

Bible Prophecy Update – February 18, 2024

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KAPONO: Would you join me in a word of prayer? Lord, we thank You so much for this time of worship, Lord, where we can proclaim who You are. You are so good and faithful. We thank You so much for the breath of life that You've given us this morning that we may be here and be able to hear Your word.

So speak to us this morning, Lord. Sometimes the topics may be tough, but Lord, You have something for us, Lord. So would we not miss it this morning? Guide us and lead us in Your word, we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen and amen. Good morning and welcome. You can be seated. So glad you're here today. Those of you joining us online, we're also so glad that you are.

Before we get started though, I want to take a moment to provide you with an update concerning our ongoing Maui mission support.

First, you might want to save the date of Thursday, March 9th because Lord willing and if we're still here, Pastor Steve Santos and his wife Kim will be here. I've asked Steve to do a follow-up to our Thursday night Maui Update titled 'Jesus Loves Lahaina,' which we did back on Thursday, September 21st of last year. And he has graciously accepted my invitation.

In the meantime, he wanted me to share with you the following. And I was just thinking about this. As I read this, I think it's going to resonate, even connect with many who are going through such difficult times. So particularly our brothers and sisters there in Lahaina, on Maui.

So this is what Steve wrote that I want to share with you. "Aloha, JD, CC Kaneohe, and friends of Lahaina. Please be praying for Lahaina.

Be praying for the people of Lahaina's hearts and minds to turn to Jesus, that many will be open in their hearts to the healing and help that comes only from God's word by the Holy Spirit.

The six-month anniversary was on Thursday, February 8th. So many people are still dealing with PTSD, and add to that the growing fears and the prevailing uncertainty of not knowing where will we be living next month? Next week? Will we have to leave Lahaina? How will I provide a home and food for my family when the Red Cross and FEMA are done?

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And all of that with the piles of paperwork and failing communication that accompanies it and more, to the point of many living in what I would call a *[This is interesting]* recurring despair. *[Recurring despair]*

People are okay one minute, and then with all the unknowns piling up and the weight of it all, the loss of homes, loved ones, it comes back like waves, and they are washed back into a pit of despair from hope to hopelessness. Lahaina needs Jesus.

The governor, the mayor, all of the special interest groups, uncles and aunties and kapuna, all have their ideas of how to rebuild and restore Lahaina, but none truly seek God. But all just do whatever is right in their own eyes, which we know never goes well.

There is no question that the devil is all over this: from spouse and child abuse that has escalated in close, tough spaces at the hotels. Yelling and fighting is common with some that will argue that “it’s part of our culture.” And it is, but not the Hawaiian culture but the culture of the lost.

I know that so much of what we are seeing is the enemy playing with and preying upon people’s hearts and emotions. And he is attempting the same with God’s people. The words of Jesus come to mind from *Matthew 24*. **“To deceive even the elect if that were possible.”** I know that scripture and verse is not in this context, but it fits here as well.

Pray that believers in Lahaina would truly believe and not listen to the lies of the enemy or the mixed-up multitude. *[A reference to the mixed multitudes in Israel, in the Old Testament]* Not just the mixed multitudes, but the naysayers within the church.

I can’t help but see and feel that we are being tested, as with fire. Pray for us, for leaders. Pray for the church that we would be strong and courageous. Pray that God’s church, despite all of these things we cannot understand right now, that we would grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ah! There’s the rub. *1 Peter 1:6-7*, **“In all this you *[We]* greatly rejoice, though now for a little while *[We]* may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. *[Yet]* These have come so that the proven genuineness of *[Our]* faith — of greater worth than gold which perishes even though refined by fire — may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”**

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Pray that Christ is revealed in us. Pray that His name is heard and known. Blessings to you all. May His love from above rest upon you and upon your family and His church till He calls us home. Pastor Steve and Kim and Calvary Chapel Westside, still in Lahaina. *[Still]*

Also, now lacking our previous facility due to the contamination in the burn zone from the fire, please pray for a place, a home for Calvary Chapel to rest, a place where Jesus can be found by Lahaina. Aloha and Mahalo in Christ.”

So please pray, as the Lord puts it on your heart, accordingly. And thank you.

Well, this is our Prophecy Update, First Service. We have two services on Sunday. The second is actually the sermon, which is a verse-by-verse study through the word of God.

We’re currently in the Book of Jude, and we were making great progress last week. We were doing so well. We did three verses last week. We’re only going to do one verse this week. You’ll see why at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii Time when it’s livestreamed.

And for those of you that stay for both services, what we’re going to do is look at how God’s word, particularly in the Book of Jude, actually is replete with example after example, which were written for us as a warning to us. So that’s going to be Second Service, 11:15.

And for those of you that are watching by way of YouTube or Facebook, we would really encourage you to go to the website at JDFarag.org because there you will find the uncensored and uninterrupted entirety of today’s Update.

And with that, let’s get to it. I just want to talk with you today. Is that okay? I’m not going to yell at you — at least I hope I won’t — or spit on you. But I do want to talk with you openly and candidly about something that has been heavy on my heart as of late. What I’m going to share with you today will not be content-heavy like it sometimes is, especially last week.

I appreciated that prayer, Kapono. That was good. Perfect. About tough, you know, being tough, hard to hear, especially last week.

