

## Bible Prophecy Update, Let No One Deceive You - Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

### LIST OF LAST DAYS DECEPTIONS

- 1) ASI or Artificial Super Intelligence, which is actually artificial satanic intelligence downloaded in exchange for a soul and worship
- 2) The New Golden Age of peace and prosperity, or if you prefer, peace and security, financially, vis-à-vis CBDC's with their UBI
- 3) The political "Left-Right Paradigm", which is textbook right out of the Devil's playbook in the chapter titled, "Divide and Conquer"
- 4) Paranormal and supernatural manifestations masquerading as angels of light, which is deceiving and captivating the multitudes
- 5) A coming great revival and great awakening world-wide under the banner of false teachings like the New Apostolic Reformation
- 6) Rejection and intolerance of sound doctrine resulting in multitudes flocking to those who teach what their ears are itching to hear
- 7) Bio-Tech in concert with quantum computing, massive AI data infrastructures and last but not least the pharmaceutical industry

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KAPONO: Amen. Would you bow your heads and join me as we pray? Lord, You're so merciful. And we, we thank You, Lord. With everything we've got, Lord, we say thank You. Would You be with us this morning, Lord? As we get into Your Word, Lord, this Bible Prophecy Update, Lord, would Your Word speak to us that as whatever is being shared of the world that's going on, Lord, that Your word would clarify, bring to light what we are to do, Lord, and who we are to be. Would we leave this place blessed and empowered by the Holy Spirit? Lord, give Pastor JD the strength to continue to do Your will. We thank You so much. We love You and we ask these things in Your name, Jesus. We say, Amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen and amen. And good morning and welcome. You can be seated. So glad you're here. Are you? Okay. Good. I just want to make sure. Well that's good. That's fine. I just wanted to clear that up before we go any further. Those of you online, we're so glad you're with us online. Hi. We love you and welcome you. All right, so this is the first of two services, as I'm sure you know, where we devote our time to the teaching of the end times by way of these weekly Prophecy Updates. Second Service, though, is different. That is the sermon, a verse-by-verse study through the word of God. And we are at the end of the word of God in the last book of the word of God, the Book of *Revelation*. And today, Lord willing, we are going to finish *Chapter 18*. And I can't wait to finish Chapter 18.

And for those of you that read ahead to stay ahead, you know what's ahead and you know why. But our text is going to be *Chapter 18:20-24* in a sermon that I titled 'Why Knowing What's Ahead Gives Me Hope.' And what we're going to do is look at three, there are many, but just three reasons that our hope can be renewed if and when we know and understand what God has in store for us. But you have to wait till Second Service. So those of you online, that'll be 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time. And if you're watching by way of YouTube or Facebook, we'd encourage you to go directly to the website [JDFarag.org](http://JDFarag.org) at this time, instead of waiting until a later time. So with that we're going to get right into it.

Today's Update was birthed out of a persistent prompting from the Holy Spirit to address the [The] number one sign that we're at the end of time. In a word, deception, and more specifically, the susceptibility all of us have, myself included, to let ourselves be deceived. The key word is 'let.' We are letting ourselves be deceived. We're the ones that let deception in the door. We let them in. If we're to personify deception, we let Mr. or Mrs. Deception — or if they're married, they're a couple, so Mr. and Mrs. Deception — we let them in the door. And in so doing we let ourselves be led astray and away from Jesus. And that is the litmus test.

It's been said that deceived people deceive people. That's not a play on words. That's a truth. If someone's deceived, guess what? They're going to deceive someone. That's not really the question. The question is, are you going to let them? And for those who have the Holy Spirit of God indwelling them as born-again Christians, you will know if you're being deceived if in any way anyone takes you away from the person of Jesus Christ. That is a deceiver and run as fast and far away as you can from them. As Scripture says, have nothing to do with them.

Now, hang in there with me, okay? I just confessed to you. You probably didn't even realize that I confessed to you my sin of stubbornness. I know you know nothing of this. But when I say that this Update was birthed out of a persistent prompting by the Holy Spirit, the inference is, is that the Holy Spirit needed to be persistent in prompting me to do this, which means that I was being stubborn and obstinate. Again, I know you know nothing of this, so I'm just confessing this to you.

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Now, here's why I believe that the Holy Spirit didn't let me get away with continuing to blow Him off and not tackle this tough topic. The reason why is because it rises to the level of being extremely important. And I would encourage you to, like the Bereans, Acts 17:11, search the Scriptures for yourself. We're going to go through a number of them. But don't take my word for it. You search the Scriptures for yourself.

By the way, there's something that happens in the life of a believer just within the process of searching the Scriptures because you get into the Word and guess what? The Word gets into you. So these Scriptures that I want to go through are extremely important concerning the propensity, the proclivity, the potential, if you prefer, for Christians to let themselves be deceived. Now we're going to talk more about this. I'll expound more on this, but it's important that you just heard what I just said. Christians, born-again Christians. They're still saved. They're just still deceived. But they're Christians.

As a born-again Christian, we cannot be un-born-again. I just — God, in His infinite wisdom and sovereignty and omnipotence and omniscience, knew that to liken the new birth to a physical birth, but this being a spiritual new birth, cemented, solidified, settled this issue that once you're born-again you cannot be unborn. As parents, your children, when they were born — now, maybe you wanted it sometimes for them to be unborn, but that wasn't going to happen.

And we'll talk more about labor pains in a moment. But even leading up to the new birth when you're born-again, if you're a born-again Christian, you are sealed. You are saved. And according to Scripture, no one or no thing can take your salvation away, including you.

