

## **Bible Prophecy Update – April 27, 2025**

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KAPONO: Would you join me as we pray? Yes, Lord, You are so faithful, Lord. So we thank You so much. We can't thank You enough, Lord. But we will keep thanking You until we're together again with You, Lord. So thank You for this day, Lord. And thank You for those who are here, whether in person, online, those who traveled to be here, Lord. What a blessing they are here for us to have them visiting here.

Lord, I pray that Your love would flow through this place, Lord, that Your Holy Spirit would be present, that Your Holy Spirit would guide and teach us this morning. Be with us as we get into the Prophecy Update Lord, as You always do, so faithful to do, to clarify whatever might be confusing for we know that confusion is not from You. So we thank You for this time. Continue to be with Pastor JD and give him the strength, Lord, to preach Your word. We ask this in Your name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen and amen. Good morning! Welcome! I was going to ask you how you're doing, but I think I already have my answer. So you can be seated now. Those of you online, I can't hear you, but you can hear me. I can't see you, but you can see me. And I'm sorry, but we want to welcome you as well.

So we have two services, as you know. And the first is dedicated to Bible prophecy by way of the weekly Prophecy Updates. And then Second Service which will be livestreamed at 11:00 a.m. Hawaii time is the sermon, and it's a verse-by-verse study through the word of God.

And we have reached, watch this, the end of the seven-year tribulation in the Book of Revelation. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! So our text is going to be *Chapter 19:17-21*. And for those of you who don't read ahead to stay ahead, spoiler alert: The ending is very dramatic. No, really.

Okay. Here's what I'm going to title today's sermon, and really, it's the takeaway that answers the question of why do we even have such a graphic, detailed prophecy recorded for us at the end of the seven-year tribulation? And it's for this reason that I chose the title of: 'God Wants Me to Remember How This Ends.' And our focus is going to be on the word "remember."

Why? Because we forget to remember, and we don't remember and forget what we should remember. I can't do that again, so I hope you got it. More specifically, the reason the key

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word is “remember” is because God does not want us to forget that this evil world ends, and even how this evil world ends. So that will be Second Service, again, 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time for those of you online. And also if you're watching by way of YouTube and Facebook, we would certainly encourage you at this time to go directly to [JDFarag.org](http://JDFarag.org).

All right. Let's get to it. What I want to talk with you about today is how we as born-again Christians can expose the dark by shining the light. It's like, and this is true, by the way, the darkest hour of the night is right before daylight. The darkest hour of the night is right before sunrise, S-U-N. You know where I'm going with this, right? So too will the darkest hour of the night in this evil world get its darkest right before the S-O-N returns for us and takes us out of this dark world. What a week, yeah?

[ Congregant says, “Yeah.” ]

Okay, well, that's as close as I'm going to get, so I'll take what I can get. I mean, come on, with the Pope and Klaus Schwab leaving the world stage — I say it that way for a reason — on the same day, a dark void has ensued. I think about in the Exodus, we're given this detail about the plague of darkness. It was so dark you could feel it. That's the kind of darkness we're talking about. This world is now entering into its darkest hour.

Now, of course, there's no shortage of speculating and predicting. But one can't help but think that this dark void that you can almost feel will be filled by the Antichrist and the false prophet. Add to this the wars and emboldened threats of war, as Jesus prophesied, specifically concerning Israel, which is the bullseye, at least for Turkey and Russia, Iran, et al, all of which we were foretold about in Bible prophecy. And that's not all. One must also factor into the prophetic darkness the world economy, which comes packaged with satanic technology.

However, we have a problem. Pastor, you have a problem every week. I know. Why stop now? What's the problem? Well, the problem is, is that Scripture tells us Satan masquerades as an angel of light to deceive with a false light. Why? To keep mankind in the dark. And you know what's sad? The enemy has been met with stunning success, which should not come as a surprise to those who know Bible prophecy.

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Conversely, what does come as somewhat of a surprise are those who do know Bible prophecy, but for whatever reason, and I'm not trying to point fingers. For whatever reason, they know it, but they hide it. They hide the light under a bushel and only curse the darkness. Doubtless many of you have heard that saying, "better light a candle than curse the darkness. Some do either. Some do neither. And by that, I mean some only curse the darkness of the world at best and hide Jesus as the light of the world under a bushel of excuses at worst.

As I've inquired of the Lord in this regard, He's directed me to what the Apostle Paul, by the Holy Spirit, wrote about this when he very clearly, in no uncertain terms, says, don't be ashamed of the Gospel, the implication being that you're embarrassed or ashamed of Jesus and the Gospel, the good news of salvation found in the person of Jesus Christ. I mean, here we are. We have the cure for the cancer of sin.

And we're too bashful or embarrassed. I don't want them to unfriend me on social media or talk stink or post stink. Is that a thing now, post stink? When that happens, if that happens, and one gives way to being ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, there's a default. And that default is to only curse the darkness.

Here's what that looks like. It's —it's condemning this! Anti that. Curse this. Curse that. I think I'd be grossly remiss were I not to address this saying of, quote, better light a candle than curse the darkness. In preparing for today's Update, I spent more time than I should of researching who this saying originated from. And what I found were conflicting answers.