By the way, I gave you a lot of homework last week. You’re going to be tested on that. Did you know that? So this week, though, it’s not going to be content-heavy. It will be context-heavy as it relates to Bible prophecy specifically.

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And by that, I mean the numerous and voluminous passages of Scripture that speak to the paramount importance, and might I add, the prophetic importance of taking heed and taking heart. Take heed, take heart.

Once again, the impetus for today's Update came vis-à-vis our verse-by-verse study through Jude last week when I shared — it was towards the end — what was on my heart but was not in my notes.

I'm always — well, that's not really true — I'm not. I was going to say I'm careful when I leave my notes because who knows what's going to happen. But I do that often.

And I did that last week. And when I did, it was like the word of God just was opened up to me concerning that which Jude, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote. And what I'm speaking of is the double-edged sword of God's word that cuts both ways, which in the context of today's Update, speaks to both taking heed and taking heart.

As I've sought the Lord, inquired of the Lord, I was struck with the profound simplicity of just these four words: Take heed, take heart.

Now to the question of how God's word as a double-edged sword has any relevance to Bible prophecy, think: Warning! Take heed. Encouraging: Take heart.

(Stumbling over words)

I don't want to get ahead of myself, so just bear with me. I want to try to explain this, this way. See, Bible prophecy has the active and powerful effect of cutting both ways, in and out.

It cuts by warning unbelievers, while at the same time encouraging believers. That's not to say that believers don't take heed to the warning in God's word, nor is it to say that unbelievers don't take heart with the encouraging hope of God's word.

Did you get that? I sure hope so because I'm trying to stay on message here. Are you with me?

The double-edged sword of God's word: It cuts. (Said sharply) Take heed. But it also cuts. (Said gently) Take heart.

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And that's the nature of God's word, and certainly it's the nature of God's prophetic word. Because see, God's word as a double-edged sword can be both, for both, such that God's Word is both.

And if you'll kindly allow me to, I want to start with several scriptures that come alive because God's word is alive. That's why it is that you can read a passage of Scripture that you've read a jillion times before — and yes, a jillion is a number — and for some reason you're reading that verse — you know it well. You have it even memorized.

And you're reading this verse, and it just leaps off the page and comes alive like never before. Why? Because that's what God's word is. Alive! Comes to life. And it's active.

Can I suggest that by "active," it means "to activate." You know when you have to activate something? You have to agree to the terms of service first, which we don't read through. We just click and agree — you have no idea what you just agreed to — to activate that which you just downloaded. Well, think of it in terms of God's word. It's activated. It's alive.

And so what I want to do is I want to read these scriptures. And as I do, I want you to notice how they come to life with what I'm going to affectionately refer to as "simultaneous truth." Simultaneous truth.

You know what I mean by that? In other words, I'm going to read — these are well known to most if not all — but I'm going to read these verses. But as I do, just take note of the simultaneous nature, the double-edged nature of these passages of Scriptures, specifically in the context of Bible prophecy. You ready?

Hebrews 4:12. Of course, this is going to be the foundation upon which everything is built because we're told by the writer of Hebrews, "**For the word of God [Here it is] is living and active. [Some of your translations render that "powerful"] Sharper than any double-edged sword.**"

It's not only a double-edged shord (Chuckling) shord — sword too, but it's sharper than a double-edged sword. So sharp is the double-edged sword of God's word that "**it penetrates [It cuts] even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow.**"

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It's surgical. It's the surgical instrument in the hands of God via the word of God to cut. And you know that only God knows that about you. So we get into the Word, but the Word gets into us. We search the Scriptures, but the Scriptures search us.

And that's what's happening here. And here's what happens here. The writer of Hebrews goes on to say, **"It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."**

That's God's word. We don't judge it. It judges us. And notice the attitude of the heart. Because some of us — well, if we're honest, we have an attitude.

And here's the word of God, precision, surgically, for our own good, cutting out of us that which could be the end of us, destroying it before it destroys me.

This is God's love in God's word. I got to get that out. I got to cut that out before it takes you out. And that's why it judges the thoughts and the attitudes of the heart.

Because after all, as the Proverb says, **"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."** That's interesting, isn't it? As a man thinketh in his heart? I thought we think in our mind. No. **"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."**

Why? Because **"out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks."**

2 Peter, Chapter 1; I want to begin reading in verse 19. "And so [Peter, inspired by the Spirit, writes] we have the prophetic word confirmed, [Again, some of your translations render it "the more sure word of prophecy"] Better understood this way: It's firm, established, reliable, unmovable, confirmed.

God's prophetic word, **"...which [Listen] you do well to heed [Take heed] as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first [Verse 20], that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."**

Boy, are we seeing this on Thursday nights in our study through Ezekiel. *Chapter 39 to Chapter 40*, there's a real turning of the corner. *Ezekiel 38 and 39*, very well known, this invasion yet-future, of this alliance of nations that comes to attack Israel and take from Israel, *Ezekiel 38 and 39*, in real time, by the way.

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We've talked about that particular prophecy over the years. But interesting, *Chapter 40*. 12 years have gone by, and here's Ezekiel. He has not had a Prophecy Update for 12 years. Why? Because God has not given him a prophecy to update for 12 years. In other words, it does not come by the will of man.

Now, why do I point that out? And I am already yelling.

[Laughter]

Okay. This is the New Apostolic Reformation. These modern-day, so-called prophets are false prophets. Come on, let's just be honest, and let's call it what it is. They "at will" prophesy.

