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KAPONO: Would you join me in a prayer? Thank You, Lord. Thank You so much, Lord. I think that's all I can say this morning. Thank You, thank You, thank You for all that You do Lord.

We lift our voices up to You this morning, Lord, and pray that You would draw us near to You, Lord. Thank You for Your teaching, Lord. Thank You for the leaders of this church, Lord. Pray that You be with Pastor JD as he stands up here, ever so faithfully and delivers Your word, Lord. Continue to watch over and guide him. Again, thank You, Lord. In Jesus name, Amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen. Good morning.

[Congregation says: "Good morning"]

You can be seated. Welcome. So glad you're here. Trust that you'll be blessed that you've come. The same for those of you joining us online.

Before we get started, I want to – actually I'm very excited about announcing what we're going to be doing on Thursday. We have a very special guest: Pia Balmer from Switzerland. I've known her for a number of years now. We've stayed in contact over the years and I've invited her to come and share. And I'm looking forward to the privilege of discussing with her about the ministry of bringing Jesus to the red-light district there in Switzerland, as well as some other interesting and related topics.

So here's the drill. We're going to be up here. We're going to get started right at seven, as we usually do. But instead of worship, we're just going to get right into it. We'll have the better part of an hour and a half together, the first of which will be the first 30 minutes, which will not be, sorry, on YouTube and Facebook.

We will discuss the matters that would likely be censored on Facebook and YouTube for the first 30 minutes. And then at 7:30 p.m., which is the usual time, we will then go live on YouTube and Facebook and finish the remaining hour discussing some of the other topics related to – and I do want to warn you, it's going to be really raw and real, and you might want to use some discretion and discernment because some of the material is going to be quite shocking and graphic even. But it needs to be talked about and we praise God for what

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He as only He can, is doing and will continue to do for and with these precious people involved in sex trafficking all over the world.

So how's that for an introduction and beginning? You guys okay so far? Do you want to leave yet?

So that's this Thursday. Hope you'll join us. We will have it, again, available online starting at 7:30 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook. But again, 7:00 p.m. you can watch the whole thing uncensored, uninterrupted on the website.

Well, let's get to our Prophecy Update. That's our First Service. Second Service is the sermon, which is actually a verse-by-verse study through the Word of God. We're currently in *1 John*. Today we're going to start *chapter 3*, the first three verses. Really looking forward to this passage of Scripture. And for those of you that read ahead to stay ahead, you know why.

What we're going to do is look at how it is that while we're all prone to doubt God's love for us during those times when we're hurting, we can absolutely, without doubt be assured of our heavenly Father's unconditional love. No matter how bad it gets or no matter how bad we are and get, it cannot change God's love for you.

So that'll be Second Service. That'll be live-streamed, by the way, at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time. We hope that you'll join with us.

Well, this is by way of a friendly reminder again for those watching by way of YouTube or Facebook, man, you guys must feel horrible all the time because I mention this all the time, but you're not going to get to see the entirety of today's Update unless you go to JDFarag.org, where there you will find the uncensored, uninterrupted entirety of today's Update, as only the first part is streamed, live-streamed on those two platforms in particular. But at some point we are going to end the live-stream. So we would like to encourage you at this time to go directly to the website at JDFarag.org for that reason.

All right. Today's Update is not going to be for everybody. I'm off to a great start, aren't I?

[Laughter]

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Wow. But by way of an introduction to today's Update, I do want to say that it is my hope and my prayer that all of us, myself included, by the way, will be encouraged by today's Update and that which God has put on my heart to share with you today.

It seems that last week's Update struck a chord of sorts, such that the ending, along with the But God testimony, touched even more people than I had originally thought or believed that it would. And this was an Update, as you know, for those of you that were here or watched it online, that was particularly lengthy, but there was a lot of very important prophetic information presented concerning what's coming up next month in August and then in September and the prophetic significance of those events.

But there was a point in the Update where I turned a corner and under the banner of that which I want to talk about today, which is this, you know, that's a lot of information, but for the person that's really hurting and struggling and going through a trial personally, that's all it is. It's just more Bible prophecy, more information.

And so I spent quite a bit of time this last week preparing, praying, seeking the Lord about today's Update. And what I'm going to share with you today was birthed out of that time spent with the Lord and the Update is going to be for those who are experiencing horrendous trials right now.

I think you would agree, I have to confess that it's getting really bad and in some ways we shouldn't be surprised, yet we are, at how bad it's getting and how fast it's getting so bad. And it's for this reason that I would like to talk with you about how it is and why it is that the increasing trials in our lives as Christians is actually a prophetic indicator, if you prefer, a sign of the times.

In other words, the difficulty you're experiencing in your life, the trial that you're going through in your life is actually a prophetic indicator pointing you to the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. And by that, I mean, the closer we're getting to the rapture of the church, the harder it's getting as God prepares us as His church. That's what I want to talk with you about today.