Now, why am I yelling? Because I yell. That's a custom in my country. But this is one of Satan's most powerful tools of deception. Why do you think it is that Paul in *Ephesians 6*, in this analogous spiritual armor, would liken the helmet to salvation? Because the helmet protects the mind. Here comes Satan wanting to start planting. He can't read your mind, but he can sure put thoughts in your mind, which is why we're told to not let everything come in. **“Take every thought captive into the obedience of Christ.”**

Some of us — I won't look at anybody — we're so careful about what food we'll allow into our body. Would the God that we would be equally concerned about what thoughts or what things we allow into our mind. Because as the Proverbs say, “As a man thinketh [Thinketh] in his heart...” Wait, I thought, I thought in my mind.

No. **“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”** And Satan knows this. The mind is the battleground. And that's why we have to be protected with the helmet of salvation. You are secured. If you're born-again of the Spirit of God, you're saved. And if somebody...

I better be careful because my wife always says, don't do that. You look mean. Well, I am mean. If someone comes to you and starts planting seeds of doubt about your salvation, man, you better put that helmet on and take your sword out, the word of God. Are we okay? I had to get that out of the way. I had to get that off my chest. So thank you for indulging me.

Now, I say that because while a born-again Christian cannot be un-born-again and lose their salvation, they can still fall prey to deception. And this is why we as born-again Christians cannot be possessed by demons. However, we can be oppressed by demons. What do you mean? Oh, the Holy Spirit indwelling us is not going to share a room with a demonic spirit. I mean, that's just simply put.

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However, the Holy Spirit within us can alert us when there's a demonic spirit that is attacking us, trying to oppress us, seeking to trap us and deceive us.

Wait a minute, Pastor. Are you saying that a born-again Christian can be saved and deceived at the same time?

No. God's word does. (Chuckling) You like how I did that? That was pretty smooth, actually, wasn't it? *2 Timothy Chapter 2*. You can turn there. I'd encourage you to do so. You know, this is what I mean when I talk about a working knowledge of the word of God. You know where to go in the word of God. You have a working knowledge of the word of God. And not many Christians even know this, let alone probably read this or sadly have even been taught this.

Now, let me give you the backstory here, just to kind of set the foundation, as it were. This is Paul the apostle in his second letter to Timothy, a pastor of a church, and it's written to Timothy for the church about those in the church. So we're talking about Christians here. Because if you think about it, why write a letter to the church about the world being deceived? I mean, it's pointless.

So listen to what he says in *verse 25, 2 Timothy 2*. **“Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance [Which is literally translated in the Greek, “change mind,” *metanoia*] leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape...”**

You wouldn't write that to someone who wasn't a born-again Christian. They're already trapped. They're already serving self or the world or... No, he's talking about Christians because they need to **“come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil who has [Listen] taken them captive to do his will.”**

Stop. These are Christians within the church that apparently were the source of much in the way of opposition. And Paul, true to form, says they need to be gently instructed. These are Christians. Love hopes all things, with the hope that God will grant them repentance, a change of mind so that they'll come to the knowledge of the truth because they've been deceived and lied to, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap that they got trapped in. And it was the trap of the devil who trapped them and took them captive to do his will.

See, Satan cannot prevail against the church outwardly. The gates of hell cannot prevail. And Satan knows this because he knows the Scriptures better than you and I ever will. So you've heard that expression, “If you can't beat them, join them.”

So he looks, seeks, studies — he's patient — for Christians who are not grounded soundly, solidly in the word of God. And he looks for them so he can do it from the inside, that which he cannot do from the outside. It's got to be an inside job. So he's got to find secret agents. Don't look at the person sitting next to you. I'm not — that's not...

So I wanted to start with that because it's with this understanding that we're going to dovetail into specific Scriptures that speak to the seriousness of letting ourselves be deceived. And I'm going to start with the words of the Savior himself.

And please know that for the most part, these Scriptures are in the context of the last days, even the last hour, such that they are prophetic concerning this growing and increasing deception the closer

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we get, so much so that the closer we get to the pre-Tribulation rapture and subsequent seven-year Tribulation, the worse and more persuasive the deception will become.

I want to start with *Matthew 24:4*. Just that one verse. I need to set it up. This is Jesus now, He's with His disciples on the Mount of Olives, and He just got done, basically, prophesying to them about how the temple they were so enamored with and proud of, not one stone was going to be left upon another.

And He was prophesying about that which would take place with precision accuracy, 100% accuracy in the year 70 A.D., when Rome sacked Jerusalem and destroyed the temple. And they had to demolish those huge stones because they wanted the gold that was in between them, fulfilling Jesus's prophecy.

Now, as you might imagine, the disciples are freaking out. So they ask Him what is actually a threefold question. And by a threefold question, I mean, first they ask Him when will this happen? That's a good question. I want to know when.

And then the second part of the question is what will be the signs of Your coming? And then the third part is what will be the signs of the coming of the end of the age? So now we've got a threefold question on the table, and Jesus is going to answer their question in *verse 4 of Matthew 24*.

And listen to what He says. **“Jesus answered: ‘Watch out that no one deceives you.’** First thing on His list. Not wars, threats of wars. Better understood in the original — translated “rumors” — I think that is better understood as **“threats of wars.”**

Boy, are we seeing that. Nation rising against nation, kingdom against kingdom, ethnic group against ethnic group. In fact, that's the word in the original "ethnos". Famines. Pestilences. Earthquakes in places that earthquakes don't happen, various places. And then at the end, in giving this answer, listing deception as the number one sign. He likens all of the above to birth pains.

