to the first of which is the January 10th update, "Decision Time," and then the second time is "Decision Time - 2". In both videos, we go into great detail about this vaccine becoming in some form the mark of the beast. The good news for Christians, born-again of the Spirit of God is that the rapture has to take place prior to all of this being fulfilled.

All of this that I've shared with you about Jerusalem, the economic collapse, the one-world digital financial system, and certainly the mark of the beast all happens during the 7-year tribulation.

But see, the rapture takes place before the 7-year tribulation when all of these things take place in and during the 7-year tribulation. I'll again refer you to previous updates. The first of which is titled "Pre-Tribulation Rapture Proof," and we did this back on January 19th of 2020. Wow, it was a long time ago, it seems!

Subsequently, on June 14th of last year, in our verse-by-verse study through 2nd Thessalonians, we arrived at one particular verse in chapter 2, 2nd Thessalonians 2:3. We went into great detail as to why the Apostle Paul refers to the rapture coming first before the Antichrist can be revealed and the strong delusion that God himself sends can be given. Again, we have those links for you.

Now it's after the rapture that everything will snap, and when it does, it will bring about the 70th week of Daniel, also known as the time of Jacob's trouble. This is important for this reason. Who's Jacob? Well, students of God's Word know that Jacob had his name changed to Israel, and he had 12 sons that would become the 12 tribes of Israel.

Why do I emphasize that? Because this 70th week, this period of seven, the 7-year tribulation, it's the time of Israel's trouble, not the church's trouble. We are not in trouble; Israel is because the purpose of the tribulation is for the salvation of the Jewish nation. By the way, I hope you know I totally plagiarized that, so don't ascribe that to me, and you are welcome to it as well. That's the purpose of the tribulation.

It's that last 7-year period of human history as we know it when Israel will come to a saving knowledge of their true Messiah in the 7-year tribulation after the church is taken out. Because now the bride is out of the picture, and now God focuses all of His attention onto the Jew.

By the way, we talked about this on Thursday night. I hope you don't mind, but I want to talk about it again today. God is not through with the Jew, and truth be known, you and I don't want Him to be through with the Jew. Do you know why? Because God has a covenant with the Jew, and so too does God have a covenant with me and you too.

If God is through with the Jew, how secure are you? He has an everlasting covenant and spoiler alert; you go into the original language to see what does that word everlasting means? Everlasting. I know that's deeply profound. But it lasts forever and ever and ever.

You can see the 7-year tribulation this way, put bookends on it: the rapture at the beginning and the second coming at the end. As one so aptly said it, at the rapture, Jesus comes for us; at the second coming, Jesus comes with us, His bride by His side. Now, if you're anything like me and I suspect that you are, it seems that we are truly in, and I am choosing this phrase for obvious reasons, "warp speed," as it were, with how fast everything is moving.

I would suggest that the COVID-19 vaccine, so-called, is the "shot-in-the-arm" pun intended, as the common denominator to not only bring it all together but also to speed it all up. Even now, we are beginning to see this come to pass in real-time, and it's evidenced by the masks now being a sign of defiance, whereas not long ago, they used to be a sign of compliance.

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I'll take it a step further and suggest that it's also evidenced in how the vaccination verification will soon determine what every human is allowed to do and not do. Whether you're in Africa, India, Israel, or America, and everywhere in between, your life will be predicated upon whether or not you've been vaccinated or are still unvaccinated.

Here's the problem. The problem is there are a growing number of people all over the world that are refusing to be vaccinated and, for a good reason. For the better part of one year now, I have quoted numerous experts verbatim.

Now when I say quoted verbatim, I did not insert my own opinion. These are experts, immunologists. These are doctors. These are scientists. I just quoted them verbatim, and they are all saying the same thing: They are all saying and giving these dire warnings about this so-called vaccine.

If you had any idea what I'm on the receiving end of when it comes to posts and emails and comments that are sent in? I'm getting ahead of myself. I want to talk about that in a moment—heartbreaking stories.

I had an online member share with me that he knows someone personally who, after taking the second shot, was hospitalized. This is a healthy, fit, young guy, posts on Facebook, next day, dead - dead.

The finger of blame is never pointed to the vaccine as the cause of either the injuries or, worse yet, the deaths. I suppose the world will know soon enough when the vaccine-caused injuries and, worse yet, vaccine-caused deaths become commonplace.

Actually, this is what I wanted to talk about. I want to do something a little bit different today and ask you to send us, both locally and for our online church, what your experiences have been related to vaccinations, whether good or bad. We'd like to know about that.

Now on the video, on the website, we do have the link. You can go through the website at JDFarag.org/contact. It is also under the "About" section on the web page. Be brief, but let us know what you are experiencing out there. It needs to be firsthand; it's not: I heard from my friend's brother's aunt's dog who has a cat... No, firsthand, please, so it is verifiable.

While we are increasingly receiving a higher volume of emails, we will take the time to read through them, Lord willing, share them with your permission, of course, anonymously if need be, but you need to again let us know that.

