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Update Links

- Definition, "domino effect"

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/domino%20effect>

"Why We're Not in the Tribulation Yet" - Prophecy Update

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- YouTube video, "Riots break out in China as starving residents revolt against Zero COVID lockdown"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NOTh6jiRNxU>

- Documentary, "Died Suddenly"

<https://rumble.com/v1wac7i-world-premier-died-suddenly.html>

- Article, "Covid 19 vaccines and the misinterpretation of perceived side effects clarity on the safety of vaccines"

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Links to Prior Teachings and Updates

- “The Rapture Comes First” - 2 Thessalonians 2:3 “Pre-Tribulation Rapture Proof” - Prophecy Update

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Tribulation Dominos

Domino	Effect	Scripture(s)
Pre-Tribulation Rapture	Revelation of the antichrist	1 Thess. 4:17, 2 Thess. 2:1-8,
Enforcing of the 7-year covenant with many	7-year tribulation begins	Daniel 9:27
Rebuilding of the 3 rd Jewish Temple	Abomination causing desolation in the temple	Daniel 9:27, 2 Thess. 2:4
2 nd coming of Jesus Christ at the end of 7-years	Beginning of the Kingdom Age	Revelation 19
End of the 1,000-year millennial reign	Beginning of New Heavens and New Earth	Revelation 20-21

Pre-Tribulation Dominos

Pre-Rapture Setting Up	7-Year Tribulation Going Down	Scripture(s)
Alignment of 10-kings who rule over 10-regions	Antichrist rules vis-à-vis the 10-kingdoms	Dan 2, Rev. 7, 13, 17
Alignment of surrounding nations against Israel	Invasion of Israel from the North to take spoil	Ezekiel 38-39
Restriction and destruction of global food supply	Hyper-inflation-day's wages buys only bread	Revelation 6:5-6
Reducing the population so as to control the population	The death of most of the people on earth	Revelation 6-9
Controlled demolition/disintegration of global economy	Bio-digital global cashless economy	Revelation 13:16-18

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KAPONO: Lord, thank You so much for this day that You have made. May we rejoice and be glad in it, Lord. This is a privilege to be here, Lord. And we thank You so much for providing this place for us, Lord and this time that we can come together, Lord, and dig into Your Word.

We lift up this message brought to you, brought to us by Pastor JD. Would You just bless it? And would You open our ears and our hearts that we may receive it because You have something for us, and we want to know what it is that we can be more like You, Lord.

So bless this time together in worship and in teaching. We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen. Amen. Good morning. Welcome. So glad you're here! I want to welcome those of you that are joining us online. You can be seated at this time.

Before we get started, just want to quickly mention that for those of you here, we're going to have our prayer meeting on Tuesday night, 7 p.m. here in the sanctuary, and just would really encourage you to come and join with us. Hope you will.

We have two services on Sunday mornings, the first of which is the Bible Prophecy Update that we do weekly, have for a number of years, and Second Service, which will be at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time, it'll be livestreamed, and this is the sermon, which is a verse-by-verse study through the word of God. Last week we finished the book of *1 Peter*, and so the book that comes after *1 Peter* is *2 Peter*.

So I know, profound, right? So today the text is going to be – well, we're going to start *2 Peter Chapter 1*, beginning in *verse 1*, and we'll get all the way through *verse 1*.

And what we're going to do is look at how that Jesus will always lift us up in those times when we find ourselves so

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down. So if you're able to stay and join with us, we certainly encourage you to do so and those of you online as well.

For those of you who are online watching by way of YouTube or Facebook, we'd encourage you to go to directly to JDFarag.org for the uncensored and uninterrupted entirety of today's Update. And with that, we'll get started.

I want to talk with you today about what's known as the "domino effect," specifically concerning prophecy in the Bible. This because everything, and I mean everything that we're now seeing take place in the world today is setting up and lining up the proverbial dominoes prophetically.

Before we get into this, I just want to quickly mention that we provided links to the previous Updates that are going to be specific to what we're covering today; that will be on the website.

I'll start with the definition of the domino effect as it will be germane to our understanding of this analogy related to Bible prophecy. The Merriam-Webster's Dictionary defines the domino effect as a cumulative effect produced when [Listen] one event initiates a succession of similar events.

It's also commonly referred to as the "ripple effect;" however, I chose the domino effect for several reasons, chief of which is that for the dominoes to go down, they must first be set up. And once they're meticulously and perfectly set up, it only takes the pushing of just one domino for all of them then to go down.

Dare I say that this is exactly what is now happening and even now at the ready, so much so that it's now just a matter of time before that one event, that one domino initiates the

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succession of all the events that are being prophetically set up and perfectly lined up.

Like with the domino effect, all the dominoes will go down and when, not if, when they do, it will be swift in its succession.

