

## **Bible Prophecy Update – March 9, 2025**

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DAVID: Heavenly Father, Lord, You are mighty and awesome in this place. As we lift our hearts up to You daily, Lord, thank You for Your blessings, Lord. Continue to give us direction, understanding, patience, love, and grace, Lord, as You are, Lord, Father. Thank You so much for being in our lives, Lord. Keep our hearts and our eyes and our minds always focused on You.

And as we get into Your word, Lord, be with our pastor, Lord, Pastor JD, Lord. May Your word go out and never come back void. We lift up this time to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PASTOR JD: In Jesus' name. Amen and Amen. And good morning and welcome. You can be seated. So glad you're here. Glad you came. Blessed that you came. I hope you're the same and blessed that you did come. Those of you online, same for you. We're so glad that you're joining with us.

Before we jump in, though, I want to let you know that I have accepted an invitation. This is the first time in many years because it's a no-travel, no-cost — that's my kind of deal — online prophecy shindig, not conference, shindig, hosted by Zak Spiro.

Now it'll begin at 12 noon Central Standard Time, which I actually looked it up this time. And that's 800 a.m. Hawaii Time next Saturday, March 15th.

Now we're going to provide a link to Zak's — and get this — Wretched Watchmen Prophecy Misfits podcast YouTube channel. Did you catch a couple of those words in there? I'm particularly fond of the misfit.

I'll be the last speaker, which actually will be a pre-recorded Q&A session, of pre-selected questions. But I would really encourage you to watch this great lineup of other prophecy teachers that will be speaking and livestreamed on that Saturday, this upcoming Saturday.

All right. This is our first of two services on Sunday morning. We devote it to the teaching on the End Times by way of these weekly Bible Prophecy Updates. And then Second Service became the sermon, which is a verse-by-verse study through the word of God. And we have reached the last book in the New Testament, the Book of Revelation. And can you believe this? We're actually going to start Chapter 18 today. We're making progress. For those of you online, it will be livestreamed at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii Time.

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Our text is going to be the first eight verses of Revelation 18. And the sermon is titled 'How the Devil Tries to Bring You Down,' key word, tries. And what we're going to do is look at five covert tactics the devil employs the demonic realm to use with the goal of bringing me down and trapping me in. There are many, but in our text we'll find five. So again, that'll be 11:15 a.m.

And for those of you online that are watching by way of YouTube and Facebook, I know this is an issue. And my apologies for the inconvenience, but we would really encourage you to go directly to [JDFarag.org](http://JDFarag.org) instead and for today's Update. Let's get to it.

I need to preface today's Update again this week, like I did last week, because of what I'll be talking about concerning the demonic realm, specifically as it pertains to the increase of the demonic in this last hour, which is yet another indicator of just how close we are, like we need more, to the pre-Tribulation rapture of the church.

So the first part, by way of, again, preface and introduction, is going to be more of a prophecy teaching. And here's why. It's going to be germane to our understanding of the Update portion, which will be the second part towards the end that, and the Lord knows my heart when I say this, I hope and pray will be an encouragement, a great encouragement to you as it has been for me. Because you understand that I cannot impart that which I do not myself possess. So God sees to it — He's faithful — that I own it before I deliver it.

So in preparing for today's Update, God just, I mean, lifted my head. He's the lifter of my head. And He strengthened my heart, He renewed my hope, and encouraged my faith. And I'm praying the same for you. But we've got to — if (Chuckling) if you don't mind, we gotta take the scenic route to get there. Is that okay? Okay.

Now we'll focus on the prophetic information here in Chapter 18 of Revelation, specific to Babylon's fall in the seven-year Tribulation. And we'll be taking the prophetic information in Revelation 18 for First Service. But we'll focus on the personal application in Revelation 18 for Second Service.

So understand that the previous chapter, Chapter 17, was all about the fall of Babylon religiously. And now here in Chapter 18, it's all about the fall of Babylon commercially. Same city, different aspects.

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As I inquired of the Lord about today's teaching and Update, it became abundantly clear, so clear that a fool could not err thereof, that I needed to address this uncomfortable and unpopular topic. And the reason is, is that Revelation 18 is replete with the pronounced role of the demonic realm in the end, as we're even now already beginning to see take shape.

I'll start by drawing your attention to the first of two verses out of Revelation 18 that speak to this increase of the demonic at the time of the end. And it's the second verse, Revelation 18:2, right out of the chute. And there's a reason why this is in verse 2 in this prophecy about Babylon's fall, because this is the principal reason for Babylon's fall. So John is writing and describing this, and we'll talk more about this, because we're going to go verse-by-verse through this Second Service.

But this angel, not God, but certainly from the presence of God, because he had the Shekinah Glory of God that was so bright that it was illuminating. And not only does he have a bright light, he's got a loud voice. I like him already. So we're told, **“And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, [Two times] [Now here's why, the “why” behind the “what” if you will] and has become a dwelling place of demons, [Number 1] a prison for every foul spirit, [Number 2] and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!” [Number 3]**

He delineates between the demons. These evil spirits, and I hope you know that in typology, biblical typology, the bird is always representative of evil. The parable that Jesus taught about this unnatural, abnormal growth of this mustard plant into a tree that became so large that all the birds came and perched on its limbs. And that's not a good thing. So I like the way that this is translated. And that's why I chose this version, because not only are these birds, a type of evil, unclean, but they're hated. So you got three different delineated entities here that have basically found a home and taken up residence in Babylon, which is the main reason that Babylon is fallen, is fallen.