If you'll allow me to, kindly, I'd like to share with you Scriptures, just a sampling of Scripture. There are many. Actually the Bible is replete with prophecy after prophecy about perilous

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times and intensifying personal afflictions and trials at the time of the end. They're going to increase in intensity and frequency and escalate the closer we get to the end.

In other words, Bible prophecy about what the world will look like and be like at the time of the end includes, among other things, that trial that you're in, difficulties and hardships for God's people. And I want to talk to you about why that is and how that is. There's a reason for it. It's a good reason.

So what follows is just again, an aforementioned sampling of such prophetic passages in Scripture that speak to how it is that our trials serve as this indicator of just how close we are to the pre-tribulation rapture.

Let's start with *Acts 14*. We talked about this last week. I want to draw your attention to two verses, 21 and 22. Let me just kind of give you a quick backstory.

So I mean, things are happening. The church is going and growing and glowing and all the “owings”. And you know what comes packaged with that, right? Well, it comes packaged with what we're told here, beginning in *verse 21*,

“They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith.”

Interesting how – what did they say to them to encourage them? Here's what they said to them to encourage them. You're ready for it? Wait for it.

“We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.”

Wait, what? That's supposed to encourage me? Wait. Wait. Where's the love? I'm not feeling the love here. You want to encourage me to remain true to the faith? Why don't you tell me something more like, “Hey, it's going to be okay.” Because that's not true.

“Hey, I want to encourage you. It's going to be okay.” Actually, no. I want to encourage you to remain true to the faith. The inference being that you're going to be tested in your faith. The implication being that trials are going to come to test your faith. I want to encourage you to remain strong and remain true to your faith.

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Here's the fine print. Here's the terms of service. Don't skip through them. Come on. How long are they? They're getting longer. Have you noticed? Terms of service. I agree. So you start scrolling down and then your finger gets sore after a while. Well, you're to read the whole thing?

Then, oh, now how kind of them to give you the option of printing out the terms of service. Yeah. Like, I want to spend the next week trying to read through this thing that I'm probably not going to understand anyway, and I want this app or whatever it is. So I'm just going to click.

Do you know what you just clicked and agreed to? You should read it. Now it's too late. Maybe you shouldn't read it. You'd be surprised what's in there.

Well, that's kind of what's happening here. And I – this needs to be said. Bear with me.

I think pastors err greatly and are at great fault and we'll give an account to God, myself included, when it comes to this. Because, see, when we preach the gospel and invite people to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, are we misrepresenting what all that entails, what the agreement entails, what the terms are? Are we disclosing the fine print of, Oh, you're going to have to pick up your cross, die to yourself if you want to be My disciple and follow Me.

“Oh, was that in the terms of service?”

“Yeah, it was right there on page 5328.”

You want to be My disciple? You want to follow Me? You have to lose your life in this world in order to save it. You need to count the cost.

A builder doesn't start a building project without counting the cost. If he does, he's going to get halfway through the project and realize he's in over his head. If he'd have known this before he started this, he probably wouldn't have started this, had he known this. I hope that made sense.

So this is the cost. You're going to be tried in your faith. Remain true to your faith. You're going to be tested in your faith. Remain true to your faith. I want to encourage you to stand fast, remain steadfast in your faith. Why? Because of the hardships that come packaged with

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your faith. You're going to follow Jesus? What comes packaged with following Jesus are many hardships.

I wish maybe they wouldn't have used and been inspired to write the word "many." I would have rather it said something like, "You might go through a few hardships." No, many. Look it up in the original. It means a lot of hardships.

Now please don't think for a second that this means that in order to enter the Kingdom of God, we have to prove ourselves through the many hardships. That's called works. That's not grace. We're saved by grace through faith. It is not of works. It's the gift of God, lest anyone should boast.

So it's not, you got to go through this to prove yourself worthy to enter the kingdom of God. No. It's you're going to enter the Kingdom of God, you're saved, but you need to know the fine print and count the cost and understand if you're to have any hope of remaining true to your faith, you got to understand that hardships are coming. So you're not blindsided by them.

Well, yeah, but the pastor told me that I give my life to Christ and it's going to be just mighty fine. ♪ Oh, happy day ♪

It is a happy day. But you got to tell them the rest of the story. Your problems are not going away. As a matter of fact, you just signed up for more problems and trials and difficulties and hardships and pain and suffering, and loss of friends and family and everything else that you're going to lose. You better count that cost. You better figure that out before you agree. Because if you don't, and then you come to faith in Christ, and then here comes the hardship and here comes the trial, your like,

"Hey, what's this about? I didn't sign up for this."

Oh, yes, you did.

"Well, I wasn't told that."

That's on them.

"You mean following Christ means that I'm going to go through hardships and trials and difficulty and pain and suffering? That's not a very good selling point."