Well, that's not how it works. That's what Peter just got done telling us by the Holy Spirit. That you cannot have somebody say, hey, I have a prophetic word.

Wait, where's the Holy Spirit? Did He move on you? It doesn't come at will by the will of man. No, it comes by the will of God and the Spirit of God when the Spirit of God moves on you to prophesy, Prophet.

And by the way, we already have the prophetic word confirmed. So you're adding these prophecies at will about what's going to happen.

And here's the problem. And I don't want to go too far into this. This might come up again. I should be careful. Here's the problem. What you're prophesying as a prophet — there's going to be a "Great Awakening" — that's not biblical. In fact, dare I say, it's the antithesis of what Bible prophecy says.

That prophecy that you just conjured up — I'm using that word intentionally — because I don't know what spirit that's coming from — but it ain't the Holy Spirit. Because it contradicts the word of God.

So any prophetic word that is not compatible with God's word, guess what? It's false! I mean, it doesn't take — anyway, I'm going to start spitting now.

So let's move on to the words of the Savior in *Mark's gospel*, the *13th chapter*. There's actually two verses here. *Verse 23*. Jesus is speaking. Listen to what He says. **"But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand."**

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This is Jesus saying — I think it's about *verse 29* — He says, I'm going to — this is a paraphrase, please — I'm going to tell you what's going to happen before it happens. So when it happens, you will believe that I Am.

In other words, I'm going to tell you the future in advance, which is basically what Bible prophecy is. It's history in advance. It's already going to come to pass exactly as I said it would.

But I am going to tell you what's going to happen, like way before it happens or even begins to happen. So when you see it beginning to happen, you're going to say, wait a minute, He told us that this would happen, and now it's beginning to happen. There might be something to this.

That's the point. Take heed. Now, *verse 33*, Mark 13. He says it again but listen to what He says. **"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is."** Take heed, but also take heart.

And that's *John 16:33*, where we're going to now turn a corner of sorts. This is a familiar passage to, again, many, if not all. This is Jesus now speaking to the disciples, wanting them to be encouraged and take heart. **"Let not your heart be troubled."**

Why would Jesus say, **"Let not your heart be troubled"** if their hearts weren't troubled?

It's like when God would speak and say, **"Be not afraid."** Why would He say, **"Be not afraid"** if they weren't afraid? So they're very discouraged. They're very downcast. Their hearts are very troubled.

And He says, *John 16:33*, **"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble."**

Trials, tribulation, crushing pressure, pain, suffering, oppression, affliction, grief, sorrow, distress, persecution. Should I go any further? You can add to that list ad infinitum. So in this world you're going to have trouble, problems, difficulties. **"But take heart!"**

Did you see that? Take heed. Take heart. Now He's going to say why. **"Take heart! [Because] I have overcome the world."** And if I have overcome the world and you are in Me, so too have you overcome the world as well. So take heart.

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Well, *1 Thessalonians Chapter 4*. You knew I was going to go there, right? I want to begin reading in *verse 13*. The Apostle Paul — by the way, this is the first letter that the Apostle Paul wrote, of all the Epistles.

And it's the first time he brings up — of course, in his first epistle, the Gospel, the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. And spoiler alert: It's not just that Jesus came and died and was crucified and buried and rose again on the third day. It's that He's coming back again one day to rapture us and take us out of this world. That's the good news. Is that not good news?

So I want to give you some context here. When he writes, beginning in *verse 13*, **“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep [*Speaking of death*] or to grieve like the rest of men who have no hope. [*And here's the gospel, first time*]**

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him. [*That's the dead in Christ*] [*We'll talk more about that in a moment*]

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God...” [*Very important distinction and delineation*]

The trumpet of angels is for Israel, and the trumpet of God is for the church. Please make that distinction.

“...and the dead in Christ will rise first. [*That's the bodily resurrection*] After that, we who are still alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.”

Take heart. Take heart.

Pastor, how many times have you read *1 Thessalonians 4*?

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I don't know. I wasn't counting. And even if I was, I would have lost count. I'm going to continue reading this prophecy until that time comes when I won't continue reading this prophecy because it will have been fulfilled. I hope you got that.

Matthew 12:30, and this is where I'm going with this. Jesus said **"He who is not with Me is against Me."**

Is that too strong? Now, why do I point this out? Because it seems to suggest that when it comes to Bible prophecy, those that are with the Lord will have taken heed to the word of the Lord, and as such, taken heart in the Lord.

Is that you here today? In other words, the double-edged sword of God's word, again, it cuts both ways. But watch this. It cuts out the double-minded. Remember what James said about that? It cuts out the lukewarm.

And lest we come down too hard on the double-minded, lukewarm, Laodicean Christian, I think we would do well to understand that every single one of us has the propensity to be double-minded and lukewarm.

And this is why I'm choosing and using the title, 'Take Heed, Take Heart' as it relates to Bible prophecy. The off-the-charts, never-seen-before, crazy and weird world — would you agree? Things are getting really weird. Is it just me?

No. I mean, they're getting really weird. Very strange. This weird, strange world in which we find ourselves living is not forgiving of being wishy-washy. I like how one online member commented. "I'm not wishy-washy. I'm watchy-watchy."