Now this begs the question of what is that one event or main event, if you prefer, that starts this succession? Answer: The pre-tribulation rapture of the church.

And, if you will kindly hear me out, I'll explain why it is and how it is that we can know this. I would first like to thank all of those who took the time to comment on last week's update, 'Why We're Not In The Tribulation Yet'.

I was greatly encouraged by the response, and I'm hoping that today's Update will be of great encouragement to you, especially those of you who are really dealing with this and struggling with all of this.

I spent quite a bit of time this week in prayer inquiring of the Lord, seeking the Lord, asking the Lord for today's Update specifically, and what I'm hoping to do is sort through this, and as such settle this but not only settle this, but have this be an encouragement to you.

I'll begin with one comment we received which also has along with it a very good question in this regard. It comes from Nancy Allen in Salt Lake City Utah who writes, "Dear Pastor JD, I'm writing in response to the update 'Why We're Not In The Tribulation Yet.' I'm a firm believer in the pre-trib position, but here's my question: How far into the "when you see these things begin to happen" do we need to get?

[Laughter]

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We've been seeing these things for quite a while now. [True dat] Is that Scripture in context of the times in which we see the convergence of all these things, or is it in the context of the Jewish people who will need encouragement toward the end of the tribulation?

If the rapture isn't soon, we will be living in the tribulation which we know is not for the church. Knowing our God though, He will pull us out at the very last second, not willing that any should perish."

Well, I wanted to share this particular comment because she hits the proverbial nail on the head, if I can say it like that, concerning the rapture specifically knowing that we can't be in the tribulation yet because the rapture of the church hasn't happened yet.

Also she rightly knows the rapture is the event that starts the succession, which brings up this often-asked pre-rapture question, as I'll refer to it.

What's the often-asked pre-rapture question? Well, it's essentially this: How many of the tribulation events are we going to see prior to the rapture? You ready for the answer? All of them.

Let me try that again. (Chuckling) How many of the "all of these things we begin to see come to pass" are we going to see begin to come to pass?" All of them.

How many of the prophecies that find their ultimate fulfillment in the 7-year tribulation will we see prior to the 7-year tribulation? All of them.

Okay, let me try this then. All the prophecies that are ultimately fulfilled in the tribulation have to be set up prior to the tribulation, right?

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As for her question of whether this is for us or the Jews, the short answer is both. And this for essentially the same reason.

Enter *Luke 21:28*, which is the verse she refers to where Jesus says, **"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads [And here's why] because your redemption is drawing near."**

I want to draw your attention to two words, the first of which is the word "begin" and the second which is the word "near." To understand this let's use the illustration of a parade. The participants are beginning to line up and take their places in this parade.

The church, which is at the beginning of this parade, will see the start of the participants lining up and getting ready, and Israel who is at this parade will see the progression of the parade through to the end. It's the same parade. And we are now seeing everything beginning to take place as it's being set up and lined up about to start up.

Then once everything in this prophetic parade is perfectly positioned and lined up, the rapture starts the parade procession in succession.

I'll march this illustration one step further, pun intended. See, I was actually in a marching band when I was in high school. Enough of my problems. I played the tuba and the big drum, so I'm having a flashback right now, but I'll be back with you.

[Laughter]

But you had to be in step. But before you could be in step, you had to be set up, and all of the participants in the parade had to be lined up, and we had to march in order. And so in this set up, you had your place. And you had to march

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in concert with, in tandem with everyone else in the band in that parade.

So why do I mention it like that? Because everything has to be in perfect order. Everything has to be perfectly, again, meticulously lined up, and that's what Bible prophecy is. And that's what Bible prophecy is doing. There's this divine order in terms of the succession of prophetic events in God's prophetic parade.

And thankfully, we need look no further than to the Scriptures which provide us with the specificity as it relates to the order and the timing of these events. God is a God of order. Everything is perfect.

Why?

Because God is perfect. Everything is perfectly positioned, perfectly positioned. Let's start with the prophecy in *2 Thessalonians 2*. We talk about this quite a bit, but specifically in *verse 1* because the Apostle Paul by the Holy Spirit says and speaks to and about the **"coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,"** that's the Second Coming and **"our assembling unto Him,"** that's the rapture.

Do you see the distinction here, the Second Coming of our Lord and the rapture when were assembled up to the Lord. Then in *verse 2*, now notice the order, Paul – this is interesting – he actually settles them down because they were all shaken up by a forged letter it seems bearing the Apostle Paul's name that stated they were already in the tribulation. Nothing new under the sun.

Fast-forward 2000 years and to bring it into modern-day terms it would be akin to somebody with a fraudulent impersonation of the Apostle Paul YouTube channel.