Listen to what Paul wrote in 1 Timothy Chapter 4:1. Because this — this explains everything. Personally, this settles my heart, as God's word always does, and as God's Spirit always does, because He's always faithful to. But this settles my heart. So I'm not blindsided by what's

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happening in our world today. In fact, instead of being blindsided, I'm actually excited. That rhymed.

Listen to what Paul, to Timothy, by the Holy Spirit says will be the main marker of the last days. **"The Spirit [That should be capitalized, the Holy Spirit] clearly [Some of your translations render it "explicitly"] says that in later times [The last days] some will abandon the faith [Turn away from the faith] and follow [Now watch this] deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."** [Doctrines of demons]

Now, why is it important to distinguish between the deceiving spirits and the doctrines of demons? Because see, these deceiving spirits are demonic. And what do deceiving spirits do? I know this is deeply profound. Wait for it. They deceive. They deceive me, and, again, we'll go more in depth into this Second Service, but they deceive me to believe that the things taught by demons are true. They're not.

Listen to 1 Peter Chapter 5. I'll begin reading in verse 8. **"Be sober, [You're very familiar with this] be vigilant; [Why?] because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."** [Destroy]

Jesus said the enemy comes only to steal, kill, and destroy/devour.

Well, what are we going to do? Well, if you're sober minded, vigilant, on guard, on point., verse 9, you'll be able to **"...resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.**

*[And then he goes on in verse 10 and says] But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, [I wish that part wasn't in there] perfect, establish, [Complete, faithful is He who began that work in you to perfect it, complete it] establish, strengthen and [Listen] settle you."*

I would venture to say that there may be some today that are very unsettled. Can I just say in love that that's not what the Lord desires for you. The Lord desires for you to be settled, strengthened, established.

And verse 11, it's a doxology, but it's glorious. You're familiar with the doxology, right? Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all ye creatures here below. Oh, I love

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it. I'm getting chicken skin right now. Don't worry, I won't sing it. Some of you are you going, "He's not going to sing it, is he?" No. No need. Because Peter, in verse 11 says, **"To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."** So be it.

I just want to extract this word "dominion" out of verse 11, because Revelation 18:2 tells us that the demons had dominion over Babylon, and what came packaged with the demonic dominion were the deceiving spirits that deceived all, all the nations on earth.

Now, the question becomes one of how — it's always the "how" of the Holy Spirit to do the "what" of the Holy Word. See, the "how" of the Holy Spirit empowers us, enables us to obey the word of God, what the word of God says and commands and calls us to do. So how? How is it that we're to always be on guard, vigilant, and alert to our adversary, the devil and his many demons?

Well, in Ephesians Chapter 6:10-20, a very well-known passage, sadly taken grossly out of context by many today, but it's the well-known passage about the spiritual armor. The breastplate of righteousness. The belt of truth. The shoes shod with the preparation of the announcement of the Gospel of peace. The helmet of salvation.

And interesting, two thoughts, real quick. Notice there's no armor for the back. No, don't turn and run. Resist him. He'll run. And this is going to come up in a moment. But the only offensive piece of that armor was the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. You got the shield of faith above all, locked, tongue and groove.

That's why the enemy — and these are — and that's why the analogous use of a lion is so apropos, because lions stalked their prey strategically, and they're very patient. They wait. And they wait for a Christian to get out from underneath that spout where God's protectiveness comes out. He gets us alone, isolates us. We're a sitting duck. And you can write the next chapter in that horror novel.

You know, that's why he gets us to forsake the assembling, not gathering, assembling of ourselves together, as was the custom of some. Why the emphasis on assembling? Well, again, the analogy is if I have a watch, and I have all the parts of that watch gathered here, it's not functioning. No, it has to be assembled. And that's what the body of Christ is. That's

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what a body of believers is. It's an assembly. We're different parts of the same body assembled together.

The Apostle Paul to the Corinthians said, you know, we're all different parts of the same body. We have different functions. Some of the parts of the body get the spotlight. Some are unseen. But they're just as important.

And I love how he — you know Paul had a sense of humor. It comes kind of spilling out a little bit in his epistles. But he's like, you know, can the hands say to the foot, “I don't need you.”? To which the foot responds, “Oh, really? Ha! Okay. Bye!” Boom! Down you go. “I need you; get back here, foot.” We're all different parts assembled, functioning together.

And please understand that there's a difference between an organization and an organism. The church is not an organization. So the next time somebody says, “well, I don't really like organized religion,” say, “Perfect!” We're not an organization. We're an organism, a living body made up of different parts. And a healthy body like this body of believers, which, by the way, this is probably as good of a time as any to, and I hope you don't tire of me thanking you, because you guys are the real deal, man. I say it a lot; I know, but I'll say it again anyway. If I was not privileged to be the pastor of this church, I would still be in attendance in this church. You guys are amazing! And you can't feign love. You can try. People see right through it. It's surfacey. It's plastic.