One of the reasons for doing this is not like we need more emails. We get over a thousand a day, so it's not like we need this. One of the reasons for doing this is it's becoming infinitely more difficult to know whether or not what we're hearing about those who have been vaccinated is true or not. It seems that the vaccine injuries and even deaths are not being reported, and the ones that are are quickly "fact-checked" and/or censored. That's getting really old, by the way.

By the way, let me just say this too. It's going to get worse. Right now, you try to post something, fact-checked. This is false; click here to see why. Or how about this one? I'm venting a little bit; just indulge me for just a moment. Don't look at your watches. Just give me a moment on this one.

This is the one that kills me: Mostly false. Wait, what? It is kind of like the weather report. It's going to be partly cloudy. Well, wait a minute, that means it's going to be mostly sunny, right? Partly cloudy, mostly sunny! Mostly true, partially false. Wait a minute! You said what? Oh, that part? I see how you came up with that. But this is true, but you just flagged it as false. I don't feel any better after having done that, so we're going to move on.

This might make me feel a little bit better - but God! But God! The fact-checkers are not the enemy, by the way. They need Jesus probably more than anybody else, by the way. But God! The enemy is

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meaning this for unspeakable evil, but God is bringing about it for good for those with ears to hear and eyes to see.

I am personally of the belief that God is using this evil to bring about the salvation of many people who would not have otherwise come to the Lord had it not been for this. As only God can, He is taking this whole vaccine thing, this whole COVID-19 thing, the whole economic thing...

You know people are losing everything, right? You know that, right? But God is using it. People are turning to the Lord, and here's the thing: Nobody's going to be able to take the credit for it. I love that! When we get into heaven... By the way, have you heard the three responses when we are raptured? First Response: I'm here! Oh, Lord! Second response: They're here? Somebody came to mind just now when I said that. You need to repent or pray for them that they repent. Here is the third response, perhaps more chilling: Where are they?

I think we are in for a surprise. There are going to be people that go up in the rapture that would not have otherwise gone up in the rapture had it not been for what is happening in the world today. God is withholding that from us as a blessing to protect us so that we don't take the credit for it. When we get there, we will find out.

Well, this is why we do these weekly Prophecy Updates. It's why we end with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equip you with a simple, childlike explanation of salvation with the ABCs of Salvation.

What is the Gospel? It is in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 if you want to make a note of that. You can point someone to that place in the Bible, preferably their Bible, and read it.

The Apostle Paul basically says that the Gospel is this: Jesus came, good news, and He died for you in your place. He was buried, rose again on the third day. He defeated death for you, died for you, paid in full in His death for you, the price for you. In writing to the Thessalonians, he says and, in addition to the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection, there is the rapture. That's the good news that not only did He rise again from the dead on the third day, but He is coming back again, soon one day, soon, and very soon. That's the Gospel! That's the good news!

Here's the ABCs, very simple. The A is for admit or acknowledge that you have sinned, you're a sinner; otherwise, you are not interested in a Savior. I don't need to be saved. I have not sinned. I don't need a Savior. This is the first step that always happens. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." And Romans 3:23 tells us why. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We were all born sinners, which is why we must be born-again to enter the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus said. Romans 6:23: If any of these verses is a verse you want to take someone to, it would be this one because it packages the bad news first with the good news. Here is the bad news. All have sinned, and the wages of sin is death. Get this: We have all been sentenced to death because all have sinned. That is bad news. Now it readies me for the good news. I know this isn't proper English, but the badder the bad news is, the gooder the good news will be. This is some badder bad news, and here comes some gooder news. The good news is that the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

That is the A; here is the B. The B is simply for believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead. This is Romans 10:9-10. It says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved."

And the C lastly is for call upon the name of the Lord, or as Romans 10:9-10 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." And 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. And Romans 10:13 lastly says, "All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." It's that simple.

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I think just really quick; give me a second here. I think about we affectionately refer to him as the thief on the cross. We don't know if that was his crime, but he was crucified there with Jesus, and we have the account of it in the Gospels. It is very interesting because if you really think about it and look at it, he did all three of these. He acknowledged that he was a sinner to Jesus. In fact, he even rebuked the other guy that's like, this isn't the savior. If this was the Savior, He'd get Himself down off the cross. And then here's this guy going, we're up here because we did something wrong. He's up here because he's innocent. This is the savior of the world. He acknowledged his sin, A; B, he believed in his heart. This is the Savior. And then C, he confessed with his mouth. He called upon the name of the Lord and said to the Lord, "Will you remember me when you enter into Your kingdom?" And what was Jesus' response? "Truly, truly (Chicken skin) I tell you this day you will be with Me in Paradise." Wait! Yeah, go ahead and clap now.

Wait a minute! So, I'm a bystander watching the crucifixion, which if you are doing that, you're sick if you're watching that. I mean, how horrific is this? And you're thinking, wait a minute, you can't, no way. It can't be that easy. No, it is. But doesn't he have to like get down off that cross and go get water baptized first? No, he is saved. Wait, there's nothing else he has to do? No, it's already been done.