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We're not selling anything here. We're being truthful here. Full disclosure here. This is what it means to follow Christ: Many hardships.

And notice the connection to our entrance into eternity. There's almost the unspoken message of, the closer you get to that entrance to the Kingdom of God, the more the many hardships will come that you'll have to go through. The closer you get, the harder it gets. These are all verses you guys know.

I think about John last week. He starts off by saying, "Here's why I'm not writing you." That's like a sign in town that says, This is not the way to Kaneohe. What? Well, where's the one that says this is the way?

Well, sometimes we need to know what this is not before we can know what this is. And such is the case here, I think in this and the next passage we're going to read in 2 Timothy. But let's start with chapter 3:1-5.

Let me preface it, please. I'm sorry, you guys are – bear with me again.

You know, I think we, to our own peril, with passages like this, maybe it's because we're too familiar with them, we're dismissive of them. We disconnect ourselves from them.

First of all, we know this prophecy about the last days and perilous times. But what we tend to disenfranchise ourselves from is that this was written to the church. Timothy was the pastor of the church, and Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, is writing to this church akin to the seven letters that Jesus had the Apostle John write to the seven churches recorded in the Book of Revelation.

What's your point? Why are you yelling at us about this?

Because this is not to the world. Where did we ever get to the place where we expected the world to behave as if they'd been regenerated by the Holy Spirit? They're not saved. Of course they're going to behave like that.

But when it is about God's people, believers, well, then this brings it to a whole new level. So as I read this and you follow along, will you please I beseech you, therefore, brethren, view this and hear this through the ears of this being written to Christians? And then we need to talk about it.

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“But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.” *[Perilous times]*

Now commencing in verse 2 on through verse 5, he's going to list 19 markers of said perilous times that will be characteristic of the last days in the church amongst Christians, in the church, amongst Christians, brothers and sisters in Christ.

“People *[In the church, Christians]* will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.”

That's breathtaking. the last days that will mark that this is the last days and this is what it will be like, not in the world, the world has already been like that. This is what it's going to be like in the church. Think about that. Let that sink in.

Is it no wonder that the church is in the condition that it's in today? Is it no wonder that one is hard pressed to find a church today where this does not mark that church in this day?

And I don't want to go through it. We did this in our verse-by-verse study through 2 Timothy. I won't put you through that again.

By the way, you should have got a t-shirt that says, I survived 2 Timothy's teaching from Pastor JD.

But can I just mention one thing to sort of sum it up? All of these 19 markers and characteristics, they're words on the pages of our Bible. But do you know what that looks like in the life of a church or family, a church family? How about the family dynamics of children that are disobedient to their parents?

The closer we get to the end, the more that's going to be happening in the Christian home. There's not going to be any attitude of gratitude. They're going to be ungrateful, unholy, without love, natural affection, *[Storge in the Greek]* unforgiving. That alone, stand alone, I could preach a whole sermon on it. I won't. I might, but not right now.

Slanderous. How about that one? Just that alone. The slander of another, the assassinating of one's character within a brother in Christ. Falsely accusing them and slandering them,

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gossiping about them. What kind of a dynamic does that create? What kind of a trial does that create? How much pain does that create? Just that one?

You go down that list, by the time you get down the list you're gasping for breath. And this is going to escalate and increase proportionate to our proximity to the end? Yeah. I think it's doing it now and then some.

I'm not mad. Again, we're familiar with this, but let's not disenfranchise ourselves. You know that saying, familiarity breeds contempt. Let's not let that happen, please.

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of His appearing [That's the rapture] and His kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage— with great patience and careful instruction. [And here's why, verse 3] For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine.”

I would suggest to you that that time is now because the end is now. So what's going to happen at the time of the end? Oh, I'm glad you asked, because people will not put up with sound doctrine because they don't want to hear that. So they're going to find someone that's going to tell them what they want to hear, which is what Paul goes on to write to Timothy.

So “instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”

Is that happening?

In *Revelation 3:7-13* we have this letter that I just mentioned, one of seven that Jesus had John write to the Church of Philadelphia. And I want to draw your attention to a couple of things that Jesus has John write to this church, beginning in verse 8, where He commends them, saying, **“I know that you have little strength.”**

This is not a rebuke. He's encouraging them. He's acknowledging, I know you're hanging on by a thread. Hang in there.

“Yet you have kept My word.”

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The, again, implication is that at that time there were those who were just denying the word of God and denying the name of the Lord and cowering under the weight because they were weary.

And this church is a very interesting church because it's the one letter written to this one church where Jesus connects the dots of what He's writing to them in their situation at that time to the rapture at the end of time.

What do you mean?