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By the way, we get that a lot. Please know that if there is no check next to – it's not us – and please be discerning, shrewd as serpents, harmless as doves. There's a lot of – man, we deal with that quite frequently, sadly, but fraudulent accounts, impersonating for the purpose of deceiving. And actually, it's to try to get money from people.

And that's another way you'll know it's not us. We never ask for money. We never even talk about money. The only time we talk about money is when we're in a place in Scripture where the Bible talks about money, and even then I'm very careful and prayerful when it comes to money for what I think would be deemed obvious reasons.

So here's this fake YouTube channel, the 'Apostle Paul YouTube Channel.' And apparently, they watched this video thinking it was Paul. And the video says you're already in the tribulation. That's messing them up, shaking them up, and Paul's got to settle them down.

First of all, that wasn't me. We've already reported it. Hopefully, they will terminate it, but that was not my YouTube channel, and we're not in the tribulation yet. Don't you remember when I was with you?

Now watch what happens in verse 3. This is key. Again, notice the order. Paul, by the Holy Spirit, writes that the 7-year tribulation cannot go down until the church is first taken up in the departure, which is the rapture.

Let me hasten to say that this means the events of the 7-year tribulation have to at this time already be set up in order for them to go down, which can't happen until after we're taken up.

I know I'm repeating myself, but I don't know if it's possible to say this enough. This is the order. Everything has to

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line up perfectly, and then it goes down in succession perfectly and in order.

Now after the church is taken up, and this is huge by the way, the Restrainer, Holy Spirit is taken out, not up. Don't get twisted up on this one, okay? Because this is a grave error to do so.

Now the church of Jesus Christ is taken up, raptured up, assembled up unto Him. And Jesus takes us as His bride to that bridal chamber He said He was going to prepare as a place for us, that where He is there we would be also. And if it were not true, He would not have told us.

So we're taken up and we're out of here, man. [Chuckling] Oh, Lord, come quickly! So now that the church is taken up, the Holy Spirit who heretofore has been restraining evil, holding back everything, oh, the restraining of evil and the sustaining of the righteous, but the Restrainer, the Holy Spirit is not going to be taken up. It's just going to be kind of taken out of the way. Go ahead. I'm not in your way anymore.

Well, once the Restrainer is taken out, the church is taken up, then the Antichrist comes on the scene. Notice again, the progression of the events. So **"he exalts himself against all that is called God, sitting as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."**

Then when you get to verses 7-8, Paul emphasizes the following, saying, **"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: [It's already at work] "Only He [Which again is the Holy Spirit, the Restrainer] which now withholdeth, shall let till He be taken out of the way. [And I want you to listen to these two words very carefully] And then [And then] shall that wicked man be revealed."** [Do you see the order?]

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Now why do I bring this up and point this out? Because again, I'm repeating myself, but hear me out. We're all prone to err greatly in our understating and even dismissing of the intensity of this. Let me explain.

The world will drastically and dramatically change once the church is taken up and the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way. Perhaps better said, absent the church and the Holy Spirit that's out-of-the-way and present the Antichrist, it will be very clear that the tribulation has started.

I am very careful when it comes to the commonly held view and interpretation that the first three-and-a-half years of the 7-year tribulation are going to be all of this peace and prosperity. I don't – I can't get there. I can't get there.

And I think that – I think we're taking it too far to divide the 7-year tribulation into two because the last three-and-a-half-years, as some refer to it, is the "great tribulation."

Oh, the last three-and-a-half-years for sure there is a dividing line there for sure, but it should never come at the expense of what happens at the beginning because what happens at the beginning are the lying signs and wonders, lawlessness, evil, the Restrainer is out-of-the-way, unchecked evil.

I'm getting ahead of myself. I got to calm down actually. By the way, this is probably as good of a time as any to speak to the issue of why should we be concerned with the Antichrist and tribulation if we're taken up by Jesus Christ before the tribulation?

At the risk of an oversimplification, it's that we're already seeing what happens in the tribulation before the tribulation which means we have to be oh, so close to the tribulation. And again, this should be a source of great encouragement, not just for us, but even from us, as the Apostle Paul writing in

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his first letter to the *Thessalonians Chapter 4:17* when he describes the order of the dead in Christ rising first.

You see the order? Those who died in Christ – this is the resurrection – they're going to get their glorified bodies.

"To be absent from the body is to be present from the Lord."

They're going to get their glorified bodies first. They're going to rise first, and then *[And then]* **"we who are alive and remain will be caught up."**

1 Corinthians 15:51-52, Paul describes it as a mystery and how we're going to put off corruptible. That means we're going to put off – it's like a metamorphosis in the original language – there's a metamorphosis where we put off our old bodies – that alone, that alone – we put on our glorified bodies in the twinkling of an eye, and then **"we who are alive and remain will be caught up to meet them in the Lord."**

That means all of the loved ones that went to be with the Lord, you're going to see them again, but more importantly, you're going to see Jesus and be with Jesus forever and ever in your glorified body. And that's the order of it.