There are many who are attributed to having been the origin of this saying; however, it is believed in large measure to be a proverb from Confucius. Pictured here is the quote. But notice they say below "Confucius possibly." That's humorous and ironic that there's so much confusion about Confucius which can confuse us, pun and play on words intended.

Okay, put that aside, regardless, despite that. Despite who first said it or is credited as the origin of it, the fact remains that this is actually not biblical. Hear me out. Don't look at me like that. You know that look you're looking at me at. Yes, light a candle, but don't hide it under a bushel so you can let your light so shine before men for Jesus, exposing the darkness. So no need to curse the darkness. We're to expose it, not curse it.

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And that's exactly how we expose it. By shining the light. I know this is dorky, but I have a Ph.D. in dorky, so... Have you ever wondered why we don't — we have a light switch — but we don't have a dark switch? I'll give you a moment. I know that's deep. No need. Because as soon as you turn the light on, no darkness. No need for switch.

How am I doing, by the way? Is this...? Oh, good, okay! Well, we're off to a good start. I'll take it again. Okay, Pastor, you seem to be in a fun mood today. I am actually. Is that okay? Oh, you're having too much fun. You're in church, don't you realize? And you're the pastor of the church! You're not supposed to have that much fun. No, we're supposed to have more fun. So I am.

Okay, Pastor, upon which biblical foundation do you build this on? *Ephesians 5*, beginning in *verse 8*, the Apostle Paul, by the Holy Spirit, listen to what God inspires him to write to the church in Ephesus. Oh, my goodness!

Beginning in *verse 5*, **“For you were once darkness.”** Notice conspicuously absent is the word “in.” He doesn't say for once you were in darkness. No, you were darkness. **“But now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth. And find out what pleases the Lord.”**

Now listen to *verse 11*, and please pay particular attention to what he says here because there's a lot here. **“Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.”** Don't just curse them. Expose them because you're light. Let your light shine. Turn the light switch on already.

And he says in *verse 12*, **“For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But [I like the “buts” when — I like Paul's insertions here of that word] but everything [Here's that word again] exposed by the light [Darkness exposed by the light] becomes visible.”**

Duh. I had to have my second-born son, Levi, help me because, you know, I've got the brightest light on the smallest print with my glasses and my astigmatism, double vision. By the way, both of you look marvelous today.

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And I don't know why they do this. I think it's deliberate. I mean, I think it's like a size two font, the instructions, right? And that's if you get instructions. And then if you get instructions, you can't read them. And then if you try to follow them, it doesn't work.

So “Levi, come here. Can you read that?”

“Yeah, I can read that. You can't?”

“Well, I just want you to read it.”

So he did. But it only became visible when it was shined under the light. The instructions became visible. Here's another one.

**“For it is light [This is the end of verse 13] that makes everything visible.”**

So now he's kind of, you know, being redundantly redundant, I guess. “But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is the light that makes everything visible.” He's emphasizing it, not repeating it. If it takes repeating it to emphasize it, then he's going to repeat it. Jesus did.

How many times did Peter say — Peter — Jesus say Peter's name twice? You know, like when you're a kid and your parents use your full name? You know it's not going to end well. Peter, Peter. Uh-oh. It's a double emphasizing of a very important truth that everything that's done in secret will be shouted from the rooftops, exposed by the light. Why?

Because, *verse 14*, it is the light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said, **“Wake up! [Did I wake anybody up?] O sleeper, rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.”**

John, the Gospel, *Chapter 3*, beginning in *verse 19*, by the Holy Spirit, [*I love this*] writes, **“This is the verdict...”**

Translated: The jury is no longer out. The verdict is in. The ruling has been made. What's the verdict? **“...Light has come into the world.”** That's the verdict. That's the truth. That's the final ruling. But we have another **“but.”** But we have another **“but.”**

**“But man loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. [Verse 20]**

**Everyone who does evil hates the light [Well, that explains a lot right there, doesn't it?] and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. [There's that word**

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*again] But [This is a better one] [Verse 21] whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God [There's no ambiguity here, nothing but clarity here] so that in the light, you may see plainly [Clearly] what God has done.” [Which only He can]*

*John 1:5, again, the apostle John in his Gospel, by the Spirit, says this. “The light shines in the darkness...” And you would think that this would seem like a firm grasp of the obvious. But I want to sort of expound on why he says what he says by the Holy Spirit. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

Why has the darkness not overcome the light? It can't. Because light overcomes darkness. You know sometimes I wonder in our evangelism, of course, presupposing that we even share our faith, which, if the statistics are true — I shouldn't have gone there.

We're not — I include myself in that — but I wonder if one of the reasons is in concert with being ashamed of the Gospel, we don't share the Gospel is because all we're trying to do is refute and curse the darkness. Listen. Good news. No need! Just shine the light. It'll save you hours of time debating about Were there fossils found after the flood?

[ Congregant says, “Yeah.” ]

Did dinosaurs roam on the Earth when man was on the earth? Actually, the answer is yes. But anyway... Don't get into the, well, can God make a stone so big that He can't lift it? I actually have a good answer for that. But....