Well, listen to *verse 10*. He says, **“Since you have kept My command to endure patiently...”**

We've talked about that. That's a command to endure patiently. And by the way, you want it to be a command because **“the commands of the Lord are not burdensome.”** And when it rises to the level of being a command, God will never command us to do anything without also enabling us to do that which He's commanded us to do. So that's why we want it to be a command.

“Since you have kept My command to endure patiently, I will also keep you [Listen] from the hour of trial [Or tribulation. Same word in the original] that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.”

That is the 7-year tribulation. I'm going to keep you from that, take you out before that, and I'm going to keep you from that because you have kept My word. And then He says this. Ah! Let me have this one, okay, *verse 11*?

“I am coming soon.” Quickly, some of your translations render it. Tachos in the Greek.

Where we get our English word for the tachometers in our car.

In other words, Jesus is saying that I'm coming at a time when things are revving up, red-lining. You know, guys, car guys, you get past that, maybe, 6000 RPMs on the tachometer, tachos, and you rev it up. You go too far past that, engine going to blow up.

We okay? Well, that's what Jesus is saying. It's past the red line and it's revving up and instead of blowing up, you're going up. That's another T-shirt right there.

[Laughter]

“Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.”

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In *1 Chronicles 12:32*, we're told very specifically that the men of Issachar were not only the ones who both understood and discerned the times that they were living in, but they also knew what Israel should do.

Why bring this verse up? Because they discerned, they understood, hey, do you know what times we're living in? They said it just like that too, with excitement.

Not only did they understand it and discern it, the times they were living in, but they knew what they needed to do. Enter *Romans 13:11-13*, where Paul basically echoes the same thing and he says,

“Do this, [You want to know what to do] do this, understanding the present time.”

You want to be like the men of Issachar who really understand, Hey, this is it? What am I to do? Oh, **“do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, [Your spiritual slumber] because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.”**

And then in *verse 12 and 13*, he says something actually quite stunning, if I can say it like that, because again, he's writing to the church in Rome, and you would almost get the impression that he's talking about not Christians, but apparently he was, because he says,

“The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, [And I'm sorry, but it's right here] not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.”

Translated: if you really understood and discerned the time in which you were living and knew what to do, it would look like this. This is what it will be like. In the church? You have no idea. You have no idea.

We're getting there. Hang in there.

Again, another passage, powerful prophecy, very specific prophecy in God's word. I just want to take *verses 9-12*.

“The coming of a lawless one [Speaking of the Antichrist] will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in

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every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because *[Now we're talking about those who are not saved]* they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.”

Now, what's your point, Pastor? Well, in this prophecy, he says this working of the Antichrist is already at work, but the restrainer is restraining because that's what the restrainer does, is it restrains, He restrains.

That's deeply profound, I know. He's sustaining the righteous while simultaneously restraining the evil. But once the church is removed, whooh! But the point is, is that it's already at work. It's already happening.

I truly do not know if it's possible to overstate just how important this one prophetic indicator is as it relates to our last days trials. And here's why. What Paul writes about here, this coming of the Antichrist being in accordance with the work of Satan, which is already at work, is the indicator that this is the time of the end, because the prophecy is about the time of the end. This is the indicator that the closer we're getting, the worse evil is getting.

Is evil getting worse? So bad is the evil getting that God sends a powerful delusion, a strong deception and gives them over because God is never going to force His will on anyone.

Read Romans 1. The Spirit of God is not going to strive with man forever. There comes a time where God says, okay, your mind is made up, your heart is hardened, your fate is sealed. I can't force you. I'll just give you over to your own will, your own choice. You want to live in this way and do these things and be deceived. Then I'm going to give you over to your deception. You've made your choice. You've sealed your fate. And this is an indicator of the time of the end.

Well, this was just my introduction, by the way. And I wanted to start out this way because of everything that comes packaged with all of the above is that of both painful trials and severe affliction.

You know, I hope this doesn't come off wrong, but I've been doing these weekly Prophecy Updates for well-nigh 17 years now. I started in the year 2006. YouTube started up in 2008

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and that was back in the day when you could only put ten minute videos. And then here you got this long-winded preacher. So we had, you know, one video had to be in like 38 parts because it was limited to such a, you know, to a ten minute length. That was 2008. But we've been doing these Updates for well-nigh, 17 years.

Now, why do I point that out? Because 17 years later, are you kidding me? How much has changed? But again, this goes back to what I began with. For the most part, a Prophecy Update becomes just more information in the context of Bible prophecy related to global developments and current events. And the problem is, is that if you're struggling with serious life and death issues, there's a disconnect that takes place almost by default.

I mean, Bible prophecy can be exciting and revealing how close we are to the Rapture. But how about those that are just trying to survive until the Rapture?

I think of how many people, especially here in Hawaii, that have to work just to even afford to put food in the fridge. And it's getting worse.