Wait a minute. Well, birth pains come in greater frequency and with greater intensity. Not that I know that firsthand. I was there. My wife has a very high tolerance for pain. I get a hangnail, and I'm praying in my prayer language. So I just felt her pain for her instead of her when she gave birth to our four children, three of which were natural.

So the point is, is that He's taking this list, if you will, with deception at the top of the list and He's grouping them together and likening them together as a woman in labor, meaning that all of them, deception being number one, will happen in greater frequency and with greater intensity. And that is exactly what is happening today.

*Luke 21:8*, Jesus speaking, **“And He said: ‘Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, [Watch this] ‘The time has drawn near.’ Therefore do not go after them.”**

Do not follow them. Let not yourselves be deceived by them. Don't believe them.

*Matthew 24:24* fills in a couple of blanks for us. Jesus speaking. **“For false christs...”** Not false Muhammads or false Buddhas. I'm not trying to be humorous. The counterfeit, false, authenticates and validates the genuine, which is why you'll never see a counterfeit \$70 bill because there's no such thing as a genuine \$70 bill. It's also why you'll never hear anybody take the name of

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Muhammad or Buddha in vain. No. **“False christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”** [*Speaking of Israel during the Tribulation*]

Let me draw your attention to *1 John 3:7*. It's such an enduring verse. Because you have to understand John was the elder. He was the only living apostle. All the other disciples had been martyred. But Jesus kept John around because he wasn't finished yet. So he was inspired by the Holy Spirit to pen the gospel bearing his name. He was inspired by the Holy Spirit to pen three letters: *1, 2, and 3 John*. And then he thought he was done and going to retire.

I love how pastor Chuck Smith one time said at one of our conferences, he said, you know, I had someone called to me and ask me, Pastor Chuck, why aren't you retired? He says, I'm not tired. That's a good answer.

Here's John; he's getting up there in years. He's not a spring chicken anymore, if you know what I mean. And so it's about the year 95, 96 A.D., and they don't know what to do with this guy. So historians document for us that they tried to throw him into a cauldron of boiling oil to kill him. Just get this. This is the last one. Let's get this over with. He didn't die. And they pulled him out. They're like... You know if I'm John, I'm like, thank you. That was refreshing. It was a sauna, you know, with a...

So that's why and when they banished him to the island of Patmos. And don't think of it as a tropical vacation tourist destination island. This was a barren island where you, if you were sent there, you died there. So they banished him to Patmos. And if I'm John, I'm like, Lord, are we done yet? Are we there yet? Can I come home now? No. Not yet. I got one more. I got — this is a — I saved the best for last. I'm going to give you the revelation of that which is to come yet future.

And He commanded him to write the things which he had seen, *Chapter 1*; that which is now, *Chapters 2 and 3*, the church age, that's where we're at; and that which will come after these things, *meta tauta* in the Greek.

And *Chapter 4:1* on is all future. And so interesting is *Chapter 4:1*. We talked about. I don't want to rehash it or spend too much time on it. But John hears the sound of a trumpet that says, **“Come up here.”**

That's the rapture. And the word church, *ekklesia* in the Greek, is not found after *Chapter 4:1*. Oh, it's 19 times in *Chapters 1-3*. By the way, we're almost out of the Tribulation. In fact, actually, today, if we finish *Chapter 18*, which we will, *Chapter 19*, it spills over a little bit, but then it's just all praising God. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Glory and power and honor. And then it's the Second Coming.

So technically you could say *Chapters 6-19* are about the Tribulation, where the word *ekklesia*, church, is not found one time. Why? Because the church is not in the Tribulation. And we're going to talk more about that Second Service.

All that to say this. John is the respected elder who fathered many in the faith, and he earned the right to say what he's going to say here in *verse 7*. **“Little children, let no one deceive you. [Let] [Don't let him] He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He [Speaking of Jesus] is righteous.”**

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It's not our own righteousness. Isaiah says they're as filthy rags. And by the way, that's quite graphic. I won't get into it. If you want to in your own study, it's referring to a menstrual cloth symbolizing death. Your own righteousness is as the death of that menstrual cloth.

*2 Corinthians 11:3.* I'm including this one for a reason. You know, I don't know how you picture the Apostle Paul. You know, we have descriptions of him by church historians, and they say that he was just hideous, short, unibrow, bowlegged. I don't know. If that's the case, wow! He had a thorn in his flesh; I know that, I mean, in the metaphorical sense.

I don't know if you see Paul as having a really, really soft heart. And he experienced emotions like you and I. We tend to put people like the Apostle Paul on pedestals, which we shouldn't because they're just like us. And James brings this out about Elijah. He was a man just like you and I, yet his prayer life was so powerful that he stopped the rain from coming down for three years. And his prayer life was so powerful that when he prayed, rain came back down. That's a powerful prayer life.

And so our tendency is to say, well, that's Elijah we're talking about. I love how someone just really settled this for me because I tend to do that. I've got my favorites that I can't wait to meet. But I like what one said. Have you ever thought that they can't wait to meet you? Me? What? That was a much-needed perspective on my part.

So Paul had fears, anxieties. In *Acts 27* he has the word of God, the promise from God that he will go before Caesar. And he's on a ship. But this is not his first rodeo. This is like his fourth shipwreck. He's got a PhD in shipwrecks. Yet with this storm, Luke writes by the Holy Spirit, **“When we [Speaking of Luke, Paul, and Aristarchus] had all finally given up hope.”** He included Paul. And then an angel appears to Paul and tells Paul, **“Do not be afraid.”** Why would an angel come to Paul and say, do not be afraid if Paul wasn't afraid?