The answer is no because God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent, meaning that He's all-knowing and He knows better than to make a rock that He's not all-powerful enough to lift. And even if He did, He's all-powerful, so He could. I'm gonna have to leave it right there because...

Don't get into these debates, Paul says don't waste your time in useless arguments. I've never argued anybody into the kingdom of God. Have you? I could you imagine? I mean, man, that would be stunning. You know, here you are. You're in an argument trying to win them to Christ. You're arguing. You're going to hell. You're gonna turn or burn! And you're arguing and yelling and spitting on everybody like I am right now.

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And what do you think is going to happen? They're going to stop you dead in your tracks and say, you're right. What must I do to be saved? I knew it! Finally! All right. Yeah! I won! Nah, you might win the argument, but you're going to lose — or win the battle — but you're going to lose the war for the soul.

Scripture tells us that nobody comes to the Father and to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ unless the Holy Spirit leads them. So when you're praying for that loved one, that family member for their salvation, and you're that prophet without honor in his own home, you're not the vessel. Stop. You're making it worse. They're just digging their heels in, right? Am I right?

So here's how you pray. Here's how I pray. Lord, send someone whom they will receive from, as the vessel, in Your hands to bring them to salvation. Okay, now we're talking because all you're doing is making it worse and yelling at them and...

You're not going to overcome it. I love the illustration. The word of God is like the lion. You've got to say it with a roar. The lion of the tribe of Judah. So you got a lion, but it's in a cage. It can't do anything. Let the lion out of the cage. And watch what happens. Let the word of God, the lion of the word of God, out of its cage.

*1 John, Chapter 1.* John's first epistle, beginning in *verse 5*. **“This is the message we have heard from Him, and declare to you, [Listen] God is light. [Not has light] [Is light. That's who He is, light] In Him there is no darkness at all. Now [Verse 6] if we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie [I'm certain Paul said it just like that, too, when he wrote it] [You lie!] and do not live out the truth.”**

You're still in the dark. One last one, and it is the fascinating account of Saul on the road to Damascus, on his way to have these people of “The Way,” as they were called at the time, the Christians, killed. And who shows up? But the light, Jesus, the Christ, on the road. And Jesus, the light, brings Saul, now Paul, out of the darkness and into the light.

Now I'm going to pick it up in *verse 16* of *Acts 26*. I would encourage you, in your own time in God's word, to read the whole account. I know you will be richly blessed and doing so. This is Jesus speaking now on the road to Damascus. By the way. I find it very interesting that he would be blind for three days. Total darkness.

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After coming into the light, he says, *verse 16, Acts 26*, Jesus speaking, **“I will deliver you from the Jewish people as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you to [Verse 18] open their eyes in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”**

What? Saul. Paul. I'm going to send you. I'm calling you to open eyes. Why? So that multitudes would turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Paul was ruined for Jesus that day on that road. And that's a good thing because God needs to ruin us for Him. He needs to ruin our plans if they're not His plan. He needs to ruin those ambitions and goals if they're not sanctified. When God ruins you, You'll thank Him. And you know what your only regret will be? Is that you didn't allow Him to ruin you sooner. I say that, and the Lord knows my heart from the bottom of my heart and from experience, and I got the scars to prove it too.

I saved this Acts passage for last because Jesus reveals how it is that Saul, now called Paul, turns from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to the power of God. First, note that Jesus first prefaces it by saying **“...that you will open eyes.”**

That's a prerequisite. And I mean, think about it. How are you going to see the light if your eyes are closed? So first, eyes have to be open. We have that phrase, “eye opening.” This is eye opening. And then once the eyes have been opened, now there can be a turning from darkness to the light. THE light, not a light. More on that in a moment.

This is why it is that we're exhorted to shine Jesus, the eye-opening light of the world. If we're to have any hope of exposing the fruitless deeds of darkness, as we're exhorted to do, we must first have our eyes open and our light shining. We need to talk a little bit more about what Jesus also said, easily missed at first read. In addition to eyes opening to turn from darkness to light, also, there's a turning from the power of Satan to the power of God.

Why do I point that out? Because Satan is the prince of the power of the air and the God of this world, who blinds eyes to THE light, keeping multitudes in the dark with his false light. Remember, he masquerades as an angel of light. It's a false light, just like the Christ will be a false Christ, antichrist, a misnomer in a way because not only against Christ, but principally in

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place of Christ, a false light, a false Christ, a false peace. This is why we as born-again Christians, by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit — let me say that again — because it's not in your own strength, in the energy of your own flesh, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. **"It's not by might, it's not by my power, my strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord,"** *Zachariah 4:6*

. So the Holy Spirit indwelling us, empowering us enables us to shine the light of the world, Jesus, to expose the dark, hoping that it will have the effect of — bear with me on this — turning, not burning. I'm not trying to be cute here.

Again, I'll just speak for myself. I'll take one for the team again. You know when I was younger in the Lord and in the pastorate, I took great delight in the burning part and not so much the turning part. You know a bright light on darkened, opened eyes can burn. So I want to take the light and just fry, burn and torch and scorch. Oh, come on! Don't be all spiritual. You've had those thoughts. (Chuckling) And you know who you are.