So this should be of great encouragement, and that's what Paul says when he says, **"The dead in Christ will rise first, and then we who are alive and remain will be caught up."** And he goes on. It's all about the rapture.

He's trying to encourage them because they were very discouraged, very discouraged. And he says, **"Therefore, [And therefore is always there for a reason] [That's probably my most profound point in the whole Update] So "Therefore encourage one another with these words."**

Oh, that encourages me. That encourages me. Now *2 Thessalonians* comports with *Daniel 9:27*, another prophecy we

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talk about often. And this is a prophecy about the Antichrist enforcing a 7-year covenant with many.

The specificity of this particular prophecy is such that this is what starts the 7-year tribulation. Once the 7-year tribulation starts, the 7-year peace agreement is enforced and the Third Temple is rebuilt, the Antichrist, in the middle of the 7-year tribulation, **"will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation."**

Do you see the order? Do you see the succession? The 2 *Thessalonians 2* and *Daniel 9:27* prophecies along with the others like them perfectly line up with the divine outline.

We talked about this last week. It's woven into the fabric of the Book of Revelation. In succession, it's the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Then the rapture of the church of Christ, then the 7-year tribulation with the wrath of Christ, the wrath of the Lamb, then at the end of the 7-year tribulation it's the Second Coming of the Christ followed by the Kingdom Age, ruling and reigning with Christ, and finally the new heavens and the new earth for all eternity with Christ.

Do you see the order, the succession?

Well, this brings us to our prophetic dominoes, which I've delineated between both the tribulation dominoes and what I'll call the pre-tribulation dominoes. We'll start with this chart put together of the main tribulation dominoes.

By the way, we have a link to a PDF file of these charts. It's the main tribulation dominoes that the rapture will trigger. Maybe this is a good time to just kind of parenthetically mention, I'm sure you've seen those videos where you've got these guys that are setting up 585,625,000

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dominoes, and it takes them like 10 years. And then they video record it, and then everything's set up.

And you know, they'll do the fast video where they speed it up. So what took 10 years you can watch in – you got to love technology.

You can watch in about 10 seconds [blebble, blebble, blebble] and they set it all up. And then [*And then, those two words again,*] they just push one domino and [Blebble, blebble,blebble, blebble, blebble,blebble, blebble] [Blebble, blebble,blebble, blebble, blebble,blebble, blebble] (Chuckling) they all go down. That's the rapture!

The rapture is that one domino! Once everything is set up [Popping sound] the rapture. And then everything falls down in order. [Blebble, blebble, blebble, blebble] (Chuckling) Okay, that's the last time I'll do that.

So let's start with this main tribulation domino chart. And then we'll fill in some of the blanks with the pre-tribulation dominoes. The main domino of the pre-tribulation rapture will lead to the revelation of the Antichrist.

I have the scripture references there. The Revelation of the Antichrist will lead to the enforcing of the 7-year covenant with many which leads to the beginning of the 7-year tribulation.

The beginning of the 7-year tribulation will lead to the rebuilding of the third Jewish temple, which I believe is part of the covenant. In other words, it's a 7-year covenant that is enforced, but part of the deal with that covenant is hey, Jewish people, you can rebuild your Third Temple.

Where do we sign?

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So that's where we get the Third Temple, and that leads to the abomination causing desolation in the Temple. The abomination causing desolation will lead to Israel's salvation, second half, which leads to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ at the end of the seven years which leads to the beginning of the Kingdom Age.

And then the end of the Kingdom Age will lead to the beginning of the new heavens and the new earth, eternity future. It's all in order; it's all perfectly in order.

Now this brings us to the lining up and setting up of the pre-tribulation dominoes which we are now seeing begin to come to pass prior to the rapture. And this is just, of course, not exhaustive. It is just, again, the main ones.

First, not in order, the alignment of 10 kings who rule over 10 regions domino is being set up pre-tribulation but will go down with the Antichrist ruling vis-à-vis these 10 kingdoms in the tribulation. The alignment of surrounding nations against Israel domino is being set up pre-tribulation but will go down with the invasion of Israel from the north to take spoil in the tribulation.

Well, wait a minute, Pastor, you're talking about the *Ezekiel 38* prophecy?

Yes.

You're placing that after the rapture, the beginning of the 7-year tribulation?

Yes, and here's why. Because there's an interesting detail in that prophecy, just real quick, where we're told that when this invasion happens – first of all, Israel will be very prosperous – they are – and they will think they're secure and dwelling securely in peace.

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I think the peace covenant gives them that false sense of peace, like we can let our guard down now, we finally have peace. We can rebuild our temple now. And that's when Ezekiel tells us this invasion will happen.