You know, fruit from a distance, plastic fruit, you think oh, look, fruit! You get up closer. It's plastic! You feel so tricked and violated. It's not the real deal. Sadly, that's like a lot of Christians. It's a plastic Christianity. There's no real fruit.

But this spiritual armor, there's two facets to it that are missed and even dismissed. And the first aspect is how he starts off before he gets into the analogy of the Roman armor, connecting it to its spiritual application. Why the helmet of salvation? To protect the mind. Because Satan is always trying to plant seeds of doubt about your salvation. The breastplate of righteousness? That protects the heart, the internal organs, vital internal organs, including the thyroid.

I don't want to get too technical here, but I had no clue about how important the thyroid is. I didn't even know where it was in my body. I had to do some research. I was like, are you

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kidding me now? It's like right in this area right here. It regulates everything: Sleep, metabolism, I mean, concentration. It's like the regulator. And if that thing goes wrong, everything goes wrong. I'm just being open with you. I really appreciate my thyroid. I wake up and I say, "Thank You, God, for my thyroid." It's a part of my body. Nobody sees it. But man, if that thing isn't there, I'm toast with a capital T and a capital toast too.

So what's my point? My point is, is that he doesn't even get into the armor. Before he does, he emphasizes that we, and this is an important word, "**...wrestle not against flesh and blood.**" In other words, people are not the enemy. The enemy is the enemy. People are the mission field. We don't fight spiritual battles with carnal weaponry, Paul would write to the Corinthians. And I think we're all prone. I'm just as prone as the next guy to try to figure out a carnal solution to a spiritual problem. We talked about that at the prayer meeting on Tuesday night. No. You got a problem? Take it to Jesus.

So not only does he emphasize that, that people aren't the enemy, flesh and blood, human beings are not the enemy. Your boss is not the enemy. He's not the Antichrist either. The enemy is the enemy. And then he goes on. We haven't got to the armor yet. Be patient, unlike me. He says "instead" — this is what I love about God, the word of God and the God of the word is that he doesn't ever say "not this without saying, "this, instead." So he says, you're not wrestling. And wrestling is — is full body contact, man.

For those of you that are — know about wrestling, I took it in high school. I lasted — I tapped out in like — I don't know — 40 seconds, probably less, 20 seconds. I'm like, nah, I'm not feeling this at all because I'm feeling this. (Chuckling) Whoa. I mean, he had me on that mat, and he was even — I was even bigger. Anyway, enough of my problems.

But "wrestle" is different than "we battle." Battle, I don't think really — it's more involved than that. The amount of strength and all of the muscles in your body and all of the concentration are required in wrestling. It's unique unto itself.

So, okay, Paul, so we're not wrestling against people, flesh and blood, human beings. Who are we wrestling with? I'm so glad you asked. Because he goes on to list four separate rankings of demons in the spiritual realm. It's wickedness in high places, principalities,

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powers of darkness, similar to military rankings. These are high-ranking demonic entities. That's who we wrestle against. But God.

If you hear nothing else that I say or even yell at you about today, hear this. God has already given us the victory to stand against him when the spiritual warfare rages, the battle rages.

You know sometimes there's those days where — I had one recently — and I won't get into the details. But there was just this heaviness and almost like a depression. I know there's clinical depression. But I was just down and — I'll talk more about it Second Service, maybe, but I just — it was — it was oppressive. So my first response, not my last resort, is to go into prayer, which is on the other side of the armor.

So he introduces the armor by emphasizing that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but these demonic entities with different rankings. But then when people stop, after the listing of the armor, I think they do so to their own peril. Because listen to what Paul goes on to say after he's likened all of these pieces of the armor to the spiritual application.

By the way, the belt of truth — this is very interesting. The belt of truth is what kept and held everything together, and so too is this true in our life. Even the helmet would hook onto, the sword of the Spirit, a sheave into, the breastplate connected to. What does that say? That truth has to be central and sound and solid. If it's not, then everything else goes awry because it's relative.

You know, I hate it when people say, “Well, that's your truth.” My sanctification flees from me. This is why I don't usually get out much because I don't want to be in a situation. “Well, that's your truth.” (Said snarkily) I'm like, “What?” “You have your truth. I have my truth.” I say, “Wait, wait, wait, no, no. You're wrong. I have the truth, Jesus the Christ, who said '**I am THE way, THE truth, and THE life. And there's no way to the Father except through Me.**' How about that? Ha! Bye! In Jesus' name.” I'm over exaggerating. I really don't do that.

[ Laughter ]

And even if I did, I probably wouldn't confess that.

So how do you put the armor on? I mean, we're talking about a metaphorical figurative, you know, principle here, but I want, I need the helmet of truth, the breastplate of salvation,

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[The helmet of truth] the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth, the shoes of the preparation for the Gospel of peace, and the shield of faith above all. Doesn't mean it's more important than all the other pieces. No, it would be taken up above all. So they were locked in groove. They would dip it in water first, a type of the Word with which to extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. They created an impenetrable fortress when together, of one mind and one accord.