I'm going somewhere with this. Why are we exhorted and admonished in Scripture and warned in Scripture to let no one deceive us if there's no one to deceive us? So Paul, very openly, very candidly in *verse 3 of 2 Corinthians 11* says, **“But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”**

I ask you, does that not sound like a born-again Christian? You wouldn't write that about someone who was not a born-again Christian who enjoyed a sincere and pure devotion to Christ prior to being deceived, led astray and away. And again, that's the litmus test. If anything or anyone distances me further from Jesus, they're not of God. I'm being deceived. Conversely, if someone or something draws me nearer to Jesus, let's go. And that applies in every arena of life: relationships, entertainment, hobbies, careers, etc. That's the litmus test. You're in a relationship. Are they pulling you away from Jesus? Get away from them.

*Colossians 2:8.* I chose this scripture because it is, again, extremely important, and it's going to be so germane to our understanding of the Scriptures that I want to go over. *Colossians 2:8.* **“See to it that no one takes you captive [How are they going to do that?] through hollow [Empty] and deceptive philosophy...”**

When someone waxes philosophical and starts pontificating and it's just all blah blah blah blah blah, there's no substance. It's hollow. It's empty. But more dangerous, it's also deceptive. And notice the echoing of being taken captive. People who aren't born-again Christians are already captive. It's the born-again Christian that Satan wants to take captive and deceive. So here's how his M.O. modus operandi — I hope I pronounced that right. I did. If I didn't just let me know afterwards. This

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is his mode of operation. **“...hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on [Listen very carefully] human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.”**

Mic drop. There it is. That is the sole goal of deception; to get me to stray away from Jesus and gravitate towards the things of this world, the traditions of this world, the philosophies of this world, the views of this world. James said it very bluntly, even calling the reader adulterers and adulteresses because you're friends with the world.

Don't you realize you're at enmity with God? But we want to be liked by the world, so we send the world a friend request. Block the world. Block it! You're not friends with it, by the way. Spoiler alert. The world hates your guts. Good news is, Jesus loves your guts. So you're good. *Ephesians 5:6*. And here it is. I mean, just boom. **“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”**

Do you notice this recurring common denominator and theme of empty words? I'm going to take it — this is — Is this okay, Lord? Music. The lyrics, the words to the song. They're empty. They have nothing to do. By the way, I'm sad to say you'd be hard pressed today to find a church where the worship is about Jesus. They've rewritten the words and they're empty, void of the name, the only name given among men whereby we must be saved. The name above all names. The name of Jesus. So they stripped it out. And the people who attend those churches and sing those songs are letting them deceive them.

*1 Timothy 4*. You know this one well. We've talked about it often. *Verses 1 and 2*. **“The Spirit [Explicitly] expressly says that in the latter days [The last day] [Now listen carefully] some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.”**

Some of your translations render it **“doctrines of demons.”** Did you notice the deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons? Did you know that demons have doctrines? Yeah. Why would this be written to someone who wasn't a born-again Christian? They're already following these deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. No. This is the church, the born-again Christian.

He goes on in *verse 2* and says, **“Such teachings come through [And I like the clarity here and the strength with which he, inspired by the Holy Spirit, writes this] hypocritical liars, [You lie, you lie] [Your father is the father of lies] [It just feels good to keep saying it] whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.”**

You know, a callus, when you keep rubbing in one spot, you develop a callous, a hardness, and you don't feel it anymore. There's a searing, there's a, you know, the first time you know it hits hard. And then the second time, not quite as much. The third, fourth, fifth on down the line, you've just grown hard to it. Your conscience has been seared as with a hot iron. You don't even feel it. You don't recognize it. You're unaware of it.

You know there's another thing here that's easily missed and that's that there are going to be some that are going to — they're still saved — but they're going to turn away, be led astray and away because they're deceived by these deceiving spirits and they're going to believe these doctrines of demons. They're still going up in the rapture, whether they like it or not, even if they didn't believe in a pre-Tribulation rapture. We'll explain it on the way up. Can you imagine. Nah, never mind. I don't have time. Oh, we could have a lot of fun with that. We won't.

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Now, here's where we get down and dirty, if I can say it like that. I hope that's not a negative, have a negative connotation. Paul's second letter to Timothy, *Chapter 3:13*. He says, **"But evil men and impostors [Actors, fakes, phonies] will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."**

This comports with what Jesus said in *Matthew 24*. It's going to increase. It's going to get worse. Deception: Number 1. And it's going to get — it's going to increase in its intensity and grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. In other words, the deception is going to not only continue, it is going to get worse as it grows worse and worse.

Well, this brings me to *2 Thessalonians 2:1-3*. And I am keenly aware of the hotly debated *verse 3*. But in its context, this is the go-to chapter when it comes to Bible prophecy. So Paul is writing to them a second letter. Why? Because there was a forged letter with his signature on it that was circulating in the Thessalonian church there in Thessalonica that was saying, you guys missed the rapture. We're already in the Tribulation.

So word gets back to Paul, and Paul, by the Holy Spirit, writes them this second letter to clear this up and settle this matter once and for all. And oh, by the way, that's alive and well today. How many of our brothers and sisters actually believe we're already in the seven-year Tribulation? We are not in the seven-year Tribulation.

Now, in all fairness, it might feel like it. Do you know why it feels like you're in the seven-year Tribulation? Because we're that close to the seven-year Tribulation that it feels like you're already in the seven-year Tribulation. That's why.