Could it happen before? It surely could, but we're seeing it set up now. This domino, the *Ezekiel 38* domino is being set up perfectly right now, right now and it's ready.

Next one: The restriction and destruction of the global food supply domino is being set up pre-tribulation but will go down with hyperinflation so severe a day's wages will buy only the ingredients for bread in the tribulation.

Next one: The reducing of the population so as to control the population domino is being set up pre-tribulation but will go down with the death – hear me on this – the death of most of the people on earth. Let that sink in.

This is *Revelation Chapter 6-9*. We are given percentages; in fact, I think in *Chapter 6* it says over a fourth of the population of whatever the population is left at that time. But then it gets even worse from there.

This is why I'm having difficulty with the first three-and-a-half years being wonderful, peace, prosperity, those Christians are out of the way, and now we can do what we've always wanted to do. And you know it's a party time. No, again, I can't quite get there.

So the next one: The controlled demolition, really disintegration of the global economy domino is being set up pre-tribulation, I mean the last two weeks.

No, the last week even. It's kind of like oh, that domino, you guys get over here [Mumbling] It's ready. Pre-tribulation, but it will go down with a bio-digital, global,

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cashless economy in the tribulation. Set up now, going down then.

It's the last two on our list that I'd like to expound on for the remainder of our time together today. In order to do that, we'll go ahead at this time and end the livestream on Facebook and YouTube.

So if you were to ask me what I thought was the biggest domino being set up and lined up pre-tribulation, it would have to be the COVID injection. Oh, there he goes again.

[Laughter]

Pastor, really? Why can't you get off it? I can't. I cant. Why do you keep talking about it?

I have to, and I think you'll see why here in a moment, at least I hope and pray you will. COVID-19 and the ensuing vaccine, so-called, is now single-handedly killing the proverbial two birds with one stone.

Not only is it controlling via restrictions the global population, so too is it also now reducing, via killing, the global population. That's why I have to talk about it. If not me, who? If not now, when? If not here, where?

And by the way, let me also hasten to say that sadly there are very few that are actually talking about this. And I won't even go there. I'll just get upset and my blood pressure will go up.

Let's first address controlling of the global population with the absolutely heartbreaking and chilling news out of Shanghai, China. Have you heard about this?

For the benefit of those who may have not or are unaware of what's happening there, I'll just give you a brief summary. Riots have broken out as starving residents begin to revolt

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against the CCP's "Zero Covid" lockdown. Supermarkets are closed leaving the population with nowhere to buy food resulting in many starving to death.

It should be noted that this full lockdown of the entire population of Shanghai, which is estimated to be about 26 million people is indefinite, indefinite. And if this weren't bad enough, the entire population has been barred from leaving their homes even for essential items, which is why they're running out of food and starving to death.

And to add insult to injury, shops and delivery services are reportedly on the verge of collapse under this pressure. This is all by design. Again, it's a controlled demolition/disintegration. Further, mass daily testing is mandatory and anyone who tests positive is taken to a quarantine camp. This has led to some children being removed from their parents into these overcrowded camps.

And what makes this so chilling and heartbreaking is that China is just one of the few nations that today are persisting with this zero COVID strategy. And this despite China's full vaccination rate fast approaching 90% of the population. Pictured here is a screenshot of a link we provided. It's a very disturbing video of what's happening there.

As the beginning of the video states, I would highly recommend you pray about watching it and even if you should watch it. It's very hard. It's very difficult. So we've seen and are now seeing COVID restrictions controlling people, which is also happening in concert with the COVID injections killing people.

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Let me try that again and say that again. COVID restrictions controlling people, COVID injections killing people, and we're not talking about this?

Doubtless you've heard about or viewed the documentary 'Died Suddenly.' Another video you may wish to pray about before viewing, but it is a stunning documentary, thoroughly documented about the masses of people who have died as a direct result of having received the COVID injection. These are young, healthy people.

And I mean, replete throughout a lot of the videos that document this, you see these people, some of whom are athletes at the height of their athletic career, and they drop dead on the field, on the court. They die right there! Teenagers die suddenly.

They even have a SADS, 'Sudden Adult Death Syndrome', but they changed it, softened it up, and so there's no attribution. What you mean by attribution? The death cannot be attributed to the vaccine.

You know what – SADS reminds you of SIDS? Remember SIDS? Sudden infant death syndrome. So there was – I remember this too – this was many, many years ago. But when it first started happening – and oh, by the way, you can trace it to the vaccines they were giving these infants. By the way, did you know that at birth, at birth, a newborn baby is vaccinated at birth, at birth!

So they were saying well, you know the baby was, you know, sleeping on its stomach and stopped breathing and died.

No, that's not why. Do you know why that baby died? Because of the vaccine that you injected that baby with. Sudden infant death syndrome without exception – and don't take my word for it, do your own research – every single sudden death

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infant syndrome baby was the direct result attributed to a vaccination.