Here's what, to the peril of many, is not talked about. Prayer. Praying always in the Spirit. Praying continually. Which means that you can't pray in the car with your eyes closed and your hands... (Chuckling) I'm praying all the time in the car, especially in traffic, and not in the way you might think. That's how the armor is fitted and worn and positioned so that it's effective. Prayer.

So many times I've been in intense, and, I mean, that's almost an understatement. Intense spiritual warfare. And the first thing I ask for in prayer is, "God give me discernment of spirits." I can't discern. What is this? Well, you're being attacked. Because this oppressive, depressing cloud, or sometimes it's a, it comes in a myriad of ways, in a variety of forms, but sometimes it's ought towards another. And Satan starts working that. Well, you have the victory over that. Resist him, and he has to flee.

One of the things that I do is I audibly speak the name of Jesus. He hates that name of Jesus. Why? Because it's the only name given among men, whereby we must be saved.

If I play music, I turn up the volume. Sorry, neighbors. But in that music, it is exalting and praising Jesus. And we're told, Psalm 16:11, "**...that He inhabits the praises of His people.**" In other words, He takes up and dwells in that place where His name is being exalted. And by the way, that's when the Holy Spirit is most pronounced and present.

The Holy Spirit is only here in our midst, by the way, for one purpose, and that's to exalt the name of Jesus Christ, not the name of your denomination, not the name of your ministry, your rock star ministry, not the name of your affiliation. No, there's no other name. Because when a pastor starts promoting anything or anyone above the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit says, "You know what? I'm sorry. I cannot be a part of this."

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And by the way, this is the reason why once the Holy Spirit has departed, because the name of Jesus is no longer exalted, that's why they have to come up with gimmicks to make up for the absence of the Holy Spirit, and the power of the Holy Spirit, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I know, let's give away free iPads. We'll get them in the door. We're going to have a drawing for a free iPad. No, true story. Hey, let's, you know, take out some of those words in our worship and praise songs that, you know, like the blood... Eew!

How about the word "sin"? It's evaporated from behind the pulpit, and certainly it's evaporated in and from today's music, or what they claim to be praise and worship. No, it's performance. And the Holy Spirit can't stick around. I didn't mean to digress so much, but maybe that was for somebody here or watching online.

I hope you know that it is not my intention to go too in-depth into this, lest I play into the schemes of the devil by elevating his power. Let me explain this. This is perhaps one of the most effective ways the demonic realm deceives Christians to believe that the devil is God's equal. He is not. He is a created being.

I like how one said it. "The devil is God's devil." He's powerful, but he's not all-powerful. Only God is all-powerful, omnipotent. And our omnipotent, all-powerful God created the devil and He created the angels that would rebel with the devil. They are defeated foes who know they have but a short time. They just don't want you to know that. Would to God that more Christians knew that we have but a short time.

Revelation 12:9; remember when we were in Revelation 12, what, like six months ago now? **"So the great dragon was cast out, [Speaking of heaven] that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, [Listen to this] who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him".**

Then in verse 12, Revelation 12 says, **"Therefore..."** This is during the Tribulation. And then the scene changes to heaven where we're going to be during the Tribulation. [So] **"Woe unto the earth, [Ho! I wouldn't want to be you] because the devil has come down to you."**

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*[But for us here, rejoice]* **“Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! [And here it is again] Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.”**

The Apostle John, his first epistle, Chapter 4:4, listen to what he says. **“You [That's you and me] are of God, little children...”** And he can say that because he was in his 90s. He was their elder, much loved, much respected. **“You are of God, little children, and have [Notice, not will, might, could, should, no, have] overcome them, because [And here's why] He who is in you [The Holy Spirit] is greater than he who is in the world.” [The demonic spirits.]**

See, they know that. Sometimes I'm asked, “Does Satan know that he's not going to win?” To which I usually reply, “I believe he does, but he just wants to take as many people to hell as he can with him for all eternity, by the way.”

And please know that hell was never created for man but for the devil and his angels. I like how one illustrated it. “When Jesus was on that cross, arms stretched out, paying for our sins, dying for our sins, it was as if He was saying, 'It's over My dead and resurrected body you go to hell.'”

Romans 8. You doing okay so far? We're getting there. We're getting to our final destination. On the right, you'll.... (Chuckling) Let me read verses 37-39, Romans 8.

And by the way, Romans 8, ho! Seriously. For real. If you ever doubt, or if Satan has gotten to you, gotten away with getting to you to even think or doubt or question God's love for you, you would do well to bathe yourself in the 8th chapter of Romans, because it'll be a game changer.

Just right out of the chute in verse 1 — I think David just — **“There is therefore now no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus.”** That's Romans 8:1 You guys just sang this. You didn't even know. That's Romans 8:1, first verse.

Now you get to the end of the chapter, which is chock full — oh, by the way, it also has one of the most well-known and quoted verses in verse 28, but not 29, which should go with 28. **“For we know that God works all things together for the good to those who love Him and are the called, [Make sure and understand that it's the called] according to His purpose.”**

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And then the purpose is in verse 39, uh, 29, which is to mold you and shape you and make you more into the image of Jesus Christ. Ouch!