Now we have a question though. How do we expose the dark by shining the light? And the answer to this, in a word, is simply Jesus, the only name given amongst man whereby we must be saved. The name above all names. That's why it is parenthetically. Let me just explain. That's why it is that when you say, speak the name of Jesus, the whole complexion of the conversation changes. Why? Because you've just spoken the name above all names. And it's also why when somebody takes the name of yours and my Jesus and says it in a cursing way — you know what I like to say?

I'm giving you a lot of tips here for free. Next time somebody takes the name of Jesus, the light of the world, and speaks it like that — I'll just give you a quick, personal example by way of illustration. My given name is Waheed Fayed Farag. My parents didn't hate me. It's just I was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and that's... You know Waheed, by the way, is literally translated in Arabic as number one.

[ Laughter ]

So if you read Arabic and you have an Arabic Bible and you read about the only begotten son, it says of Jesus, El Wahid. I'm just saying. Anyway, so you know, the name is the nature. And I was the first begotten son, the only son born to my parents. So they named

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me accordingly, El Wahid. The numbers one through five in Arabic: waah-heed, ith-naan, thalaath-a, ar-bah-ah, khams-a.

Don't you just love the Arabic language? So harsh, and by contrast, the French language so smooth. You could curse somebody to their face. They would thank you in French. Arabic, German: The same thing. You say to someone you love them, and you'd think you were cursing them.

Anyway, enough of that. Let's get back to the Prophecy Update already in progress. Jesus is the light of the world. And Jesus is THE way, THE truth, and THE life. And no one comes to the Father except through Him, which is the narrow way, the narrow gate, and only a few enter therein.

Here's another illustration of how useless and ineffectual and inconsequential merely cursing the darkness is. It's akin to saying that is not THE way. And so you just curse it and bash it and condemn it and write a book about it. And...

This is not the way. This is false. You know what that's like? That's like being in town, Honolulu, and you see a sign. You're trying to get to Kaneohe because you heard about the most amazing church on 47-525 Kam Highway. And so you're looking for the signs to point you in the right direction so that you can find THE way. And you happened upon a sign, and lo and behold, the sign reads, this is not the way to Kaneohe. Thank you for nothing. I need to know THE way, find THE way. And you're telling me only that this is not THE way.

Hey, light bulb. Idea. Suggestion. How about a sign that says this is the way to Kaneohe? And they don't stop there. They even tell you how many miles until you reach your final destination. That's light showing the way. The way provides me the light unto my path as a lamp unto my feet.

*Psalm 119:105*, that sweet psalmist of Israel, David, to point others the way to THE way, Jesus. That's all we have to do. We just gotta put in the Jesus. Invite them to Jesus. Share with them Jesus. Shine the light of Jesus. And God will take it from there. Aren't you glad? Jesus is the only way to turn from darkness to light and turn from the power of Satan to the power of God for salvation from eternal damnation.

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However, and there's a “however” here. It's really a warning. And it's the truth in love. Those who shine the light, exposing the dark will experience extreme hatred and vicious opposition from those in darkness because they love the darkness, and they hate anyone exposing the darkness with the Light of the world.

Here's where I'm going with this. Some of you are like, wow, could you have gotten here sooner? Probably. If there was ever a time in human history in this, the last hour, unquestionably, to expose the dark by shining the light, that time is now, caps, exclamation, underline, bold, italics. Did I say highlighted yet? I got a bunch of emojis. No, but being serious, the time is now like never before. The world is now on the very cusp of the last seven years of human history, which we know from Scripture as the seven-year Tribulation.

In *Matthew 24:21*, Jesus of this prophesied that it would be the likes of which has never been seen before, nor will ever be seen again. But God. But God in His Word, which, by the way, is Jesus, who is the Word.

**“In the beginning was the Word. The Word was God. And the Word became flesh, [Verse 14, John 1] and tabernacle amongst us.”**

The Word was God, God the son, the Son of God. It became flesh, became man, one of us to save us, and promises that born-again believers will be raptured prior to the seven-year Tribulation.

Please, please, please don't let the enemy who comes to steal, kill, and destroy — he's not going to steal your car or your credit card. He's going to steal your hope, kill your joy, [*He's a killjoy*] and destroy your faith. Don't let him do that, especially when it comes to our blessed hope, which is an expectation of the pre-Tribulation rapture of the church.

Now, this, of course, is predicated on being born-again and our simply believing in and trusting in Jesus and Jesus only for the forgiveness of all of our sins, which is exchanged for His imputed righteousness. As one aptly said, “When God sees us, He sees not our sin, but His son.”

Now when that happens, we pass from dark to light and death to life, receiving the gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Doesn't get any simpler than that. This is

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actually the twofold purpose of today's — I'm still in the introduction. We'll get there. Just hang in there.

Twofold purpose: First, to reach the lost still in the dark, so they'll turn to the light. And second, to encourage the saved in the light, knowing our redemption draws ever, ever so nigh.