So fast-forward – SADS – vaccinations. These were people that were in perfect health and they died? What happened?

Well, I'm going to stop yelling is what I'm going to start doing.

[Laughter]

But it gets worse. I'll probably yell again so just hang on. Now this brings us to the aforementioned question of if we're beginning to see what happens in the tribulation before the tribulation, how close pray tell are we to the tribulation?

I want to answer this question with another question.

Wouldn't it stand to reason that if we're beginning to see the COVID restrictions and injections pre-tribulation, that we must absolutely without question be on the cusp of the tribulation?

And if the rapture of the church has to happen before the 7-year tribulation, and it does, then pray tell again how close are we to the rapture? Are you encouraged? I am.

Because I'm seeing these things begin to come to pass that I know find their ultimate fulfillment in the 7-year tribulation, and they're already being lined up right now, and I know the rapture is what starts the succession of the fulfillment of those prophecies in the 7-year tribulation, and that's why Jesus said when you see all those dominoes lined up, look up, look up, lift up your heads.

Why?

Because you're redemption draws nigh. Nigh is not a word we use in our day but near, close. The rapture of the church is

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not just near. I would say the rapture of the church is here, not near, here. It has to be.

Because everything we're seeing has what I'll call a shelf life. You know what I mean by that? An expiration date which, by the way, that is a deception. That is by itself a deception because they want you to come buy more food, which you can't because there's no food to buy.

But anyway... yeah, these expiration dates on the package, and that's what Bible prophecy is. It has an expiration date. See, everything is now set up and it's about to go down. And you're not just going to set everything up and then okay, we'll come back in about 10, 15 years.

No, you're not. You won't even be alive in 10 to 15 years. No, this is now. This is here. And if you really want to know how here the rapture is, look at what's happening in China.

You know I think there's a disconnect, especially for us here in Hawaii. I mean in some ways it's the grace of God living here. We're insulated and isolated, but that can also be a disadvantage.

I mean, we see what's happening in China, and, of course, here on the islands we have the multiethnic constituency of the population, many Chinese, Japanese, but we're still so far removed.

Well, that's China.

No, that's here. Well, it's not here yet. No, it's coming. It's coming. And Shanghai, China, is an example of this. The injections under the banner of COVID restrictions are determining everything and everyone is able to do, to eat, to buy, or to sell.

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What does that sound like? Does that sound like a prophecy that's fulfilled in the 7-year tribulation in the Book of Revelation, the 13th Chapter? Absolutely it does. And we've talked about it ad nauseam, meaning I've nauseated you with this over the last couple of years. I think that's what that word means. Sure sounds like it.

Whether we want to hear this or not, the fact of the matter is everything, and I mean everything will be predicated upon one's verification and authentication of their vaccination, period.

Now brace yourself. I need to share with you this recent breathtaking, no pun intended, Pub Med article titled 'COVID-19 Vaccines and the Misinterpretation of Perceived Side Effects, Clarity On the Safety of Vaccines'. Oh, thank you so much.

Listen to this. Quoting, "In the era of COVID-19 and mass vaccination programs, the anti-vaccination movement across the world is currently at an all-time high. Much of this anti-vaccination sentiment could be *[Watch this word]* attributed to the alleged *[Alleged]* side effects that are perpetuated across social media from anti-vaccination groups.

Fear mongering and misinformation being peddled by people with no scientific training to terrorize people into staying unvaccinated is not just causing people to remain susceptible to viral outbreaks but could also be causing more side effects seen in the vaccination process. *[Oh, it gets worse]*

This brief review *[Still quoting]* will offer data that may demonstrate that misinformation perpetuated by the anti-vaccination movement may be causing more deaths and side effects from any vaccine. *[Hang on]*

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A mini review of published literature has been conducted and found that mental stress clearly causes vasoconstriction and arterial constriction of the blood vessels. Therefore, if subjects are panicked, concerned, stressed, or scared of the vaccination, their arteries will constrict and become smaller in and around

[Laughter]

[I'm so glad - thank you for laughing; this is laughable]

We're killing them? No, right? It's not the vaccine. You're killing them, you anti-vaxxer!

[Laughter]

You're creating all this mental stress on these poor people, and it's constricting their arteries and causing all of these side effects! We're not done yet. So let me catch my breath.

"This biological mechanism" *[We provided a link]* If you want to go and read this, maybe you don't, but we got the link. It's right there.

"This biological mechanism, the constriction of veins, arteries, and vessels under mental stress is the most likely cause for where there have been blood clots, strokes, heart attacks, dizziness, fainting *[They don't miss a beat]* blurred vision, loss of smell and taste that may have been experienced shortly after vaccine administration.

The extreme mental stress of the patient could most likely be attributed to the fear mongering and scare tactics used by various anti-vaccination groups."