So now watch what Paul does here, inspired by the Holy Spirit. He says, **"Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ [That's the Second Coming] and our being gathered to Him..."**

Coming, going. That's the rapture. Well, otherwise, why would he — that would be redundant from the redundant redundancy department. No, he's delineating between the two. The Second Coming: it's been likened as unto bookends. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is when He comes with us, ten thousands by His side as His bride.

But the rapture, pre-Tribulation, is when He comes for us to take us and gather us. He doesn't even come to the earth. That's not even His coming. He catches us up to meet Him in the air. That's the pre-Tribulation rapture.

**"...we ask you..."** Nothing new under the sun. The names have been changed to protect the guilty because this is so prevalent today. **"...we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled [Man, don't let them rattle your cage] [Don't let them deceive you] or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us— whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter— asserting that the day of the Lord [The Tribulation] has already come. [And then he says this] [Verse 3] Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until [The departure] [The rapture] occurs and the man of lawlessness [We often call the Antichrist] is revealed, [See] the man doomed to destruction."**

He cannot be revealed until the church is removed. Because we're not appointed unto wrath.

"Well, yeah, the wrath doesn't really start till — you know, I'm a pre-wrath guy."

"Oh, you're pre-Trib then?"

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“No, wait, wait, wait. I said I’m pre-wrath.”

Oh, you are? Well, *Chapter 6*, at the very beginning of the seven-year Tribulation, God pours out His wrath. That's at the beginning. So you must be pre-Trib, and you just don't know it. But again, we'll explain it on the way up if we have time. I don't think we will.

*1 Corinthians 15:33*. Thanks for your patience and just hang in there with me. This is more broad and speaks to our lives as Christians. We got to be very careful, you know, especially in this last hour with the kind of people that we let influence [*Let influence*] our lives, that have our ears. **“Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good morals.’”**

It's again, very broad, but the principle is so powerful. You've heard the expression, perhaps, that if you lie down with dogs, you'll come up with fleas. I don't like that particular, you know, saying, but it's true. The Proverbs say don't hang out or associate with an angry man, lest you become like him. We are deceived if we believe that who we spend time with will not have an effect on our lives. Be careful. Now this is where we take a very ugly turn.

*1 Corinthians 3:18*. You ready for this? Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse. **“Let no one deceive himself.”**

Oh, great! What? You mean me can deceive me? Yeah. It's called being self-deceived. You know what self-deceived is? It's when you deceive yourself. Deeply profound, I know. It's when you are self-deceived so much so that you believe your own lies and you justify them. He goes on to say, **“If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.”**

This is the paradox of the faith, as I like to refer to it. The way up is the way down. You want to live? Die. You want to follow Me? Pick up your cross, die to self. You exalt yourself; you're going to get humbled. You humble yourself; you're going to get exalted. It's the paradox.

*Galatians 6:3*. We're getting there. If you were to ask me what I thought was at the core of self-deception, *Galatians 6:3* would be my answer. Listen very carefully to what Paul writes to the Colossians, inspired by the Holy Spirit. **“For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.”**

You've heard the expression, doubtless, that you're your own worst enemy. If you only knew you can deceive you by fancying yourself, thinking more highly of yourself than you ought and thinking of yourself as being superior and they're inferior. You're better than them. You're more spiritual and mature than them. You are self-deceived. You've deceived yourself. And you really believe it and there's no convincing you otherwise.

Why? Because you're not teachable. You won't receive it. Because you're so full of yourself that you've deceived yourself. And you're so full of pride. One has aptly noted that the letter 'I' is in the middle of 'pride' and sin, and Lucifer and others. I. The unholy trinity is me, myself, and I. Aye yai yai yai yai.

You have believed your own lie about yourself, and in so doing you've deceived yourself. You think you're all that. You're so deceived. You're so deceived. And you know who deceived you? You deceived you. So now we're exhorted to not let anyone deceive us in any way, including myself. That raises the bar, doesn't it?

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*Galatians 6:7*, again, broadly speaking, **“Do not be deceived, [Whether you're the one deceiving yourself or you've let someone deceive you] [And here's why] [Because] God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”**

We're talking about this a couple of Thursdays ago about how God keeps records meticulously, perfectly, everything, every word. Every word. That sends shivers up and down my spiritual spine. It's all recorded in His perfect bookkeeping system. He keeps account.

*James 1:22*. **“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”**

Did you catch that? I put this verse at the end because woven into it is this crucial detail that, when understood, shows us how we can protect ourselves from letting anyone deceive us, including me deceiving me. How so, you ask? I protect myself from letting myself be deceived, even if I myself am deceiving myself, by heeding, not only hearing, the word of God.

This detail is so crucial because true born-again Christians who have been deceived, again still saved, but still deceived, remain so. Why? Because they don't know God's word or are only a hearer of God's word. But they don't heed God's word. No wonder.

Oh, they go to church. I hope they go to a church where they hear God's word preached. That's not a given, by the way, in this day. But even if that's the case, and they go to the church and they hear, but then they walk away. James says they forget what they heard, like a man looking in the mirror — which I hate to do the older I get. Of course, it's a good reminder that God has a sense of humor when I do.

But what happens when we look in the perfect mirror of God's law? We see our imperfections and make corrections. We do something about it. That's what the word of God, the law of God, the perfect law of God is likened unto is a mirror. And the man who just looks himself in the mirror says, all right.