If you'll kindly allow me to, I'll explain the paramount importance of shining our light to expose the dark now while we're still here. Tomorrow is not guaranteed. This, by way of what's now happening, now happening specific to our blessed expectation and hope of the soon and very soon pre-Tribulation rapture, which is now like never before under unprecedented, vile and vicious attack, and it's from those you would have never thought.

On Tuesday we received an email from one of our online members, Tami Applebee, who writes, "...you do an interview about the pre-Tribulation rapture, the pope dies, and Israel 365 comes out against Christians who talk about the pre-Tribulation rapture as if they are ENEMY #1! What a weekend! God is definitely on the move! Like always, praying for you JD!"

Thank you, Tammy. She's referring to an op ed piece the day before which was posted Monday last Monday, April 21st, bearing the title of 'The Secret Rapture and Israel.' Wait. Secret rapture? Sudden rapture? Yeah, they're not a secret rapture because when Paul, in *1 Corinthians, Chapter 15:50-51* talked about the rapture, he said, "Behold, I tell you a mystery," in the Greek "mystērion" translated: secret. I'm going to reveal the secret. The rapture.

So it's no longer secret. Can somebody send them the memo? Secret rapture? No, the secret is out. Sudden rapture? Now we can talk. But Israel? Wait a minute. Just as a side note, Tyler, who I did the video with on his Generation 2434 YouTube channel, emailed me the same exact link, literally a couple of hours prior to Tammy.

I want to, if you don't mind, just share a few pertinent excerpts. I'll do my best not to curse though I am fully capable of it. But I want to shine the light to expose the dark. Because this is — this op ed piece is just about as dark as it gets. Here's some quotes, excerpts.

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“The Secret Rapture [*I'm just (Grumbling)*] teaches that the return of Jesus Christ will be secret.”

Wrong. The light of God's word, Jesus, the Word, exposes that as false.

“He comes secretly and snatches His followers away to go to heaven with Him. The word “rapture” is actually not in the Bible.”

No, seriously, you need to pray for me because when I have to go through this stuff and vet this stuff and prepare these Updates, you don't want to be around me. My sanctification flees from me. Again, the light — I'm not going to curse it. I'm just going to shine the light of God's Word in Latin, rapturous, transliterated into English “rapture.” Greek: “harpazo.”

I really like rapture better. Harpazo sounds slower like you know... but rapture, (Said very quickly) that's a yeah! Okay. So wrong again. I'm not cursing. I got to be careful here. I wanted to. But I have the light of the world, Jesus, the Christ, the word of God, and it dispels, expose, exposes and extinguishes the dark. It is in the Bible.

“The Jews...” [*Listen to this*] It gets worse. Just warning you. “The Jews are excluded from this rapture, but later are converted to become a part of the 144,000 who preach the Gospel to those left behind.”

Okay, I'm not going to curse, just the light of God's word, nah, I'm getting ahead of myself. Just hang on. Hang on. Hang tight.

Quoting again, “This part of the teaching is [Wait for it] antisemitic for the Secret Rapture.”

It's anti-Jew, anti-Semitic, anti-Israel. Oh, they take it to a whole new level. Still quoting.

“Those who teach this fail to understand that the Jews are God’s chosen people and have their own... [*Listen carefully*] their own covenant relationship with God.”

Stop. That is the false teaching of dual covenant theology, which is held by one Paula White, who says, “Don't evangelize the Jews.” No, in Christ there's no distinction between Jew and Gentile, Arab or Hawaiian either.

“The teaching that Christ is not coming back for the Jew, but only the Christian church as His bride, is not biblical.”

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Two weeks ago, I went in-depth, deep dive into the typology of the pre-Tribulation rapture and the Jewish bridal customs in the Galilean region where the bridegroom comes at an hour, a day and hour, no man knows. And the bride, always watching and ready, is lifted up off the earth to meet her bridegroom in the air. Okay, I'm not going to curse. I'm just telling you, showing you, turning on the light. They even go further if you can imagine.

“The Secret Rapture is one of the most anti-Semitic teachings Christians hold and teach today. *[Have a nice day]* Those holding the Secret Rapture view see the Third Temple as something that serves the Antichrist. *[That's because it does]* The Scripture shows it as being used *[Now watch this]* to unite the nations in prayer and to reveal the glory of God. *[Muslims, Jews, all faiths to coexist]* It is time to purge anti-Semitism from Christian theology which is distorting Israel's role in the Last Day Prophecy.

Some teach that if you are not ready for Jesus when He comes, you can have a second chance to make it into heaven. They say there will be a second chance as long as you do not take the “Mark of the Beast” shown in *Revelation 13*. *[Wow, hang on to that]*

The Secret Rapture is not biblical and distorts and distracts attention away from end-time events that the Bible stresses to be important. It devalues the role of the Jewish people and the Third Temple in its use. It marginalizes the Jewish people, who it sees as not worthy to be claimed by a returning Messiah. They are left behind in this teaching They are not honored as God's chosen people.

There is a need to focus on what the Bible actually does say *[I wish you would]* *[Sorry, that was a curse]* about the return of Christ for Christians, the role of the Jewish people, the Third Temple, and the role of Israel in prophecy. *[I've been doing that for two decades]* All of these important topics are distorted in the teachings of the Secret Rapture. It is time to remove anti-Semitism from the Christian Church and its teachings for the last days.”