Verse 37, **“Yet in all these things we are *[I love this]* more than conquerors.”**

Someone introduces themselves to you and says, “I’m a conqueror.” You can say, “I’m more than a conqueror.” How so? “...through Him who loved us. **“It’s not by *[My]* might or *[My]* power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord.”** Zechariah 4:6.

And then he goes on, and this is so thorough, inspired by the Holy Spirit. He says, **“For I am persuaded *[Convinced, there’s no question anymore]* that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, *[A.K.A. demons]* nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, *[That pretty much covers the gamut]* shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

You know — one last comment on this — real quick. I would venture to say that the biblical illiteracy on the part of Christians today is due in large measure to how the enemy has done everything to keep them away from the word of God.

As one so aptly put it, “The Bible will keep you from sin, and sin will keep you from the Bible.” And the enemy wants to keep you in sin, so you’re not in the Bible because he knows that, like David would pen in the Psalms, **“...Thy word is a shield about me,”** a protection over me. It’s also the sword. We’ll talk more about that Second Service.

You know when Jesus was being attacked by Satan, you know what He did? He defeated a defeated foe in His humanity, not His divinity. And I’m so glad because He could have, in His divinity, just zap. We talked about that Thursday night. There’s a reason why He didn’t. He gave us a model. What was the model? The model is you can use, in your humanity, that which I used in My humanity to resist the devil so that he will flee.

How did Jesus resist the devil? Because the devil knows the scriptures, too, you know. And he even quotes the scriptures, better said, misquotes them. And what does Jesus do? He comes back with the sword of the Spirit. **“It is written.”** And it’s so interesting because He’s quoting out of Deuteronomy. “It is written.” “It is written.” “It is written.” That’s the model.

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See, if He would have defeated Satan in His divinity, what hope would we have as humanity? He's fully God, fully man. And this account is recorded for us. It's in Luke 4, by the way. You might want to spend some time there in your own time in God's word. I know you'll be richly blessed.

There's a couple of details at the beginning. We're told that full of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the wilderness. There's the key right there. The Holy Spirit. And then at the end, and again, I wish it wasn't there in the account, but it says it clear as day that Satan left Him until a more opportune time. Oh, great. So there's a sequel. We're going to go round two on this one.

You got to know that Satan attacked Jesus numerous times. This is the only one that we have recorded. And it's for us a model to us that we, in our humanity, can defeat the defeated foe who's already defeated. I know that's repeated.

2 Corinthians 11:3-4 This is so — this is — Paul — he may have been a rough, gruff guy on the exterior, but he was a soft, tender-hearted man on the interior. He writes, verse 3, 2 Corinthians 11, **“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.”**

You know, one of the ways that Satan does this, very cunning, is he distracts us away, leads us astray. He busies us with unnecessary things that matter not for eternity to keep us away from the only One that matters for all eternity.

And then he kind of expounds on it, verse 4, and he says, **“For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached...”**

Oh, wait a minute! There's more than one Jesus? Yeah, there's a lot of them out there. And you have to ask yourself, is that the same Jesus of the Bible? It's probably not. The Mormon Jesus is not the Jesus of the Bible. I'm just being — just real talk here. That's not the same Jesus.

The New Ager? You know, let's, (Chanting) you know, get our vibrations, the energy. You know... (Chanting) Pfft! Sorry. Maybe a little bit too much, but you get the point. I hope. Don't make me do that again. But they're — they're bringing Jesus down to the level of an

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ascended master. Oh, he was a good man. He was a prophet. He was a son of God, but not God. That's not the same Jesus.

So not just a different Jesus than the one we preached, But “...if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, *[Speaking of the Holy Spirit]* or a different Gospel...”

Oh man, you mean there's more, more than one Gospel? Oh yeah. The prosperity Gospel. That's not the Gospel. That's “...a different Gospel from the one you accepted, *[And this kills me where he says this] [And I use this particular translation for this reason]* you put up with it easily enough.”

Translated: You don't even put up a fight. I mean, you're like low-hanging fruit, just kinda like here comes somebody with a different spirit, a different Jesus, a different Gospel. And you're like, whoa! I didn't know that.

Okay. For those wondering why I'm doing this and taking the time going through this is because oh, my goodness, this rises to the level of tremendous seriousness. By “tremendous seriousness,” I mean that the presence of the demonic realm is already at work, and it's within the last days church, and it's deceiving multitudes. Is that hard to believe? Is that hard to accept? What if I told you that the devil is behind the false teachings that are behind the false teachers that are behind the pulpits today? I'm just going to let the Holy Spirit minister that to your heart.

Listen to Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. “**For such men are false apostles, *[False teachers, false pastors]* deceitful workmen...**” What are deceitful workmen? They're men that work deceit. I know, again, deeply profound. But this is the wording that is, I think, best translated from the original Greek, masquerading, metamorphosing, taking the form of, the shape of, putting the mask of this false light as false teachers and deceitful workmen.