[Laughter]

I like that! We live in such a time as this which rises to the level of taking heed to the warning of the prophetic signs that are all around, and/or conversely taking heart by way of those very same signs.

This is the explanation, really. This is my story anyway, and I'm sticking with it. You're welcome to use it if you want. But when people look at me, and I'm giddy when I see everything getting crazier, seemingly with each passing day in this world, and I'm like, yay!

And they're like, what is wrong with you?

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No, it's not "what's wrong with me." It's "what's wrong with this world."

And I was told about this before this. So now that I'm seeing this, I'm giddy about this. Not because I take delight in what's happening, but I take delight in knowing that that trumpet is going to sound.

And I know I've shared this before. It has been a while, so I'm going to share it again. Plus, there's a lot of new people. So if you've heard this before, think of them. Think of others.

I honestly — and this is not hyperbole, literally — I don't know how I would keep my sanity were it not for the fact, the belief, the hope that I have that the Rapture can happen at any time. It's what allows me to put my head on that pillow at night and sleep, and it's what allows me to get up out of that bed when that alarm-clock-not-of-God — no alarm clocks in heaven, no need — that's what gets me out of bed in the morning.

Perhaps today. And that strengthens my heart. And I take heart because of that.

Now we have a problem.

What's the problem?

Well, I think I'd be grossly remiss were I not to address it in an attempt to resolve it before go any further. And the problem I'm speaking of is, and this is the truth, deceived people, deceive people, and such is the case as we're about to see specific to these double-edged prophecies, if you will. Double-edged in the sense of taking heed, lest no man deceive you.

Number 1 on the list. When Jesus was asked, *Matthew 24*, about what would be the signs of the end of the age and His return — number 1 before earthquakes, famines, nation rising against nation, none of that — first thing: **"Take heed, lest no man deceive you."**

So it's a taking heed, lest no man deceive you, and taking heart knowing [*Listen*] that the increase of deception is a major sign of how close we are.

So let me see if I can connect these rather large prophetic dots. Here's the dot of the increasing deception in the world today. Now, that's a marker, that's a sign that points to how close we are to the Rapture of the church because of that increase in deception.

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So I see the deception. And I see it increasing, again, off the charts. And I take heart because I know what that means. It means we're out of here. Take heart. Take heart.

Now we have another problem.

Boy, you got a lot of problems today.

Yes, I do. But this problem has to do with those being saved also being deceived. Now, please hear me out. This is a problem. But it can actually be resolved rather simply by understanding that one can most certainly be born-again, and yet most certainly be deceived. When this happens, what ensues is what always ensues, which is that of misleading others as one who is misled themselves.

Now, once you're saved, you can't be unsaved. This is going to, again, be germane to our understanding in a moment. Just like if you're born-again, you can't be unborn-again. It's like when your child is born, they can't be unborn.

Sometimes — nevermind.

That's — I don't know where that came from, but it wasn't sanctified, I can assure you.

Now okay. Why? Why are you going into all of this? How is this in any way germane to our understanding?

Well, answer: I prepared another list because that's what I do Now, take heart. I only have two things on this list. And the first is an encouragement to take heart for those who at best have troubled hearts and/or at worst are giving in to despair in their hearts.

Second on the list is a warning to take heed for those who are at best complicit in the deception, believer or not, and/or at worst, perpetrators of the deception, believe it or not, believers or not. I got your attention now.

So the list is short in length but certainly not in strength, given that it takes and tackles just two of the many related, pronounced, and might I add, prophetic problems.

So again, today because of the material I need to present, it's going to require that we end the livestream, which we'll do at this time. Hopefully, you're already at the website for the continuation and conclusion.

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Here's the list. Number 1 of two on our Take Heed, Take Heart list: Take heed to the demonic deception of the so-called vaccine.

Yeah, you want to just get the eye roll out of the way? Here you go again. Man, can't you just move on?

No.

Can't you just get over it?

No.

Why?

Because it will become the mark of the Beast in the 7-year Tribulation.

What?

Take heed, but also take heart. Because the pre-Tribulation Rapture will precede the mark. And if left behind post-Rapture — and there will be multitudes that will be left behind — one can still refuse the mark of the Beast.

I mentioned this last week. It's probably worth repeating again this week. Nobody will unwittingly or unknowingly accidentally take the mark. It will be a conscious decision to worship the image of the Beast when one makes the decision to take the mark of the Beast.

It's not going to be: Oh no, I got tricked! No, you knew. It was deliberate. It was a decision that you consciously made to accept this mark and worship the image of the Beast. So there will be — and the Book of Revelation bears this out, as we'll see — but I want to start with *Revelation 18:23*. I think you know why.

This is a take heed to said deception, very specific in the context of Babylon falling, *Revelation 18, 17 and 18*. John, by the Holy Spirit, writes, **“The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore. And the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery...”** In the original language of the Greek New Testament *pharmakeia*, where we get pharmacy, pharmaceutical, pharma. It's a magic occultic potion used in occultic rituals, sorcery. Magic. *Pharmakeia*. **...and by your [Pharmakeia] all the nations were deceived.”**

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Every nation on earth. I mean, 2020: Was every nation on earth in lockstep with this deception? Yes, they were.

Take heed. *Revelation 16:2*. This is again, the judgment. I want you to listen very carefully. **“So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, [And this is during the tribulation] [When the wrath of God is poured out on a Christ-rejecting world] and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the Beast and those who worshiped his image.”**

Look at those two packaged together. We see them packaged together in *Revelation 13* as well.