I bet you didn't know that it's your fault. Did you know that? Okay, let's try to – do you see how this is all lining up?

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Can I just ask you the question that way? You do, right?
It's a set up. It's lining up exactly as we were told it
would.

And I know it's unbelievable what I just read it's
unbelievable, right?

No, no way!

Way!

And this goes back to – bear with me – *2 Thessalonians Chapter 2*. Because when the Antichrist is revealed, there's going to be this powerful delusion, this evil, evil deception.

Oh, you guys, Thursday night – *Jeremiah Chapter 39-41* – I'm still processing that study of those chapters. We were introduced to this guy by the name of Gedaliah.

Good guy, he was appointed governor over Judah by the king of Babylon after the final siege when they took the Jews captive to Babylon exactly as Jeremiah for some 40 years had been prophesying. So the king of Babylon appoints this Gedaliah to be the governor, to oversee now Judah because there's still those who remained there in Judah.

So we're also introduced to another guy by the name of Ishmael, and interestingly he's a descendent from the royal line of King David himself. And then we're also introduced to another guy by the name of Johanan.

Now watch this. Gedaliah is now governor, and Ishmael catches wind of it. And what does he do? Oh, he makes a trip over to see Gedaliah, and Johanan is there. And Johanan is like wait a minute, this guy's evil. This guy has an agenda. This guy wants to murder Gedaliah.

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And he even, after he says something in that setting, Gedaliah is like no, that's not right. I don't believe he's evil. I trust him. I trust the science. No, just a second.

So Gedaliah is like, no, nobody can be that evil. Oh, yes, they can. So after this setting and Ishmael leaves, Johanan takes Gedaliah aside privately and says, you have to – please, he pleads with him, please let me go kill him. He's going to murder you.

And Gedaliah again says, no way. No, I trust him.

And here's Johanan going, no, he's evil. He's evil. And I'm wracking my brain, inquiring of the Lord, Lord, why such detail? Why did You have this recorded in the pages of Holy Writ for us all of these generations to read about this Gedaliah guy, this Ishmael and Johanan who tried to protect Gedaliah?

Because what would happen is Ishmael would come into Gedaliah's home, break bread with him, which in that culture in that day and to this day was unthinkable. He murders him in his own home exactly as Johanan told him and warned him he would do, and he did it because he's evil. He's evil.

And I'm thinking it didn't have to end that way. Why did Gedaliah have to die that way? That's kind of sad. Not to be confused with SADS, but it's close. Why did he die?

Because he could not believe that the Ishmaels/government/science could be evil. He trusted him. Gedaliah was one of those guys that is, has an ignorant innocent naïveté, and it cost him his life. You see where I'm going with this?

Ishmael – oh, this was another thing. So at the end of *Chapter 41* when all of this goes down and he murders Gedaliah mercilessly, Johanan tries to go get him, finds him, catches

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him, but he escapes. And I'm like, no! It's like *verse 15, Chapter 41 Jeremiah*.

I'm like, God, no! Why did You let him get away? I mean, I wish *verse 15* didn't say that he got away. I wish *verse 15, Jeremiah 41* says something to the effect of, and Johanan got a hold of him – I'm going to stop right there because I can get into the flesh, which Ishmael, the name, is a picture of. Trusting in the arm of flesh, trusting in man, trusting in science.

But it doesn't read like that. And I'm like, God! I had to inquire of the Lord. So I'm reading the rest of the book, looking. I do a search on my computer software program. Ishmael, what happened to this guy? I want to know what happened. Nothing, crickets. Never heard from again, never again mentioned in the pages of Scripture.

I had a crisis of faith with that one. Because I wanted there to be a passage about this guy getting what he deserves, and it's not there. So I'm inquiring of the Lord. Lord, why?

And this was the answer I got, and I think it's a word fitly spoken for us today. The reason why you don't see an end to this evil Ishmael is because this evil Ishmael is alive and well today. Don't be a Gedaliah. And you know who you are.

And I just want to caution the Gedaliahs of this world. Yes, you're like Paul writing to Titus, "To the pure, all things are pure; to the corrupt all things are corrupt." You're too trusting. You're too trusting. Don't be so naïve as to believe that. This is evil, evil, the opposite of L-I-V-E live, evil. They want to kill you. Ishmael today, alive and well today, wants to kill you. Don't be a Gedaliah.

Okay, I feel better now and you probably don't. Such is your lot.

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Let's try to wrap it up this way. I mean the evil of this Ishmael alive and well is killing people today. And we're told in the 7-year tribulation that a large percentage of the population will be killed. So we're already seeing it begin to take place now.

So then how close are we?

We're so, so, so close. Everything is set up right now, and it's just a matter of time before it's set in motion with the rapture of the church.