“...masquerading *[They're masquerading, pretending, acting]* as apostles of Christ. **And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. *[But it's a false light]* It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.**”

You know, there's a litmus test that has served me well in my own walk with the Lord over the years that I'd like to share with you. And it's really a question that I ask myself. The

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question is this. Does it or them bring me closer to Jesus and away from the world, or does it or them distance me from Jesus and to the world? And that's in every arena of life: relationships, hobbies, entertainment, sports.

In other words, if anything or anyone is not of the Lord, it will be evidenced by the bad fruit of deceiving me and distancing me from the Lord. That's what John meant by test the spirits to see if they're of God. Well, that's how I know. Nice try. Nice mask. Where did you get that? It's very deceptive. But that's the thing. Deception is the number one sign of the end of time, the time of the end. And if deception is the number one sign of the time of the end, and it absolutely is, then that would explain why there's this increase in the demonic now that we're in the end, the time of the end.

And one need look no further than to the rampant deception. I'm going to word this, and I inquired of the Lord concerning this. I'm going to word this in a specific way, and I want you to listen very carefully. This rampant deception is fueling confusion by way of distraction, which in turn creates division. Do you see the progression?

And since I'm being open, I will just confess to you that this deception in this last hour and the ensuing confusion coming by way of distraction and creating division is the likes of which I have never before seen in my lifetime.

I've been walking with Jesus for over 40 — you know it's a long time when you have to do calculations. It's kind of like when you're online, and you have to enter your birthday and the year, and you got to scroll down and you're kind of concerned because you're wondering if it goes back that far. Oh, I mean, anyway, I digress.

I've been walking in the Lord for over 43 years. I've never seen anything like this before. And I'm not shaken by it. I'm grieved by it. But I'm not surprised because I know that God's word says that this will be what marks the time of the end. In fact, it will be the number one marker and characteristic of the time of the end.

This is why — hang in there with me — I'm compelled, even constrained, to bring this to the forefront given that the stakes are so high because you know what we're talking about here right? We're talking about the propensity to impact one's destiny for all eternity, specifically this deception of the masses, even professing Christians, has seemingly put them under a

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spell. And that's what I want to address for the second part, which I won't take too long to do, but to do that, we'll go ahead at this time and end the livestream on YouTube and Facebook.

I'm going to begin with the second of the two verses out of Revelation 18. We won't get to it today. That's Second Service. And I'm going to quote it again. I know I quote it often, but I'm going to quote it again because it's a prophecy about one of the main reasons Babylon falls. And it is extremely pertinent to the increase of the demonic in the time we're now living.

I quote it often because woven into it is a detail of paramount importance concerning the demonic component if you will, in today's pharmaceutical, so-called, vaccine industry.

Revelation 18:23. **“Babylon is fallen, is fallen.”**

As we get towards the end of the chapter, we're given more detail about the destruction and the judgment that comes upon Babylon. And we're also told why. And verse 23 has one of the whys. First, what. **“The light of a lamp will never shine in you again. The voice of bridegroom and bride will never be heard in you again. Your merchants [Babylon] were the world's great men. [I chose this translation for this reason] [Because he goes on to say] By your magic spell [Some of your translations render it sorceries] your magic spell all [Not most, not some] all the nations were deceived.”**

Wouldn't you agree, that's a pretty big prophecy right there? Okay, so is this why you talk about vaccines every week? Yeah, pretty much. Because God's word tells me that this pharmaceutical, magical spell, potion, something is going to be the core of this deception that is so grand that all the nations on earth fall for it.

When Babylon falls in Revelation during the seven-year Tribulation — thank God we're not here for it — this pharmakeia, which is the Greek word from where we get our English word pharmacy, pharmaceutical, pharma, sorceries, your translations render it, pharmakeia, magic spells, pharmakeia. It was a witchcraft. It was a potion. It was a pharmaceutical that they would drink or inject or ingest that would put them into this altered state, under this magic spell. And it will be so powerful that it will deceive all the nations on earth.

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And here's what's so sad. Many Christians have either let their guard down, or even worse, have been complicit in this worldwide demonic deception. And that's what it is.

Eight days ago, Times Now published an article bearing the title of [I'm sorry for chuckling] 'Disease X fears: From Brain-Swelling Flu, To Eye-Bleeding Fever, Scientists Warn 4 Viruses Could Trigger The Next Pandemic'.

Oh, how do you know? Cause you've already scheduled it.

Hear me out. I'm almost done. Hear me out. Notice how I threw that into give you hope?

This is deceptive fear propaganda to broadcast, or better said, spell cast the programing which programs by channels that are actually channeling this demonic deception to humankind by way of the media from where we get the word medium. (Mmmmm) Oh, sorry. And that's how they convey the deceptive magic spell. Spell cast.

I was just this last week, inquiring of the Lord about how it seems like so many people, even Christians, they're like under a spell. And it's like, you can't — somebody is probably coming to mind right now — and I'm sorry about that. But I mean, it's kind of like when Paul writes to the Galatians and says, **“Who has bewitched you?”** Who has got you under their spell and deceived you?