So what’s the point?

Well, it seems to imply that this is a physiological, even a medical reaction. Foul, loathsome sores came upon them? I mean, I never imagine God saying, let’s just have them break out in sores.

No, they took whatever this thing is and whatever form it is, and it’s in their bodies and it’s coming out of their bodies in the form of these loathsome and foul sores as a result. Take heed.

Revelation 14:11. Now this is hard again, but it’s the truth of God’s word. **“And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; [Hell is forever, by the way] [I wish it weren’t, but it is] and they have no rest day or night, who [Who?] who worship the Beast and his image, [There they are again] and whoever receives the mark of his name.”**

You are doomed and damned for all eternity. It’s not annihilation. You’re going to live forever and ever, damned and doomed in torment.

Wow, Pastor! That’s like fire and brimstone. (Said in a growling voice)

You have to say it like that, too, with the growl. Fire and brimstone! (Said with a growling voice) That’s because it is. Take heed. Take heed.

Well, I’m ready for take heart. Are you?

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Revelation 3:10. This is the letter to the Church of Philadelphia, one of seven churches that Jesus had John write literal letters to in then called Asia Minor. We know it today as modern-day Turkey. And there were only two of these seven churches for whom there was no rebuke, only encouragement to take heart.

And this Church of Philadelphia, Jesus has John write to them and say to them, *verse 10*, **“Because you have kept My command to persevere, [Endure] I also will keep you from the hour of trial [Tribulation] which shall come upon the whole world, [The 7-year Tribulation] to test those who dwell on the earth.”**

Did you get that? In other words because you have obeyed My command and by the way, we’ve talked about this. I don’t want to take too much time on this.

But truth be made known, we want it to be a command because **“The commands of God are not burdensome.”**

And God will never command us to do anything without also enabling us to be obedient to that which He’s commanded us to do.

So if He’s commanded you to do it, it would be inconsistent with the character and nature of who God is to not also empower you by the Holy Spirit to be obedient to the command. So we want it to be a command. If it’s a command, that means I get the power, the empowering of the Holy Spirit to be obedient to that command.

So you kept My command. What was the command? The command was to persevere, to endure. And because you’ve kept My command, I’m going to keep you out of the 7-year Tribulation. This is standalone pre-trib Rapture, sound doctrine, man.

I’ve got to keep moving because that clock keeps moving.

Take heart. **Revelation 20:4.** John writes, **“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the Beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”**

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That's the Millennium, which we're talking about on Thursday nights. By the way, how cool is the Millennium? Oh, you don't know? Well, you can take people on a tour of the temple in the Millennium because you'll have all the measurements from our study in *Ezekiel Chapters 40-48*. (Chuckling) Anyway, I digress.

Take heart. Who are these? Even John asks. These are Tribulation saints, as they're called. These are those who do not accept the mark of the Beast, or the worship of the image of the Beast. And it cost them their lives and their heads. And they are countless in number. But they are going to die for their witness to Jesus and to the word of God.

And John is seeing this revelation of them before the thrones. They're going to be there. That's not the church. That's not the church. The church is long gone.

Because you know in *Chapters 1-3 of Revelation*, the word "church" is mentioned 19 times. And when you get to *Chapter 4, Revelation verse 1* where John, at the sound of the trumpet, is told, "**Come up hither,**" he's raptured.

The word "church" is not once mentioned after that, after *verse 1, Chapter 4*. And John is told – I'm going to show you what's going to – reveal to you what's going to happen meta tauta.

In the Greek, meta, by the way, after – I don't want to get started on that – but "**after these things.**"

After what things?

After the church age, the seven churches which represent the church in the last days. And after the church is raptured, "**come up here,**" John, I'm going to show you what's going to happen after.

Chapter 6-19, very graphic. Talk about tough. Kaponono, you really have to pray about – if we make it to Revelation, which is the next book, we're going to have to really pray because talk about "tough stuff." *Chapter 6-19* is all about the 7-year Tribulation. The word "church" is not once in *Chapter 6-19*.

Why?

Because the church is not in the 7-year Tribulation. The saints are, but not the church.

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Okay because I've been covering this for quite some time now – oh, sure; don't get ahead of me – I'm going to make mention of the much-talked about cryptic and demonic Pfizer commercial during last Sunday's Super Bowl.

By way of a disclaimer, though, I did not watch it, nor have I watched the satanic ritual called the Super Bowl halftime show in many, many years. You know, that's what it is. It's a satanic ritual.

I don't want to sound legalistic towards those who do watch this. Rather, I am only expressing and exercising my spiritual discernment in refusing to subject myself to this. The Holy Spirit in me is grieved when these demonic spirits are leading people into a worship of Satan. And they've sold their souls to Satan.

And that's true. That's not a gimmick. They have sold their souls. And it's so satanic.

Well, anyway, I heard about it. I owe a debt of gratitude to the many who email me, the many emails that are emailed to me, and they're like, did you see that Pfizer ad?

I was like, no. So being the glutton for punishment that I am, I decided to do a little bit of research, and oh, my goodness! What caught my attention was the screenshot pictured here from the end of Pfizer's 60 second commercial, which some have conservatively estimated the cost to be well-nigh \$20 million, including the production costs. Think about that.