Okay. Bye. I mean, whoa! This is another topic for another time, but this piece bears an eerie and dark resemblance to what's known as the Noahide Laws. Again, I don't — time doesn't permit — maybe another topic for another time — but I would encourage you to do some research on what exactly are the Noahide laws. You will be astonished at their parallels with prophecies in Revelation.

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Here's the light. Here's the truth. Here's the sign. This is the way to Kaneohe. I had to do that one more time. The Pre-Tribulation rapture is sound doctrine for both saved Jews and Gentiles, whereas the seven-year Tribulation is chiefly for the salvation of the Jewish nation, including Gentiles as well. How do we know that? We just studied that in Revelation. We affectionately refer to them as the Tribulation saints, so countless in their multitude, made up of, yes, Jews, but Gentiles too. The Jews come to salvation in their true Messiah, their true Christ at the three-and-a-half-year mark of the seven-year Tribulation, when the false Christ, the pseudo-Christ, the in-place-of Christ, defiles the temple. It is the Antichrist's temple. Jesus referenced the prophet Daniel in *Chapter 9:27*, and it's echoed by the Apostle Paul in 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2. It's a prophecy about the abomination that causes the desolation during the Tribulation.

What's interesting is that this article refers to *Revelation 13:16-18*, which is about the image of worship of and mark of the beast. Why do I find that interesting? Again, I'm not going to curse the darkness with which they spew this. Rather, I'm going to shine the light because when shining the light, by default the darkness is exposed. But we're going to have to end the livestream on YouTube and Facebook at this time.

By way of a preface, opinion pieces like, this coming out of Israel no less, are a validation, authentication, and confirmation of the demonic deception surrounding specifically the pre-Tribulation rapture. The closer we get to it, the more vicious the attacks are against it. There's a part of me that just wants to say, "Bring it on. What's your next op ed piece?"

In other words, it just confirms to me how close we really are. Because, you know, Satan doesn't — by the way, Israel 365 News and the author of this piece is not the enemy. The enemy is the enemy. We wrestle not against people, flesh and blood. But the enemy is so cunning. And there's one thing you can know to be true, without question. He will only counterfeit the genuine and attack the real deal. And it's for that reason that you'll never see, as I always say, a counterfeit \$70 bill. That's the point. There's no genuine \$70 bill. Now, what is counterfeit? The genuine. What is attacked? What is deceiving the genuine? Don't you — question — sincerely — rhetorical, but something to maybe ponder over and inquire of the Lord about. Don't you find it interesting that the pre-Tribulation rapture, the

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sound doctrine of the pre-Tribulation rapture is being so viciously attacked like never before? Now, what do you think that tells you? That it could happen now. Because Satan isn't gonna waste his time. He knows he has but a short time. He's not going to waste his time, you know, playing around with something that doesn't, you know, isn't, is inconsequential, is nebulous, is unimportant.

I'm just curious. Why don't they write a piece about the pre-Wrath theory? No, theory, not doctrine, pre-Wrath rapture. Crickets. I can't find any. If you find one, let me know. But there's something here that is — how do I say it? Extremely important. Because there is a direct link between the pre-Tribulation rapture, because we have the mark sealed by the Holy Spirit, and the antithesis, which will be the mark of the beast, sealing those who take it — takes its fate.

Here's how I get there. Of all the nations on earth, all of whom Revelation 18:23 prophesies will be deceived by pharmaceutical sorcery, Israel is at the forefront. We've talked about it before, but I'll say it again because I think it cannot be said enough because Jordan Peterson edited it out of his interview with Benjamin Netanyahu. Benjamin Netanyahu made a deal with Pfizer, which included the sale of all the Jews in Israel's DNA for the so-called vaccine. Boom.

To the question of how the dots of the so-called vaccine connect to the mark of the beast in *Revelation 13*, may I just humbly ask — I'm almost done — that you hear me out. The word “mark” in the original language of the Greek New Testament is charagma. Charagma carries with it the idea of stamp, seal, tattoo, etching, imprint, stake, palisade, needle on and in the four hand or forehead.

Okay? So shine the light so I can see the way to connect the so-called vaccine to the mark. In the seven-year Tribulation, it will connect all who take it in pledge of allegiance and worship to the beast. Just like we were sealed by the Holy Spirit, so too will they be sealed by the Antichrist.

What if I told you that this satanic technology is already at the ready, and that mankind is being pre-programmed and prepared for it to be installed by way of an injectable? Would you think I'm crazy? Doesn't matter because people already think I'm crazy. But I'm not crazy.

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And if I am crazy, I'm crazy for Christ. I have researched it. I have documented it. And again, time doesn't permit. We've talked about this for well-nigh five years now, one in particular, Moderna, mod RNA, modify RNA, DNA.

And by the way, let me say it again. I said last week. If you have taken the injection, you have not taken the mark of the beast. If you have taken the injection, you have not lost your salvation. If you're born-again, you cannot be unborn-again, just as with the child, when they're born, when you can't sleep, you think about them being unborn, but they cannot be unborn because they're born.