Okay, how does this work, this programing of humankind? Oh, it's like programing of a computer hardware system or software program, which Big Pharma has actually stated on the record before it was removed — I got it. I still got it. I saved it. Moderna's website, on their homepage, referred to these so-called vaccines as, quote, the software of life, and they likened it to a computer software program that is installed in your body to program you. No, thank you. I'm good.

Then, like we talked about last week, and I won't take too long, but Elon Musk when receiving this award — this is back in 2020 — he's on the record stating, and I quote, “You can basically do anything with the synthetic RNA, DNA. It's really like a computer program,” close quote.

There's one more thing I want to point out in this article, which is very telling and revealing. Note what they write under the photo. And I quote, “Scientists say while they cannot

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predict precisely how and when the new outbreak might begin, they are sure it is likely to be soon.” How can you be so sure? Because pretty soon we're gonna launch this thing. That's how we know. And that's why we can be so sure that it's going to be so soon.

Thank God for the Restrainer, God the Holy Spirit, who continues restraining until He's taken out of the way. In 2 Thessalonians 2, arguably one of the most packed, powerful passages and prophecies in all of the pages of Holy writ, we have a detail of the timing of the pre-Tribulation rapture, the revelation of the Antichrist, and the Restrainer being moved out of the way. Not — because God the Holy Spirit is God, the Holy Spirit, and He's omnipresent. He's not — He's still here. He has to be because countless multitudes are going to get saved. And if God the Holy Spirit is omnipresent, He's all-present. He's all places at one time. So He's still here. He's just going to say, “Okay, I'm out of your way. Go ahead. Go ahead.” And then all hell is literally going to break loose.

Now, why do I point this out? Because we here in Hawaii just witnessed the Restrainer restraining.

What are you talking about?

Oh, House Bill 1118.

What's that?

It was a bill which, if law, would have denied any and all religious [Religious] exemptions from these so-called vaccines.

So Tuesday we're in our staff meeting. Our attorney, Shawn Luiz; He's a brother in Christ and a civil rights attorney who's been on the front lines fighting this since 2020. He's become a dear friend. Well, he emailed Gail, my administrative assistant and I. And I want to share with you what he emailed.

“Aloha, Pastor and Gail. Great news! HB1118 relating to vaccinations: The bill was recommitted to the JDC committee. It is dead for this session. [Thank you, Holy Spirit Restrainer]

[ Applause ]

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[Listen to the rest of this] [It's got the Holy Spirit's fingerprints all over it, man] [Holding back, restraining]

It was not a law. [Oh, let me back up] It was unconstitutional under the Smith case because it targeted religion. It was not a law of general applicability as it allowed medical (secular) exemptions, but not religious.

The Jack Phillips baker case from Colorado [These are precedents; they cite legal cases] and the Miami, Florida, Hialeah [Sounds like a local] case all supported our position as well.

One less battlefield for us to contend with at this time. Praise Jesus! Best regards, Shawn Luiz.”

Thank you, Lord!

[ Applause ]

I'll end by highlighting this quote from the aforementioned article about scientists not knowing when — they can't precisely predict — but they're sure that it's soon.

Well, you know what? The scientists are plagiarizing the Holy Bible, the word of God, because we as Christians don't know precisely when, but we're sure it's soon and very soon. So get your own material, scientists.

Of course, I'm referring to the pre-Tribulation rapture, which we are sure, the more sure word of prophecy, our blessed assurance, our blessed hope. And that's not like, “I sure hope.” (Said halfheartedly) No! Ha! Done deal! That means it's your blessed hope. It's your only hope. You're putting all your hope and your only hope, your blessed hope. And that is — by the way — I speak for myself, okay? The only way I'm getting out of this thing, the only hope I have is when that trumpet sounds, and Jesus comes and raptures me. That's my only hope.

I have no hope in this world. I have no hope in any one being able to.... Who's gonna? You think man can fix this? Come on. Pastor, you're getting snarky. Okay, then I'll close.

Wait, real quick, though. Why are you so sure? You can't precisely predict, but you're so sure it's so soon? How's that work?

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Oh, because God's word tells me because God doesn't want me to be ignorant about the time of the end, which is why well-nigh one third of the Bible is prophecy. You get the impression that God wants us to know prophecy? So Bible prophecy tells me this is what the world's going to look like at the time of the end. And one of the things that's going to happen at the time of the end is there's going to be a significant uptick in demonic activity.

Oh, man, we must be like right there.

We are. We are.

You think we're that close?

Without question.

Are you going to date set?

Absolutely not. But we are. And we'll see this later on in Revelation 18, not Second Service. In one hour. When the hour comes. One hour. Sudden destruction. In the twinkling of an eye. Not a blink. (Chuckling) The twinkling, like a sparkle, in the sparkle of an eye, we're going to put off these old — Oh, I can't — just that — put off these old corruptible bodies and metamorphosis into our immortal eternal bodies. I can't wait! I put in my order for shoulders this time.

[ Laughter ]

Sorry. Maybe that's TMI. We're going to have our glorified bodies. And it's going to happen suddenly, quickly.