\$20 million for 60 seconds? It must work for that price. And it does. It does. And it also presupposes that the one that has the advertisement has the money to have the advertisement during the Super Bowl, at that rate. And Pfizer certainly does.

And it's not just the Super Bowl. I haven't watched TV now in almost two years, but I've seen videos where they have a compilation of all of these news broadcasts and television broadcasts. And without exception, "brought to you by Pfizer." Pfizer. Pfizer. They own them. At \$20 million or whatever it costs for one minute? Wow! We're in the wrong business, aren't we?

Well, there's so much in this that's chilling and stunning. But I want to draw your attention to the background music, which was from a group known as Queen, Freddie Mercury. I

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know this has taken some of you back. They played one of their hit songs, 🎵 Don't Stop Me Now 🎵

I want you to listen to the lyrics from the chorus of this song that was played during this 60 second Pfizer ad. Quote — this is the lyrics to the song —

🎵 I am burning through the sky 🎵

🎵 Yeah, 200 degrees 🎵

🎵 That's why they call me Mr. Fahrenheit 🎵

🎵 I am traveling at the speed of light 🎵

🎵 I want to make a super-sonic man out of you 🎵

I hope some of you aren't like having flashbacks to this song. Did you know that's what it said? Well, you'll forgive me for connecting these prophetic dots, but Pfizer's so-called vaccine is connecting the "Super Bowl" with Pfizer wanting to make a "super-sonic man" out of you.

Oh, come on, Pastor, you're reading too much into it.

That's fine. But they want to "outdo" you, so out with you and in with making a super-sonic man out of you. Does that sound like transhumanism?

Not only does Pfizer want to outdo you and outdo yesterday as pictured here, so too do they seek to outdo cancer. Aww. Which the commercial curiously ends with directing hundreds of millions and possibly even billions of viewers to the website Cancer.Pfizer.com.

So I went there. I took the liberty of taking a few screenshots from Pfizer's website, which oddly enough redirects you from Lets.OutDoCancer.com to Cancer.Pfizer.com. In fact, on Friday, I could not log into Lets.OutDoCancer.com when I entered that URL.

And then finally Saturday morning because I wasn't going to give up on this, I was able to finally log in, but I noticed the URL was redirected to Cancer.Pfizer.com.

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It's an elaborate website, which I suppose should come as no surprise. Pfizer can certainly afford it with the trillions of dollars [*Trillions with a T of dollars*] at their disposal. I'm wording it that way for a reason.

I took this screenshot for this reason. It's one of many super-high-quality-images, this one being the all-seeing eye, which is satanic and occultic but another topic for another time. This screenshot stood out to me with its heading of "Science will Win."

Oh! Okay. So science has become God, replacing the God of science. Do you remember the mantra: "Trust the science"? Yeah. No. Uh-huh. I'll trust the God of science. How about that?

Well, this last screenshot is an irony of ironies under the heading of "Advancing with Science," and it scrolls through a plethora of cancers, the first of which is, of course, breast cancer.

Now, I realize I might be a little hypersensitive to breast cancer in particular by virtue of how my wife is currently battling an aggressive form of this cancer. But it is incumbent upon me to expose the lie and speak the truth. Here's the truth.

Big Pharma is a textbook case of the Hegelian dialectic.

What's that?

Create the crisis. Control the reaction. And offer the final solution.

Lest one conclude that my wife has breast cancer because of the injection, let me hasten to emphatically state and clarify that neither she nor I have, nor ever will.

However, once again, please do not misunderstand me as in any way coming off as condemning a born-again Christian who have been injected.

Can I just lovingly and humbly say that God is a gracious God and God is a merciful God. And can we just agree to disagree agreeably? And can we just see each other at the Rapture? I didn't – notice I didn't say we'll talk about it at the Rapture. We will not be talking about this at the Rapture, I can assure you. But I'll just see you at the Rapture because you're born-again.

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If you're born-again, you're saved. You're not going to be unsaved or un-born-again. And this is not the mark of the Beast. It's not yet dooming and damaging by altering or changing human DNA, but it is damaging human DNA, and that's why so many people are dying suddenly, suddenly.

But take heed because Big Pharma deliberately injures vaccine, so-called, recipients in order for Big Pharma to have big customers for life because it's big money.

And this is a big biblical truth. And it's probably one of the most misquoted verses in all of the Bible: **"The love of money is the root of all evil,"** *1 Timothy 6:10*, not money.

Money is neutral. You can do good with money. You can do evil with money. It's not the money. It's the love of money. And these people love money. And the evil that is done, all kinds of evil because of the love of money. This is so evil.

Deliberately at birth, they injure these babies of ours. And now they've got a customer for the rest of their lives. And the amount of money they make on that customer that they injured – did you – did you understand what I just said to you?

Let me just repeat it, and then we'll bring it to an end. You create the crisis: Injury. You control the reaction: Propaganda. And you offer the final solution, final solution: Vaccination.

That's what they're doing. You know, the cost of these drugs? I don't have time to get into this – maybe in a future Update – but that's why it's so expensive. That's why your insurance premiums are just virtually unaffordable anymore.

This dovetails into the reason why I truly believe with all of my heart that we are at the doorstep of the 7-year Tribulation. That means we're on the cusp of the Rapture of the church, which has to happen before the 7-year Tribulation.