I was thinking about this on the way to church today, and this will be the last thing. I remember now the last thing is Paul writing to Philemon. He says, "one last thing," so it is a biblical thing. I just want to remind you of that every time I say one last thing.

So, one last thing: I'm driving to church this morning, and I am just thinking about... man, this is the time between me and the Lord where I am just like... If you saw me driving here on the way to church, you would see me very differently because I am like, oh, God! God, please! You have to... if you don't do this, I'm toast. You have to show up! You already see me different now after me telling you that. I mean, I am just crying out to him, God!

So, this is what I just sensed from the Lord driving because we have really good talks, both on the way to church and then sometimes I get a talking too on the way home from church, but that's a different story. But it was just kind of one of these things of don't... just feed My sheep. You love Me, right? Oh, Lord, you know I do. Just feed My sheep, equip My people. That's all you've got to do.

The onus isn't on them in the sense that you don't get up there and say, you need to! The last thing we need is a sermon where the preacher is standing behind that pulpit, saying you need to pray more! I know; I know. You need to be in the Word more! Yes, I know; I do. It's not a got-to. It's a get-to.

One last thing. If I try to call someone, get a hold of someone, maybe one of you, there's no guarantee I'm going to get through, right? First of all, you're not going to recognize my number because I don't give it out, so you may not take the call, or it might go to voicemail or whatever, right? I know that if you call me, it's probably going to go to voicemail. Do you realize that at any time, I can call and get through to the Creator of the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that in them is, and not only can I get through, I can ask Him for anything. It's called prayer. That is a get-to. Are you kidding me? You have access? Yeah, so do you!

And here's the other thing: I have unclassified information. Yeah, so do you. It's sitting in your lap right now. In fact, I have Intel. Get this; I have Intel from Russia about Russia right here. You want to talk about Russia, collusion? Russia is right here. I've got Intel. How cool is that? And we don't avail ourselves of that? Shame on us! I have access to God any time to ask for anything, and if it's His will and it brings glory to the Father, I've got it, man. It's a done deal! And I don't avail myself of that? The same thing with His Word, a light unto my path, and a lamp unto my feet and I don't avail myself of that?

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I want to share with you really quick two testimonies from online members. This first one comes from Judy and Ken Raphael, who write, "Just a note saying we thank God for you and each one who has a part in faithfully ministering the updates each week."

I wanted to include that part of this because of all of those behind the scenes that serve faithfully and tirelessly. Their rewards in heaven are great. Do you realize what it takes to do one of these and have it live-streamed to the uttermost parts of the earth? I so appreciate that. Thank you very much, Judy and Ken.

They say, "We have been regularly watching for the last five or so years. We recently collaborated with our 16-year-old granddaughter. She made labels of the ABCs that we print on sheets of white Avery mailing labels to put on the mail or however God leads and one of a couple made into business cards. Our 16-year-old granddaughter made the template which we are happy to share. [We have a link, and you can click on this, and it will take you right to that template. You get the Avery labels, and you can print out these labels online.]

We continue to Praise God and pray for your team. [Thank you for that.] It is genuinely exciting to see our God developing this ministry. [It's exciting for us too to see what God is doing.]

The second one and they wish to remain anonymous, write, "Hello all! We just wanted to share what my husband saw on his way to work this week. He works in Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada. [You know how things are in Alberta, Canada, right now, right?] in the oil sands. This is actually a very remote area in North-Eastern Alberta, where multiple sites employ thousands and thousands of people 24 hours a day. To get to work, many workers take buses as well as private or company vehicles, and there is always a lot of traffic going by this billboard around the clock. We would estimate probably tens of thousands of people who drive past this billboard every day of the year, as it is the only main highway in and out of this area north of the city. Praise the Lord to whoever put this up!"

They're not the ones who put it up! If you are the one who put it up, thank you! Praise the Lord! It's being used!

By the way, let us know about these. We want to rejoice with you and see what God is doing, and particularly the testimonies about people coming to Christ by simply sharing the Gospel. It doesn't have to be the ABCs of salvation, just the testimony. Just let us rejoice with you in what God is doing.

Why don't you stand, and we'll have the worship team come up? Thank you for your patience today. The Lord knows my heart. I'm trying to keep these updates under an hour. I will, maybe one of these days. I will, after the rapture for sure. It won't be a problem.

Lord, thank You so much. Lord, thank You for Bible prophecy. Thank You for the more sure word of prophecy. Thank You for telling us what's going to happen before it happens, so when it begins to happen, believers can look up, knowing our redemption draws nigh, and unbelievers will look up and believe.

Lord, I thank You as we're going to see when we get to Hebrews for the second service. I thank You that You are in absolute control of everything and that everything, as chaotic as it is in this world, as confusing as it is in this world, it's going perfectly according to Your prophetic plan, so Lord, thank you.

And lastly, Lord, for anyone who has never called upon you, believing in their hearts, trusting in You for the forgiveness of sins, I pray that today they would make the most important decision of their life for eternal life. In Jesus' name. Amen.