Remember the Fonz? (Pretending to look in a mirror) I know that dates me. You young people, go to YouTube. You can watch some of those episodes. Just, you know, it's like, hey, all right! Or whatever he would say. You know, you walk off. I'm good. I don't need to do anything, make any corrections. Man, I look in the mirror, there's hair where there shouldn't be hair. There's no hair where there used to be hair. Enough of my problems. That was maybe too much. I'm sorry if it was.

But the analogy is this. I'm looking into the mirror of God's word. You know, we say we search the Scriptures. We don't realize it searches our — (Getting tongue tied) the Scriptures are searching us and showing us us as God sees us. And oh, my goodness. If I walk away from that mirror and don't do anything about what I saw in that mirror, I am likened unto one who is merely a hearer of God's word and not a doer. And as such I am deceiving myself.

Here's what that looks like. I went to church. I even gave a little bit of extra tithe. Okay, well, that was Sunday. Look at you on Monday. What's up? What happened? Apparently, you didn't put it into practice and apply it and do it. The parable of the two builders. Jesus — I think it's Matthew 7. One builds his house on the rock. One builds his house on the sand. So when, not if, the storm hits, the one on the sand comes crashing down and the one on the rock, pfff! That's in the original. Pfff! Nothing happens. Why? Because it was built on the rock.

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Wait. What's the point of the parable? What's the lesson from the parable? Well, apparently these were two guys that went to the same church that heard the same sermons. And they also happened to be building their houses at the same time, just in different locations. And what made the difference was the one who built his house on the sand heard the word but did not become a doer of the word by putting the words into practice.

Oh, brothers and sisters, I implore you, I beseech you, I plead with you, please, please, please don't be deceived. An hour sermon on a Sunday or Prophecy Update — you're looking at me. Hour? When was the last time you only went an hour? They're an hour and a half, going on two now.

Okay, we'll leave it at that. That's not enough. And please don't walk out of here going, wow, that was really, that was really informative. (Sighing and slapping his forehead) No. You leave with something from the Lord to apply to your life, lest you be deceived.

*2 Thessalonians 2*. Back to our go-to. It provides us with further details as it relates to this last day's deception being [*Listen*] already at work. It's already in play. It's already happening. Happening now, pre-rapture. And perhaps we need look no further to explain the condition described in *Revelation* of the lukewarm Laodicean last days church, the seventh of seven churches that's so pronounced and prevalent today. This may answer the question of why so many are so deceived, which begs another question of how so many are so deceived.

And the short answer based on *2 Thessalonians 2*, specifically *verses 9-12*, is that the [*Listen*] deception is so strong, and the delusion is so powerful. So strong and so powerful is this deception and delusion, that Christians are either not hearing or only hearing God's word, but they don't take heed and do anything about God's word.

In the interest of time, I'm going to simply list — yes, I have a list — the strongest and most powerful deceptions and delusions at work today, already in play, that have sadly taken up residence within the last days church of today. And here's a thought on that. The last days church has become low hanging fruit, ripe for the picking, as evidenced by the letter Jesus has John write to the sixth of seven churches, the church in Philadelphia who kept His Word and did not deny His name. The inference being that everybody else did.

Well, we already know at the Laodicean church, Jesus was knocking trying to get back in. They kicked Him out. He's not even in the church anymore. He wants to come in and sup with them, them with Him. Okay.

What's your list, Pastor? Can we get this over with?

Yeah. By way of a preface, it's neither exhaustive nor is it in any particular order. But I'm just going to list 50. No. I'm not going to.

[ Laughter ]

I got you, didn't I? Yeah. See now when I say it's only seven, you're like, oh, praise the Lord. Now if I wouldn't have said 50, you would not say praise the Lord.

So I got seven. The number of completion. These are deceptions that are now increasing exponentially and commensurately with Bible prophecy. In other words, exactly as we were told they would.

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Number 1) ASI or artificial superintelligence, which is actually artificial satanic intelligence downloaded to man in exchange for one's soul and / or worship.

Number 2) — these are deceptions. Don't let yourself be deceived by this — the new golden age of peace and prosperity, or, if you prefer, peace and security financially vis-à-vis CBDCs, Central Bank Digital Currency, and UBI, Universal Basic Income.

Number 3) — this is going to — just don't email me on this one. The political “Left-Right Paradigm.” It's a deception and it's textbook right out of the devil's playbook in the chapter titled, ‘Divide and Conquer.’ And it's working. It's already at work.

Number 4) Paranormal and supernatural manifestations masquerading as angels of light, which is deceiving — and I'm going to use this word "captivating" the multitudes, especially Christians.

Let me expound on this one just briefly. Christians are distracted. Taken captive. Because that's what the enemy wants. He doesn't want you to be close to Jesus. He wants to distract you away from Jesus so he can deceive you. So all the voices and distractions clamoring for your attention. (Covering ears and yelling) Sorry. Was that loud on the mic? I had my ears covered. I couldn't tell.

Don't listen to them. Don't be deceived by them. Don't let yourself be deceived by them. Masquerading, that's an interesting word. You know, it comes from the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. But you know, masquerade = mask. They're masking. What's under the mask? Oh, we're not going to let you see that.

Number 5) And this one is a biggie. A coming — this is a deception— a coming great revival, great awakening, worldwide awakening. And this comes under the banner of false and deceptive teachings like that of the New Apostolic Reformation, aka NAR and their seven-mountain mandate.

Number 6) The deception of rejection and intolerance of sound doctrine resulting in multitudes flocking to those who teach what their ears are itching to hear.