One need look no further than to what I've referred to as the trial run, starting in 2020, to realize that it's now just a matter of time. Only I think the matter of time is now. If one would but allow God to open their eyes, come into the light and truth, they'll see and turn from darkness. Unless and until one does, they will not see that it's now being set up perfectly, perfectly on time according to God's prophetic time clock and right on time for the seven-year Tribulation.

They're going to hit the ground running because they can. The technology is already in place. That's not the issue. The issue is acceptance. So what are they going to do? They're going to create a crisis. So the reaction will be acceptance of their final solution, in the classic sense of the Hegelian dialectic.

Here's one of numerous and voluminous examples with this recent post titled, I mean, just the title alone, "UN Is Preparing Aviation Biometric Overhaul — U.S. Already On Board."

I guess they're intending upon their on-board, plane, travel. Notice that in the photo the woman has her forehead scanned to determine whether or not she has a "Biometric" ID, in order to board her flight, which will be required in the seven-year Tribulation to buy or sell. Can I expound quickly on biometric, biotech? "Bio" is biology, physiology, the human body. And "Metric" or "Tech" is technology merged together like iron and clay that don't mix.

Huh. Why? Because. Didn't you hear that there's the Internet of things and the Internet of Bodies? So everything will be connected, and everybody will be connected. And that's how we're going to connect them, With a palisade-type digital ID that has all your information. In fact, you know your phone? I'm going to take mine out. Don't take yours out. I have it on

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me. During the seven-year Tribulation? Obsolete. I have quotes to that effect.

Smartphones will be obsolete. Why? Because instead of having them on you, they're going to be in you. Not you. Better not be you. If it is, I'll come right back down and... I can't. It'll be too late. I'll just see you when you come up there. So this is a biodigital, biometric, biotech ID that connects everyone to the internet of bodies.

Can I just read you a couple of quotes real quick? “Another central topic is “Agenda Item 11: Innovation in Facilitation and Artificial Intelligence, which addresses digital identity, biometrics, and automation...” *[And then they say this, quote]* “These developments show that the shift toward centralized biometric infrastructure is not theoretical — it is already unfolding across key points of the global travel network.”

Translated: We're already using that. What are you waiting for? One more. Six days ago, last Tuesday, April 22nd. Did you hear about this? This should send chills up and down every one of our spiritual spines.

“Sam’s Club is going Black Mirror, remodeling 600 stores to embrace AI and eliminate cashiers.”

No need. No need. No need for card. No need for phone. Just walk in, pick out what you want, scans you, scans it, adds it to your cart, and you don't even have to go through a checkout. You just walk out because we want to make things convenient. Walmart, the parent company, has been reported as saying that they will soon follow suit.

What's your point? My point is this is not down the road, yet in the not-too-distant future. This is, you know, still in its infancy. Oh, no, it's not. This is now. This is now. And here's the bottom line. Now, now, like never before, is the time for those in THE light to shine THE light exposing the dark, so those still in the dark will turn to the light Jesus, salvation found in the person of Jesus Christ by way of the gospel of Jesus Christ and a childlike explanation of salvation by way of the ABCs of salvation, which I'll weave the Gospel into.

The word “gospel” simply means “good news.” Your death penalty has been carried out and paid for in full by another. You're free to go. “And whom the Son has set free is free indeed.” So how does this all work? Well, it's ABC simple. Not a formula. It's just really a tool. And it's childlike simple.

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Because first, there has to be an acknowledging and admitting and accepting, you know what? I'm a good person, but I'll never be good enough. *Romans 3:10* says, **“There is no one [Good] no one righteous, not even one.”** And *Romans 3:23* explains why. **“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”** Again

, we talk about it every week. Sin is an archery term. It means you missed the bullseye. You fell short of the perfect standard of God's righteousness. Yeah, but man, I hit the bullseye nine out of ten times. Doesn't matter. You break one, you've broken them all. You sinned. You missed the mark. You fell short. Well, now, that's not good news. No, it's not. In fact, it's very bad news because you're going to now have to go to the courtroom of eternity and stand before the Judge of the universe, who is going to hand down your sentence. And you know what? The sentence is the death penalty. *Romans 6:23*, **“For the wages of sin is death.”** Man, the bad news just got badder. Ready for the good news? It starts with a “but.” **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord,”** THE light of the world who died for the sins of the world.

And it cost Him everything. His life. Cheap grace. Don't ever say that to me. I'm sorry. That was mean. I'll get meaner. Don't ever, ever say that to me. That wasn't cheap. That was priceless. The priceless blood of the Savior of the world was shed in my stead. And I am saved by grace through faith in Christ. And that's the next one. And it's central and actually even simpler. Because see, once you've acknowledged, admitted, accepted, hey, I'm a sinner; I need a savior, perfect. There is a Savior. His name is Jesus. Can I introduce you? Because if you will B, believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord, you will, *Romans 10:9*, be saved.