And there's the stress of a single parent who struggles day-in, day-out. I mean, they're trying to raise their children. They've got to get a job. Then they got to keep that job and then they got to make ends meet. And they're doing this all alone. And this after the pain of what was likely a horrible and bitter divorce, leaving it's scars indelibly etched on the hearts and minds of those precious children.

The list of struggles and trials is seemingly endless when you consider just even how many people are dealing with chronic pain and illness. I mean, it's reached levels previously unknown, which is why we have these off the charts deaths due to these opioids.

And then you add to this the horrendous marriage and financial struggles. And then pile on top of that, the escalating problems with children, this generation, even grandchildren.

I know we've talked about this and I'll just mention it quickly, but can you even begin to imagine what this generation is dealing with? You know, and at my age, there's not that much of a generation gap. But I would have never dreamed in a million years that I would have to deal with the kind of stuff that my 16 year old daughter has to deal with. I'm talking to her about stuff that you would have never imagined you would talk to your 16 year old daughter about.

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Well, I'm sure you know I could go on and on talking about all the areas in the life of a Christian that seemingly worsen with each passing day. Are you depressed? It's depressing, right?

Well, the fact that things are getting so bad is actually good because it's actually God. And if you'll hear me out, I'll explain how I get there. Please think this through with me. If things were only always good here on Earth, wouldn't we have little to no interest in our final destiny of heaven? Let's be honest.

I got a share it. Why not. (Looking up) Can I?

I'm in high school. I'm a teacher's kid. My dad in high school made me call him Mr. Farag. As you can tell, I'm still bitter.

(Chuckle)

So as a teacher's kid, and my kids, those poor kids, pastor's kids. Even worse, infinitely worse. But I was the teacher's kid, and so I was rebellious.

This was before I got saved. I didn't get saved until age 19 after graduation. I think God just looked down and said, Man, that kid needs to get saved. Get down there, hurry up. He's going to destroy himself. And I was.

So here I am in high school and I accidentally made it on the honor roll. I made sure that never happened again. That's how rebellious I was.

Well, my friend and I – in fact, he was just here recently. I introduced him to you, Dan Wolf, Wolfie, we both got suspended. I think actually, I got him suspended and almost expelled our senior year from high school. And we were threatened with not being able to graduate and walk. I did graduate just so you know, barely by the hair of my chinny, chin chin. I did graduate high school, but I hated high school.

Please, you young people, don't misunderstand what I'm trying to say here, okay?

So I had this one teacher, Mrs. Daniels, bless her heart, not a Christian, by the way, took me aside one day and she proceeded to tell me something that I to this day have never forgotten. She said, "You know how it is that there are those who even after graduation, they kind of still live in the glory days of high school?"

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And it surely doesn't help when you have the teacher in high school saying, "Hey, enjoy this now. This is as good as it gets."

I'm sitting here going, "This is it? This is as good as it gets?"

"Yeah. Enjoy high school, enjoy your high school years because after you graduate, you're going to go to the real world. This is as good as it gets."

I'm thinking, (Painful sounds) "No wonder! It was already bad; you just made it worse telling me this is as good as it gets. I now have no hope!"

I'm sorry. I went off a little bit too far on that, but I think you get the point.

So she pulls me aside. She says, "You know, you know who I'm talking about, right?"

I said, "Yeah, I think I do."

You know, they're the ones that still try to fit in their letterman's jacket. And that's okay.

They got their – It's okay, guys. They still got their class ring. They still live at home. They still got all their trophies and they just never move on because apparently that was the happiest time of their life in high school. And for them, graduation was like, you know, everybody –

I'm sorry. This is – I'm just sharing very openly. Maybe it's uncomfortable for some, but build a bridge and get over it.

You know what I wanted for our high school moto? You know how they always say, "Oh, the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?" You know, the future is filled with bright promises of, you know, tomorrow or la, la la.

[Laughter]

You know what mine was? I wanted this, true story, I wanted it to be: "We have come out of our coma to receive our diploma." I'm not kidding. I couldn't wait to graduate. I wanted out of there. I couldn't wait.

So she pulls me aside. She says, "Isn't it interesting, you've had it kind of rough."

"Yeah, I have!"

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“And I know that you're a teacher's kid and I know you don't like it here. Makes you want graduation all the more, right? If it was really good for you in your high school years, you wouldn't want to graduate and leave.”

You see where I'm going? Hey, when things are good here, too good down here, we really don't want to graduate to our final destination up there. Could it be, could it be that that trial that you're in is it's not for now in the temporal, it's preparing you for your entrance into the eternal? Did you get that?

In other words, unless and until things get so bad down here, I'm not going to long for the Rapture to go up there. Don't you think God knows that?

Oh, he's a little comfortable.

It's been said that God comforts the afflicted, but so too does God afflict the comfortable. And I'm convinced, and I've experienced in my own life that when we get too comfortable down here in this world, not our home, this world that we've long ago overstayed our welcome, and here God is preparing a place for us in heaven, and He's coming for us soon.