As of late – this is from the heart – every Prophecy Update is, I mean, I'm just pouring my heart out, preaching my heart out as if it could be the last one because it could, because it could. I'm leaving everything on the table.

I mean you probably heard this question asked: If you knew the rapture was this afternoon, what would you be doing right now? Why aren't you doing it? Who would you call? Why aren't you calling them? That's how urgent this last hour is because the rapture is that close, and I mean we have got to get people to Jesus and Jesus to people now as fast as we can, as many as we can.

This is why we end with the Gospel and the ABCs of salvation. What's the Gospel? It's *1 Corinthians Chapter 15*, the first four verses. Good news, your debt has been paid. You're free to go. That's what the word "Gospel" means.

What debt? Who paid it?

Jesus paid it.

How did He pay it?

When He died, He paid it in full. Good news: He went to His death in your stead, shed His blood in your stead. You're free, and **"whom the Son has set free is free indeed."**

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The ABC's of Salvation: Again, this is just a way. It's a simple way to share the Gospel should the Lord ever present the profound privilege and opportunity to bring somebody in your path.

The A is simply for admit or acknowledge that you have sinned and that you need the Savior. *Romans 3:10* says, "**There is no one righteous, not even one.**" And *Romans 3:23* tells us why. It's because "**All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**"

Romans 6:23: I see it and say it as packaging the bad news first with the good news. What's the bad news? "**The wages of sin is death.**" We've all been sentenced to death.

But here's the good news: "**The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**"

And this is the time of year where we know a thing or two about gifts, gifting, regifting. You can't regift this one. You can try, but it doesn't work that way. But when you give someone a gift, it's a gift. I know deeply profound, right? But you paid for it. If they try to pay for it, it's not a gift. It's a purchase.

No, He purchased it, and it cost Him everything. He paid in full. "We are not our own. We are purchased with a price." And it's the blood of Jesus Christ. He purchased our salvation and eternal life, and He offers this gift, the gift of gifts, the gift of eternal life. That's the good news.

The B is simply for believe, and this is very central. Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Romans 10:9-10* says, "**If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved.**" [*Will be saved*]

And then 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**

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mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

And lastly, *Romans 10:13* says, **"All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."** It's that simple.

January of 2023, if we're still here, I will celebrate my 41st birthday. I look pretty good for 41, yeah? [Applause] (Chuckling) I wish it was only 41. I was born, born-again, and that's my spiritual birthday, January, 41 years. All I did was call upon the name of the Lord, and I was saved, I was saved. That's how simple it is.

Well, today's "But God Testimony" is more of a testimony to the goodness and the grace of God for those who have had the injection. I chose this for this reason because any time you talk about the COVID injection, the enemy's right there with condemnation.

And again, there are plenty of videos. Please don't watch them. Not only do they say we're in the tribulation, the seal judgments have already started, if you've taken the injection, you've taken the mark of the beast, you've lost your salvation, that is false. That is false. And we talked about that last week. Please, please, please, please.

Now I know dear friends who have taken the injection, and it's by the grace of God, the grace of God, and this is why I wanted to share this particular one today.

It comes from Jill Coconate – I hope I'm pronouncing your name right, Jill. She writes, "Dear JD, with regard to your latest Prophecy Update and the COVID jab / concerns of the mark of the beast, I hope this helps. I regrettably took the initial jab only.

Since then I've had terrible pain and inflammation throughout my body and have tested positive for all [All] autoimmune

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diseases at one level or another, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, etc." *[By the way, we get literally hundreds and hundreds of these.]*

She continues, "I'm hitting the marks on everything, and I keep getting passed to new specialist to decide what to do. And in my heart I think there is nothing to do.

Anyway, I know that the jab did not keep me from salvation because the Holy Spirit lives within me. I am guided daily, and my love of the Lord Jesus Christ brings me to my knees in prayer filled with hope, love, and expectation. God bless you, Pastor JD, I never miss watching, and I'm looking up, love Jill."

Why don't you go ahead and stand up? Kaponono, come on up.

[Applause]

Father in Heaven, thank You. Thank You so, so, so much. Lord, I pray that the takeaway from our time today is simply this: Encouragement. Even though everything that's happening is happening as evil as it is, we can be encouraged knowing just how close You are to coming for us.

Lord, for anyone who is downcast, which we're going to talk about in our study of *2 Peter* today, who's really hurting and struggling and confused, depressed even, the depression giving way to despair, I pray Lord, You're the lifter of our heads. Lift them up. Lift them up that they would look up knowing that our redemption is so near as to already be here. Please, Lord, do that.

And for anyone who doesn't know You, I pray that today, today the Holy Spirit was able to get through somehow, someway, and that today would be the day of their salvation. And lastly, Lord, finally, come quickly! Maranatha, Jesus, come, come Lord Jesus, come quickly! In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

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