They're not going to preach the word. They're only going to refer to the parts, if they even do that, in the Bible that give you the warm fuzzies so when you leave, you feel good about yourself. I'm sorry. And don't take this the wrong way. And please don't misunderstand my heart when I say this. The Lord knows my heart. When I walk away from the perfect mirror of God's law and God's word, I don't feel very good about myself. In fact, I feel terrible about myself. And that's the point. Because that brings me to the cross.

Now, am I saying that I want you to leave here feeling horrible about yourselves? No. All I'm saying is, is that this last day's deception will come in the form of the rejection of sound doctrine. They don't put up with it. They're going to go in great numbers to the church down the street or the other YouTube channel that's going to tell them cool stuff. They're not going to — they're going to dance around, you know, the hard stuff.

It reminds me of Isaiah the prophet when they of course, they wanted to kill him. They eventually did. But they said, stop. Stop with your Prophecy Updates. Stop prophesying. Speak to us only smooth things.

In other words, only tell us what we want to hear, not what we need to hear. But you don't understand. The Proverbs says faithful are the wounds of a friend. They can be trusted. But an

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enemy multiplies kisses. You're not my friend if you will not speak the truth in love because of love to me. By the way, I know my wife really loves me.

[ Laughter ]

I mean, she loves me too much. Okay. That's enough for today. That's enough. I know you love me.

Number 7) Bio-Tech in concert with quantum computing. Just seven days ago — we'll talk about that another time. Massive AI data infrastructures all in concert with, last but not least, the pharmaceutical industry. I'm going to refer to it as the deception of deception.

And that's what I want to spend the remainder of our time on together today. I won't take long. (Chuckling) Famous last words. But we're going to end the live stream on YouTube and Facebook at this time.

Ironically enough, and actually divinely so, this deception of deceptions is in our verse-by-verse text, Second Service in *Revelation, Chapter 18, 18:23*. We'll get there in a moment. Hang on. I need to address this because it's an issue or I think it needs to be addressed. Let's leave it at that. It's this matter of why does Pastor JD talk about the so-called vaccine every single week, week in, week out? I do so because of what *Revelation 18:23* says, which I'll read in a moment.

I do so because this deception of deceptions is a pharmaceutical deception that is so powerful that it deceives every nation on the earth. 2020. Hello? Come on. It's a prophecy about — and finally never to be heard from again — Babylon falls today. You're here for it. You get to see it Second Service. I can't wait. This is what's going to happen in the seven or Tribulation.

And just by way of a friendly reminder, our verse-by-verse study through *Revelation* Second Service, is focused on the personal application by virtue of how these Prophecy Updates are focused on the prophetic information. You understand that, right?

Well, let's go to *Revelation 18:23*. The description is quite violent. In fact, that's the word that John is inspired to use of the fall of Babylon. And repeatedly in describing the fall of Babylon there's this phrase **“never to be heard from again,”** never to be seen again, never to rise again.

So we pick it up in *verse 23*, one of the most important verses in, I believe, the entire Book of *Revelation*. **“The light of a lamp [Speaking of Babylon] will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again.**

**Your merchants [Now listen very carefully the last part of this verse] your merchants [The important, elites, as some call them] [Technocrats as others call them] were the world's great men. By your [And I chose this translation for a reason] magic spell [Sorceries] [Pharmakeia in the Greek, where we get pharmaceutical, pharmacy] [You cast a spell on all the nations of the earth, and] you deceived all the nations on the earth.”**

How'd you do it? You cast a spell using a pharmaceuti-kill. That was no extra charge. Here's the bottom line. And we're almost done. This strong pharmakeia deception and powerful pharmakeia delusion is already at work.

Now, why do you think states like Hawaii — praise the Lord; you heard about the good news? This was God, the Restrainer, God the Holy Spirit. HB 1118, I think it was, a bill that died in the Senate

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was not passed into law that would deny all religious exemptions of which we've sent out well-nigh 200,000.

Why do you think states are — Washington state, my old stomping grounds. Somebody emailed me and said, pray for us, that what happened to you there in Hawaii happens for us here in Washington because they have a similar bill. Why do you think it is that they have a bill specific to religious exemptions from the vaccine? Come on, use your head. I didn't mean that. That came out wrong. I'm sorry. Put your thinking cap on. Is that better? Use your God given intellect, man. Put two and two together, as they say.

So all right. This is so powerful that — and it's already at work now. What do we do? Good news. If one would but take heed to God's word, there are no less than three things that will ensue. The first of which is that Christians will not let themselves be deceived.

Second, instead of deceiving, they will be discerning and come to their senses, realizing that as Christians they've been taken captive by falling into the enemy's trap. And oh, by the way, does not the Proverbs say, fear of man is a trap?

Third one, best one. If one would but take heed to God's word and the good news of salvation found in the person of Jesus Christ, which is what many a Christian hopes and prays for concerning their loved ones, taking heed will bring them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Oh, I pray it would be so. So be it. Amen, which is what Amen means, so be it.

You know how many people came to Christ in 2020 because of what happened in 2020? I made a comment one time, and it was basically that this may be the best thing that ever happened for the church. Because it brought a lot of people to Christ. A lot of people's eyes were open to the deception. It was actually during these years of 20 — can you believe it? We're going on five years and we're still here. Not for long, I believe truly, truly, with all my heart.

But these Prophecy Updates, the whole complexion of them changed and became so important because of how high the stakes are. We're not talking about life and death. We're talking about heaven and hell forever.

And that's why we end with the Gospel. *1 Corinthians 15*, the first four verses. The Apostle Paul said, this is the Gospel we preached. The Christ died, He was buried, and He rose again from the dead. The first time Paul writes about the Gospel is to the Thessalonians in *1 Thessalonians*. It is utilizing the principle of first mention, which makes me sound smarter than I really am. But it's the first letter Paul ever wrote. And he writes the Gospel in the context of the rapture because the rapture is good news.