And we're just a little bit, you know, it's kind of like, Lord, come soon, (Said with indifference) Lord, come whenever.

No. Lord, come quickly! Come quickly!

Maybe that's why our trials are prophetic indicators. Maybe that's why if I could pose this question this way, could it be that God is allowing that fiery trial in your life that's now become humanly impossible for this very reason? He's loosening your ever tightening grip on this world so that you're ready for when the trumpet sounds?

Would you agree, at the very least, the trials of this life in the Christians life have the much-needed effect of letting go of this life? If so, then viewing your painful trial through the lens of a heavenly perspective, yet future, will make it more bearable in the present.

When you have the Rapture to look forward to, it makes whatever you're going through easier to get through. If not, then it could be an indicator that you're not looking for, watching, longing for the Rapture. Because maybe it's still pretty good right now for you.

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Man, you just got a promotion. You just bought that brand new Mercedes Benz. I don't want to know what your monthly payments are. Things are pretty good right now. Hmm.

Will you allow me to provide you with a list of what's now happening to both convince you and warn you that even though things may be okay for you, to hold on very loosely. I do so with the hope that you might reconsider the lateness of the hour and change your mind, so God, in turn, can change your heart.

And I say that last statement because I have experienced in my own personal experience in talking with Christians, genuinely wanting to know why they're not excited about the Rapture, I have come to the unfortunate conclusion that they don't recognize or understand or discern the lateness of the hour and the times that we're living in, and or they still have it pretty good down here and that's why there's really not that much of an attraction to leaving and graduating from here.

Well, let's go ahead and end the live-stream at this time.

What follows is this aforementioned list, which is neither exhaustive, it's actually almost an abbreviated list, nor is it going to be presented in any particular order. But I cannot stress enough that this list comprises of that which is not going to happen. It's already happening. This is not a list of things that are coming. It's a list of that which is already here.

So you're ready?

Number 1: The “controlling” demolition, and better said, disintegration of the current global economy so as to usher in the prophesied cashless economy.

Last week I had someone send me – I didn't have time to watch the video. I appreciate when you send me videos, but man, if I see that, I – you do the same thing, right? Somebody sends you a video, the first thing you look at, is how long is it?

[Laughter]

Never mind. Yeah. I just don't have – can you give me – So sometimes I'll just, if it's important enough and germane to what I'm going to be talking about, I'll just look at the transcript and speed read through and save myself 2 hours and 34 minutes basically.

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But I had someone send me a video about here on the islands. Hello. Here in the islands. Uh, cashless, scanned palm. No need for phone. No need for phone.

I shared this. I'll mention it just real quick. For those of you – you know, of course, everything is funneling everyone into Amazon. So do you realize that they can actually control the quantity you're buying and selling? In fact, you'll notice that they're using it as an environmental.

And of course, because we live in Hawaii, you know, estimated shipment date: 2028. Oh, and we can't ship this to Hawaii. Oh, and this, by the way, this doesn't qualify because it's not environmentally friendly. Oh, and you've exceeded the maximum quantity at this time for this order.

Wow. One last thing on this. I better be careful with my one last things. Have you noticed this since 2020? Pre 2020, you go on Amazon, I mean, you got 1528 pages of choices to go through. Today: Five.

Did you hear what I just said? They're limiting, controlling buying and selling. That's just number one.

Number two, in concert with that, the “reorienting” and “restructuring” of a new global bio digital economy predicated on one social and or carbon credit score. Just like you're going to get your social media accounts suspended because you were a bad boy for posting that Prophecy Update about the vaccine. Account suspended.

Well, what if they do that not with your social media account, but what if they do that with your bank account? Because they are and they will.

Number three, how are we doing? I told you this Prophecy Update was not for everybody. I gave you the terms of service at the beginning of the service, okay?

Number three: The “mandating” of a bio-digital verification system predicated upon one's compliance with any and all vaccination requirements.

Make no mistake about it, if you have not received your 89th booster shot – I know I'm being silly, but not really – you're not in compliance. Well, how are they going to be able to verify that? Oh, blockchain technology, which is basically a verification technology.

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My son taught me about this technology in the simplest of terms, so even someone like myself could understand it.

Basically, blockchain is this: you have to have numerous verifications of a transaction to ensure the validity and authentication of that transaction. And if it is authenticated and valid, it is then added as a validated block to the chain, hence blockchain. That might be an oversimplification.

This is other world technology, by the way, and it's being used today. We know it commonly in the cryptocurrency world, but everything can be verified vis-à-vis blockchain technology instantly, (snapping fingers) instantly. None of this circle. None of this line.

You know that line? Is it just me, or does the line just like, stop. (Frustrated groan) What do I do? And then you try to redo it and then it takes longer. Anyway, enough of my problems. No, this is instant.