And this is Number 2 of two on our list, which is sadly what comes packaged with the sound doctrine of the pre-Tribulation Rapture, namely mocking, attacking, scoffing. Take heed those who mock, scoff, ridicule, and slander any who dare to speak the truth.

Confession: When I was reading in Revelation about those, quote, left behind, there was a part of me that said, well, don't say "left behind" because all of the mockers are going to

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come out of the woodwork, and you're going to get blasted with 10,568 emails. Those I do count.

'*Left Behind.*' You remember that series? That brought a lot of people to Christ, by the way. But now it's almost a curse word when somebody dares to talk about being left behind. It's biblical. But we're so mocked and attacked.

And take heed those of you who do that. But take heart. The worse the mocking and slander gets, the closer the pre-Tribulation Rapture gets.

And this is *Jude* again. *Verse 16* – well, let's start with *16*. I'm actually going to come back to *Jude* in a moment. Second Service will be joining us in a moment.

“These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.”

And then *2 Peter Chapter 3:3-7*. I'm going to just paraphrase in the interest of time. But you know this well. We just got done finishing – we just finished a – this is what happens when I try to rush.

We just finished our verse-by-verse study through *2 Peter*. And Peter implores us to understand in the last days scoffers and mockers will come.

And they're going to be mocking us, going, **“Where is this ‘coming’ He promised?”** Everything continues on, as it has from the beginning of time. I mean, you've been talking about the Rapture, you've been doing Prophecy Updates for like over 20 years.

And I have. Does it show?

And I mean – but everything continues on as it always has.

Okay, you keep mocking me, you keep ridiculing me, you keep scoffing at me, you keep attacking me. Because I have the promise that the more you do that, the closer I get to when you'll be proved wrong. Is that strong? It needs to be.

You ready for “take heart”? We're almost done. Take heart.

But *Jude 17-19*, **“But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: How they told you that there would be mockers in the**

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last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, [That's the litmus test] not having the Spirit."

That's not the Spirit of Christ. That's not the Holy Spirit. That's a divisive spirit. And that's the telltale sign. That's the test by which you can measure, the gauge by which you can measure, to sew division and discord. And that's what they do when they mock.

2 Peter 3; again, I'll paraphrase. He basically echoes what Jude wrote, and Jude echoes what Peter wrote. Jude says it: "Remember."

Peter says it: "Don't forget" this one thing, dear friend. The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise.

And what's His promise?

Well, but in keeping with His promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. Take heart.

Oh, I do take heart. I take heed. But I take heart.

Okay, let's – we'll try to wrap it up. I want to share with you a video pictured here from Lance Ralston. He's a fellow pastor. He posted it about a week ago. And it's titled, quote, The Rapture is Demonic? RESPONSE to The Eric Metaxas Show."

As many of you know, I basically quoted Eric Metaxas and Benjamin Thomas in the Update three weeks ago on January 28. And the reason I'm referencing this video is because Lance scripturally and thoroughly provides an outstanding response to their most grievous and most telling remarks in this regard.

And again, this is New Apostolic Reformation. A pre-Tribulation Rapture does not work with New Apostolic Reformation theology. That's why they mock and ridicule and accuse and even slander any who dare believe in and teach the sound doctrine of the pre-Tribulation Rapture. And it's getting worse, by the way.

I would really encourage you to watch this video. It's only 23 minutes in length. I think it will settle you, as it did me, and strengthen you with a sanctified resolve in the face of, I mean, the relentless attacks against the pre-Tribulation Rapture exactly as was prophesied in the passages we just read and the many others like them.

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Okay, let's bring it to an end. I'll end the way we began and just say take heed and take heart.

Why?

Because the end is here, not near, here. Two questions. First, does this encourage your heart to take heart knowing that we won't have to endure all of this very much longer?

Second question. I'm going to flip it around. For those who are on the other side of this, is this a warning for you to take heed to God's word so that it brings about a much-needed repentance on your part? Because you're complicit with or even the perpetrator of this. Take heed.

When it's all said and done, and it's, I believe, already all said and done, as we speak, only those that take heed will be those who take heart.

And this is why we end with the ultimate "take heart," the good news of salvation found in the person of Jesus Christ and the simple, childlike explanation with the ABCs of salvation. Will you just give me a couple more minutes? We're almost done. I appreciate your patience.

I know that I've been going longer lately. You know why, by the way, right? Here's another "this is my story and I'm sticking with it." You're welcome to it.

This could be my last Update. No, I really mean that. I'm not just saying that. So I figure, hey, preach like it's your last. I'm leaving everything at this pulpit, right? I mean –

[Applause]

So there you go. That's my story and I'm sticking with it. What are the ABCs? Just a simple explanation should God ever bring somebody into your path, your life that needs Jesus. And they need Jesus.

The A is for just acknowledge or admit that you're a sinner. You've sinned. I mean, that's why we need the Savior, right? Sinner = Savior.

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And what's the number one objection when you share the gospel with somebody? They're going to say to you something along the lines of well, I'm a good person. I've never murdered anybody. Oh really?

Second Service: We're going to talk about that. You actually have. (Chuckling) Anyway...

So no, you've sinned because all have sinned. You might be good, but you'll never be good enough. There is no one good, no one righteous, *Romans 3:10*, not even one, save one, Jesus the Christ.