Wait; that sounds way too easy. I know. I titled the Prophecy Update, not too long ago, 'When Bible Prophecy Is Too Unbelievable To Be Believable.' But the thing is, this is not too good to be true because God is true, and God is good. So if you think it's too good to be true, it's God because He's true, and it's God because He's good. So it is true, and it is good. Good news.

Now, to believe in does not mean “Yeah, I believe in God. I believe in Jesus.” (Said smugly) I hate that one. I'm sharing my faith, and somebody says, “Yeah, I'm a Christian.” Where do

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you go with that? I'd rather they just spit in my face and say, "You know, I'm an atheist."  
Okay, now we can do. Now we can go somewhere with this. You're in darkness. You need the light. You need the Lord. I'd like to introduce you to Him, tell you about Him, and share with you my faith in Him. Because when you put your faith in Him, believe in Him, what you're saying is you're trusting in Him and Him alone for the forgiveness of all your sins and His imputed righteousness, not your self-righteousness. That's what believing in Him means. You're trusting in Him. You're putting all your faith in Him.

And then lastly, the C, And this is just an expression of the B. Jesus said, "**Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.**" You want to know what's in somebody's heart? Listen to what's coming out of their mouth. I'll leave that one right there between you and the Holy Spirit. But I mean, if your heart is full of anger, what's going to come out of your mouth? Anger. If your heart is full of love, what's going to come out of your mouth? Love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, kindness, meekness, pfff- patience, and self-control. It's a calling upon Him, confessing with your mouth Jesus is Lord.

*Romans 10:13* says, "**All [All. Notice that word "all" again] [All who sin] all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.**"

Listen, when you believe in your heart, putting all of your trust in Jesus Christ, you will be saved because He indwells you with the Holy Spirit, fills you with the Holy Spirit, and you have Jesus in your heart. And now what's going to come out of your mouth is Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. And you won't be able to stop even when your friends want you to. You're going to just confess Jesus is Lord. You're going to call upon the name of the Lord. You're going to share the good news about the Lord, salvation found in the Lord.

I pray that someone today, whether here or online, who has never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ would do so today because today is the day of salvation and tomorrow is not promised. I implore you, before I finish with today's "But God Testimony" It's a short one just to give you hope. But I implore you, please. We're just on the verge. We're on the eve of the darkest period of human history. And today is the day of salvation. Do not delay the most important decision of your life for eternal life. I beg of you. You don't want to see a grown man cry. I will if that's what it takes.

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Today's "But God Testimony" comes from Orene M. Platt. So precious. She writes, "Good evening. I'm watching the April 6th Prophecy Update for like the 3rd time! [I'm so sorry] Thank you so much for this Update. I recently had hip replacement surgery, and God answered every one of my prayers concerning this surgery!

Unfortunately, I am having some kidney function issues, not just from the surgery, but because of my previous lifestyle choices. Alcohol, drugs, unhealthy diet, abuse of prescription medication, and no exercise. I have been sober for seven years now [*Praise the Lord for that!*]

Thanks to Jesus. I've deepened my relationship with Jesus also, as to where before, I bounced in and out of His loving relationship. Your Prophecy Update helped me to realize the kidney situation is just a distraction. [*And then she writes this*] The closer I'm getting to God, the more attacks come. But God!"

I don't think I could have said that better. Again, it's an indication, a validation. As the attacks get more vicious and intense, it's just a sign of how much closer we really are.

"But God has shown me His love, compassion, His grace, mercy, and healing! Because He is a compassionate God. And He is a God who is loved. And He's a gracious God, and His mercy is everlasting and new every morning, which I need every morning to get out of bed and healing. He's the Great Physician, but God, who heals. I pray this whole situation brings our Father God glory.

Thank you so much for your openness, [*I am uncomfortably open*] your honesty, and perseverance. I grow every time I watch your Updates and sermons. I share your teachings and website with people all the time. [*Okay*] You are in my prayers. [*And that means a lot to me*] In Christ's undying love, [*I like that*] your sister, Orene, from Sidney, Iowa! Love ya brother and your congregation! [*That's you!*] God's blessings upon you all!"

Kapono, come on up. Please stand up. We'll close in prayer and song. Who is like unto you O Lord? There is none like You. You alone are worthy of all of our praise, all the glory due Your holy name. We praise You. We bless You. We love You. We thank You. We magnify You. But we can't adequately express that this side of the trumpet sound, and eagerly await and fervently desire when the trumpet of God will sound, and the dead in Christ will rise

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first. And we who are alive and remain will be raptured up to meet You, Jesus, in the air, and forever be with You and see our loved ones and their glorified bodies forever and ever.

Oh! Who is like unto You, O Lord? Your ways are too high for our understanding, beyond our grasp in the finite because You, O God, are infinite, and Your ways are higher than ours. So Lord, we would only ask that You take what I fumbled and bumbled through and by the Holy Spirit, just tweak it and fine tune it, and adjust it and edit it — a lot of editing — so that by the time it reaches Your throne, it's fragrant and pleasing and acceptable in Your sight. And lastly, please Jesus, for anyone today, today, now, now, right now, I pray that today would be the day of their salvation.

And lastly, Jesus, please... Jesus, oh Jesus, even so Jesus, Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen and amen.