Number four: The “escalating” deaths and potentially terminal illnesses for those who have taken the injection and worse, subsequent boosters. We need to talk, real talk, because I know that, you know people that have died, but nobody dare say why.

“Oh, wait a minute. No, no, no, no. Come on, Pastor. They died of COVID complications.”

No, they didn't. They died because they were poisoned with an injection of poison. Because the injection is poison, and they just got their booster shot, and that's what killed them. That's what landed them in the hospital. That's why they have cancer now. That's why their cancer is back now. That's why they have heart problems now. That's why they're dying now. That's why they're dead now. Real talk. Real talk. And we're not talking about just a few people.

“Well, it's just a small percentage.”

No, it's not. I think every single one of us would be shocked if we knew the actual number. Unknowable, by the way, by design, because it's masked as just being some other cause of death.

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Don't take my word for it. You talk to these mortuaries, you talk to embalmers, you talk to funeral homes. And they'll tell you, "We've never seen anything like this." And this is so heartbreaking. Babies and children.

Number five: The "alarming" projections by experts. Now, let me define "experts." These are not the paid puppets. These are not the bought and sold, "sponsored by Pfizer" people. They've been bought out. They're bought and paid for. I'm not talking about them. I'm talking about true experts. And these are not even Christians. And that's an indictment on pastors in particular.

It's not the first time God will use someone that's not His own to speak through and to those who are His own. If that's the only way God's going to get through to somebody.

I mean, I'm so thick headed, God had to use a car cutting me off in traffic with a personalized license plate to speak to me. A car I've never seen again. This was back on the mainland many years ago. I'm convinced it was an angel unaware that drove this car with this license plate, H82W8. "Hate to wait." You know it's bad when God has to speak to you through a personalized license plate.

So you've got these experts that are saying things like we're on a trajectory and the likelihood of the earth surviving even to the year 2030.

What's so special about the year 2030? I don't know. Why don't you ask them. They're the ones that have Agenda 2030. Why Agenda 2030? I wonder if they know something that we don't know, better said, Satan knows something that he doesn't want us to know about that particular year. Just saying. I'm going to leave it there. We talked about that last week, by the way.

I mean, when you got experts, true experts, not paid puppets, true experts who are not Christians telling you what the Bible tells us. It's already happening. No flesh will survive if those days were not shortened. I mean, what's it going to take? Let everything be established in the presence of two or more witnesses.

There's a Turkish proverb that goes like this: "If one man calls you a donkey, pay no attention. If two men call you a donkey, buy a saddle."

[Laughter]

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You should see my saddle collection. It's quite impressive.

Number six: The “declining” supply of basic goods and necessities under the banner of “supply chain disruptions,” which is deliberate by design.

And number seven: The “continuing” tracking and tracing of every human on earth with the final evil plan as foretold in Bible prophecy that Satan would bring about transhumanism.

“Oh, this is science fiction.”

No, it's today's reality. It's already happening. Again, I'll reiterate one last time. Everything on this list, and the many more that could have been on this list, are not coming, they're already happening.

So now the question becomes one of, why is it that I am so insistent on constantly beating this same drum week after week?

And the short answer is because your current trial in concert with these current global issues are all prophetic indicators that the end isn't near, the end is already here. And as Jesus would have John write to the church in Philadelphia, “You just keep holding on. I'm coming. You just hang in there. I'm coming. It's not much longer. I'm coming.”

Before we end, I want to share with you a true story that I think really speaks to the matter at hand.

A number of years ago, I was about to speak at a conference in the mainland when a sister in Christ approached me prior. I was there on the stage, getting ready and set up, and she wanted to thank me for teaching Bible prophecy and preaching the Gospel and sharing the child like simple ABCs of salvation.

She then kindly asked if she could tell me what happened as a result. And knowing I had a couple of minutes, I said, Yeah, of course. Please share with me.

So she, with tears streaming down her face, told me that two weeks prior to that conference, she had shared the ABCs of salvation with a friend of hers. Her friend, who was really hurting at the time was in an abusive marriage, had come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ after she shared the Lord with her and the ABCs of salvation.

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The next Sunday, she took her to her church, her new saved friend, and they rejoiced and worshipping together and sitting under the teaching of God's Word.

She continued again, with tears now flowing down her face even more. She proceeded to tell me that the next day on that Monday, her abusive husband took a gun, shot and murdered her and turned the gun on himself in a homicide suicide.

The reason she was so thankful was that God foreknew this would happen, which is why she was prompted by the Holy Spirit to lead her to Christ on that specific day.

She gave me permission to share at the conference, which I did, and it was now time for my session. So I completed the session and shared that story.