Just let me have this for purposes of discussion, illustration. What if the Gospel was just, Jesus died for you. Thank you. He was buried, but He rose again, defeating death on the third day. Bye. Have a nice day. You're on your own. I'll check in with you.

No. I'm coming back for you. You see how it completes? In fact, He would say as much to his disciples, who were like, no, don't go! To which Jesus responded, no, actually, you want Me to go. No, we want you here with us! He says no. Listen, let Me go. Because when I go, I'm going to send you the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, and you'll have, instead of God with you, you'll have God in you. Oh, okay. That takes the edge off of it.

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Let me just take you through the ABCs of salvation. And I want to highlight one particular point. Again, I won't take long. I appreciate your patience. This is not a formula. This is just a tool to equip you with.

There has to be A, an acknowledging and admitting that you're a sinner when you see yourself as God sees you in the mirror of His law that you broke, you've transgressed. There's no one good. You might be a good person. You'll never be good enough, *Romans 3:10*.

*Romans 3:23* explains why. When we look in the perfect mirror of God's law, God's word, we see that we've broken — even if we just break one it's like breaking all ten. **“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”** which is why we must be born-again. We were born sinners under Adam. We need to be born-again under the second and final Adam, Jesus the Christ.

Now what comes with this is this acknowledging that you're guilty as charged. You know when you enter a plea.

“What's your plea?”

“Not guilty.”

“Oh, so you're going to stand before God in your own righteousness? See, ya; wouldn't want to be ya.”

“Oh, no, I plead guilty.”

Okay, now we got to go to the sentencing phase. What's the sentence? The death sentence. **“For the wages of sin is death.”** That's really bad news. And the badder the bad news is the gooder the good news will be. And sometimes I think we do err greatly when we don't start off with the bad news, which is why we've got to get them to the law first, in order to have them see that they have broken God's law and are in need of a Savior who fulfilled God's law.

So the bad news is you've been sentenced to death. Here's the good news. Somebody is going to take your death sentence from you, instead of you and die for you. Oh, that is really good news. And when He does that, He's going to purchase you and pay in full. You are not your own but purchased with a price. He's going to pay in full the purchase price for the gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And that brings in the B. It is so central. In fact, it's so simple, it's actually as simple as B, not even ABC. Believe. “Oh, I believe in God.”

“No, no, no, no, no, no.”

“Oh, I believe Jesus died; rose again.”

“No, no, no, no, no, no.”

To believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord, you're saying that you're no longer trusting in your own righteousness, but you're trusting in His forgiveness for your sins instead. You're banking on it. Eternity rides on it. You're believing in it with all your heart Christ's imputed righteousness. You believe, and you put your trust in Him for the forgiveness of sin.

And *Romans 10:9* says, if you do in your heart believe, you will be saved. And *Romans 10:13* says — where — what happened? It's going backwards. You want to start over again? Oh, there it is. Okay.

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Sorry. Some of you are going, oh my goodness! **“All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

See, that’s what Jesus said. **“Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.”** So if I believe in my heart that Jesus Christ is Lord, what's going to come out of my mouth? Jesus Christ is Lord. I'm going to confess Him with my mouth. I'm not going to be ashamed of the Gospel. (Frustrated sigh)

Let's just get to today's **“But God Testimony.”** I kept you long enough. It comes from Moriah, who writes — and by the way, I chose this one — you'll see why. **“Hello, JD, my name is Moriah Daly, and I am now strong since I got married in 2024. I've been listening to your channel for a while now. I first heard the ABCs of salvation on your channel when I was 21 years old. And let me tell you, it brought so much clarity and relief to my soul.**

I was so worried I was going to hell for not being perfect. So I said, what's the point? But then I heard the ABCs of salvation. I am now 27 years old, and let me say, I have had a lot of **“but God”** moments in my life.

I was raised in Alaska with an abusive father, mentally and physically. He was also an addict. But God put my neighbor in my life. She took me into her home, and I just wandered in her house on my own. She treated me like one of her own. I asked her when I got older, **“Why did you take care of me?”** She responded, **“Because we love you and God led me too.”** I was only probably about four years of age at the time.

Moving forward to the present, my now husband, Stephen, was an atheist. I didn't know if we were going to make it, but something told me to stay with it. I did, and he became a believer. And he loves your channel too. We have a son named Zion. *[Cool name]* I hope one day we can visit your church. I could probably tell you over 50 testimonies where Jesus has been there. Currently, I have been struggling with my faith. Please keep me in your prayers. *[We will]* Much love, Moriah.”

Okay, I'm done. Kapon, come on up. Stand up. Thank you for your patience. Father in heaven, we're (Deep sigh) we're in awe of You. With such reverence and awe, with great anticipation, we long, ache, yearn for that day when the trumpet will sound and the dead in Christ will rise first. And we who are alive and remain will be caught up, raptured up to meet You in the air. Oh, what a glorious day that will be. And knowing that it could be soon and very soon, oh, it brings us so much hope.

But Lord, there are those who have not yet made the most important decision of their life for eternal life. And I pray that today would be the day of their salvation. Lord, thank You for Bible prophecy. Protect Your flock, O God, from deception, as strong and powerful as it is and is growing. Keep us safely protected under the shadow of Your wing, in the palm of Your hand. And thank You, Lord. We love You so much, Lord Jesus. It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.