And the reason is, *Romans 3:23*, that all of us were born sinners, which is why we must be born-again. **"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."**

Romans 6:23. This is so good because it packages the bad news first with the good news. And the badder the bad news is the gooder the good news will be.

What's the bad news?

Well, there's a penalty for that sin. And the wages of that sin is death. It's the death penalty. That's the bad news. Now, that readies you and steadies you for the good news.

What's the good news?

"The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." He pays your death sentence for you instead of you. Good news! And that's what the word "gospel" means. Good news! You're debt has been paid. You're free to go. **"And whom the Son has set free is free indeed."**

The B, very central, very simple. Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. You put your trust in Him. Believe in Him.

Romans 10:9 says, **"If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved."** I emphasize "will." We'll see it again.

And then lastly, the C. Call upon the name of the Lord. Or, very simply, confess with your mouth. Because as I mentioned at the beginning, **"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks."** So if I believe in my heart that Jesus is Lord, then that's what's going to come out of my mouth. I'm going to confess with my mouth, **"Jesus is Lord."**

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Why? Because I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, and I am saved.

Romans 10:13 says, “That all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How simple is that? There’s nothing you have to do. I mean, there’s nothing you can add to it or take from it. All you do is call upon Him, believing in Him, and you will be saved. You don’t have to fill out any forms. You don’t have to agree to the terms of service, like we talked about, that we don’t read anyway. No, it’s so simple.

Today’s “But God Testimony” comes from the Stevens family who writes, “Hi, Pastor JD! First and foremost, thank you for your faithfulness week-in and week-out proclaiming the nearness of the hour of our blessed hope, Jesus Christ.

You are unwavering in your convictions, and it brings hope and encouragement. He is coming any moment, *[I believe that]* hopefully before you have a chance to read this. *[Okay, well, I might]*

The past few years have been anything but exciting. My wife and I found out the good news that we were having our third child. Early on, we were given the news that she would be born with Spina bifida. It shook us to the core. But God!

With a month left in the pregnancy, my wife was admitted to Children’s Hospital for the remainder of the pregnancy to be monitored. I took time off work to be with the children.

Thanks to the Plandemic and COVID, no children were allowed in the children’s hospital unless they were there for an appointment. My nine-year-old caught on to the stupidity of this, asking, “Dad, if it’s a children’s hospital, why are we not allowed in it? *[Out of the mouths of babes]*

While most children are playing video games and eating Cheetos, my son studies Bible prophecy with me, and we fall asleep each night to the latest Prophecy Update from you.

[I have that effect on people] [It’s a gift]

I say all that to say this: God used this time mightily in our lives, each trip, one hour each way, to the hospital. I began to question everything. I was already a born-again believer, but *[Listen to this]* not a tuned-in believer. *[I like that]*

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November 2020, the Lord opened my eyes to the political “selection.” We don’t have “elections.” We have “selections” that transpired, and I realized I was fighting the wrong fight. I began to listen to your Updates during those drives. And the Lord opened my eyes to Bible prophecy, and I love it! And I can’t get enough.

Two years later, my wife and I started hosting a Friday night Bible study we’ve badged the “Boom and Zoom group.” We’re not “doom and gloom” like the world. We’re “Boom and Zoom.” Rapture.

[I like that too] [Boom and Zoom]

Tuned in to the signs of the times. We talk current events, all pointing to Bible prophecy, as we go through the book. We’re currently in Daniel.

[You beat us to Daniel] [That’s after Ezekiel] [We’ll get there]

Our youngest is now two years old, beginning the early stages of walking. When the world says one thing, I can’t help but respond, “But God.”

In February of 2023, I lost my job. My boss and coworkers thought I was too outspoken, and as a result, don’t fit the bill of what they wanted. But God! Now my family and I have started a T-shirt business.

[They were gracious enough to send me the T-shirt pictured here to add to my ever-growing collection, which if we’re still here, I might start gifting to people prior to the Rapture. Of course, presupposing that you’re a double-X in size]

[They go on to write] Our messages are simple. Jesus is coming any moment. No cotton candy Christianity verses on our shirts. We are only here for a short time, and during that time we are to proclaim the gospel and good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your faithfulness. We cannot wait to meet you in the clouds. Maybe today!

[Maybe]

Side note: My boss who despised me *[And this is sad]* died three weeks ago of a heart attack. 43 years of age. Sounds like another job job. The Stevens family.”

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Well, I'm sorry to end that way, but at least I'm ending. Kaponono, come on up. Why don't you stand up? We'll close in prayer and song.

I hope that as only God can, He can take everything that I've shared today and just minister it to your heart, encourage your heart, especially if you're downcast and troubled in your heart, weary, battle weary. Be encouraged. Be of good courage. And take heart. Let's pray.

Father, thank You. (Deep sighing) I suppose in some way, Lord, we could almost thank You for how crazy everything is getting. Only because You said everything would be getting crazy at the end of time.

And so, Lord, as we look at the world around us and everything that's happening in the world around us, we can only come to one conclusion, which is the conclusion we have, the more sure word of prophecy confirmed that we have, which is that this is the end. And we can take heart and look up because our redemption draws nigh.

So Lord, for anyone who may be here today or watching online, first and foremost, "take heed" is in order before "take heart." But we pray for both, that all of us would be found faithful in taking heed so that we can all be numbered amongst those who are taking heart. In Jesus' name. Amen.