And this is how I want to end today by sharing the gospel and ABC's of salvation. Please don't tune me out. I know we do this every week and have for years. But it's just a simple explanation of the good news of salvation that Jesus Christ came to die for us, instead of us, paid the penalty for us. He was buried. He rose again on the third day and He's coming back again very soon, one day. That's the good news, which is what the word "gospel" means.

The ABC's are just a simple tool to equip you with, to be at the ready to give to everyone an answer of that hope that lies within you.

The A is just simply for acknowledge or admit that you sinned. I mean, otherwise, why would you be interested in the Savior?

Romans 3:10 says, **"there is one righteous, not even one."**

Romans 3:23 says the reason there's no one righteous is because **"all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."**

Now *Romans 6:23* takes us into, and you'll forgive the court metaphor, the sentencing phase because we're guilty as charged because all have sinned. So what's the penalty for the sin? Well, **"the wages of sin is death,"** it's the death penalty. That's the bad news.

What's the good news?

The good news is **"the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

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That's the A. Here's the B, and it's so central. simply believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish, but have everlasting life.”**

Romans 10:9-10 says, **“If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved.”**

And the C lastly is for call upon the name of the Lord. Or as *Romans 10:9-10* also says **“If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will [Will] be saved.”**

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

That's so simple. All who call upon the name of the Lord.

Today's “But God testimony” is a little bit different. We're almost done. I appreciate your patience. I think you'll understand why I've selected it. It's just one example of and it's actually representative of the many for whom today's Prophecy Update was for, to be an encouragement to.

It actually comes by way of a YouTube post several days ago from Jenine Varvell, who writes, “This is in response to Thursday's Bible study in Ezekiel titled, “When Things Keep Going From Bad to Worse.” Have not been on for quite some time, but when I saw the title of this sermon, I knew I had to listen.

Since 2021 our family has been through a tremendous storm, one that really had rocked my faith, to be honest. We lost our only son to the vaccine, we begged him not to get, but he felt hard pressed because of a job. Rocky had just turned 21.

Then my husband fell off a roof, was in a coma for nine days with several broken bones. I was at one point trying to take care of a very sick mother with multiple ailments and dementia, my son, before he was meta-flighted to UCSF, and my husband once he came home.

Because my husband refused the vaccine, the hospital basically did nothing for him once he woke up. A story for a different day.

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In short, we lost our home, spent a month in a motel, I closed my boutique, and mama went into hospice where she passed away months later.

Hubby and I ended up in a tiny run-down mobile home. After two weeks in the mobile home, I went into full blown heart failure, called broken heart syndrome, cardio-myopathy induced by stress.

The last two years we have been fighting workman's comp and SSDI but the court system is corrupt and there is no justice!

Hubby was forced to go back to work with a subdural hematoma, and we're trying to fix up our little house.

When you lose all this world has to offer, you get a heavenly perspective.

I still have days where I grieve tremendously for my son. We were very close. He was my world. Italian mamas are very passionate about our children. I struggle some days as to why my one and only had to be taken. The silence is very loud in our house.

I know I'm supposed to reach out to the Lord during this time, but it seems like I have pulled away and I don't know how to fix it. It's been a little over two years. I don't cry anywhere near as much as I used to, then all of a sudden, usually in the middle of the night, I wake up and I start sobbing. I will get through this.

One thing my boo used to say to me, "Mama, you know what I admire about you? You're like a gangsta!" (We are Sicilian) I'd say, Wait a minute. He would laugh. "No, Mama. You power up against anything! Seriously, Mama, when you tell me that you're going to pray and we will get this or that resolved, I don't fret about it because I know you got my back! Now let's go get some tacos!"

[I would have liked this guy]

I knew he was buttering me up for something."

That's just one comment posted on our YouTube channel from one person that's gone through all of this, and I just want to close – Kapono come on up. Why don't you go ahead and stand up. I'm going to close by just simply and humbly suggesting to you that a story like

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this is not just a story, that's a person. These are real people going through real experiences, heart wrenching.

But God.

It's an indicator of how close we are to going home and we want to go home. So, Lord, come quickly.

Father in heaven, I thank You so, so much. Yes, it's getting harder. Yes, the trials more intense. Yes, the tears keep a flowing. But, Lord, thank You that we're knowing that very soon it's home we're going.

Lord, for anyone that's struggling, hurting, in deep pain, lift them up. **“You're the lifter of our head,”** David wrote. Strengthen, encourage.

And maybe for some it's just that much needed reminder that, Hey, you know what this means, don't you? It means I'm coming to get you. Just hang on.

“Yeah, but, Lord, it's getting bad.”

“I know, but it's going to get really bad before it gets unspeakably good.”

As Paul would say, it would be criminal to try to even speak of the glory that awaits. And that the sufferings of this life are not even worthy to be compared with that which awaits us.

Lord, I pray that You'll carry us through whatever it is that we're going through, knowing that You're coming soon.

Come quickly, Lord Jesus, Maranatha!

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.