Here's the bottom line. If we're already seeing how prophecies about the seven-year Tribulation are beginning to happen at warp speed, then we must be so close to the rapture prior to this seven-year Tribulation happening at warp speed.

These Prophecy Updates have become longer, and I appreciate your grace and your patience. But one of the main reasons they have is because they've also become more important in this last hour.

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But I'm still always going to end with the Gospel of salvation in the person of Jesus Christ and an explanation of salvation by way of a tool to equip you, not a formula, the explanation of salvation by way of the ABCs of salvation.

Will you just hang in there with me for a couple minutes? I'm almost done. You said that 20 minutes ago. No, I know. Now, I'm really almost done.

The A is for admit. And the reason why this is first and foremost is because unless and until someone admits and acknowledges that they've sinned, they will not be interested in the Savior. They will not put their trust in the Savior. They're trusting in their own good works. Because I'm a good person, and I was brought up and taught that good people go to heaven and bad people go to hell.

Well, actually, there's going to be a lot of very good people in hell and a lot of very bad people in heaven. And I'll be at the front of that line and don't look at me all spiritual. You're going to be right behind me. I'll save you a place in line.

Listen to Romans 3:10. **“There is no one righteous, [No one good] not even one.”** What, you're the exception? No, there was only one exception, and His name is Jesus, who was perfect, sinless, without blemish, without sin, who fulfilled the law that we broke and took upon Himself all of our sins. And paid the price for us instead of us.

Wait a minute. I'm not there yet.

Well, take him to Romans 3:23. **“All have sinned.”** What?, you're not part of the **“all”**? Last time I checked, all meant all have sinned and *[Interesting wording]* **“...and fall short of the glory of God.”**

You missed the mark. It was an archery term. You missed the bullseye. Yeah, but man, I hit it the last nine times in a row. Yeah, but just if you break one of the commandments, you've broken the whole law. So you sinned. You sinner! We've all sinned. We were born sinners, which is why we sin.

You know, when I sin, that doesn't make me a sinner. No, I'm a sinner, which makes me sin. And we're all born sinners, which is why we sin, and which is why we must be born-again in order to enter and see the kingdom of heaven.

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Well, Romans 6:23; I like it because it kind of starts out — you know when people come to you and say, “Hey, I got good news; I got bad news. What do you want first?” “Get thee behind me, Satan. I don't want the bad news. What do you got? What's the good news?” What do you say to that? First of all, why even...?

Well, the bad news is first. The choice is made for you. What's the bad news? Oh, you've been sentenced to death “**...because the wages of sin is death.**” That's kind of bad news. Yeah, but the badder the bad news is, the gooder the good news going to be.

**“but the gift [Notice the contrast] of God...”** You don't pay for a gift. You try to re-gift gifts. But this gift you can't re-gift. It's a gift that was bought and paid for, purchased for you, purchasing you. You are not your own. It's the gift of God and it's **“...eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** Because He bought it for us and He paid for it.

How much did it cost Him?

Everything.

Man, that's an expensive gift.

You better believe it. He paid for it in His blood. Cost Him His life. He was tortured and beaten and wounded and pierced for our transgressions and iniquities.

Well, if you don't have them on their face going, **“what must I do to get saved”** by this point, I just think you shake the sand off your slippers and move on to somebody else. Don't waste your time.

Because you got to get to the B because that's the central focal point. And actually it's, it's not just as simple as A-B-C. It's actually as simple as believe. And it's not, “Well, I believe in God.” (Said halfheartedly) No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. Oh, I believe Jesus is Lord. (Said halfheartedly) Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. No, no, no, no, no.

To believe in is to put your trust in the person of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. So you're not trusting in your own sins, believing that you'll be good enough to be granted access and entrance into eternity. No.

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

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See, it's important because the Gospel is this. And in 1 Corinthians 15, the first four verses, Paul, just explains the Gospel. But that's not the first time he writes about the Gospel. The first time he writes about the Gospel is in his first letter he ever wrote, inspired by the Spirit, to the Thessalonians, 1 Thessalonians. And you get to Chapter 4, and he explains what the Gospel is. We believe that Jesus died. He was crucified, buried, and rose again on the third day. And [Sorry if I woke you up] Don't end there, please. Jesus died for you. He was buried. He rose again on the third day. Have a nice day. Bye. No. And He's coming back for you one day. Good news.

In other words, the first time the Apostle Paul explains the Gospel, it's in the context of the pre-Tribulation rapture of the church.

Well, the C is really just a outward expression of the B. Because if I believe Jesus Christ is Lord in my heart, putting my trust in Him with all of my heart, then out of the abundance of my heart, the mouth speaks. What's going to come out? Jesus. Because "Out of the abundance of the heart..." Jesus is in my heart. Jesus has my heart, all my trust, all my heart. And now, out of the abundance of that, the mouth speaks. And what's in your heart gonna come out of your mouth, good or bad.

Best illustration, just real quick. I'm really, really almost done. You got a bucket you're carrying, and it's full of whatever it's full of. That came off really bad. And someone comes along and knocks you and bumps you hard. And what is in that bucket comes out of that bucket.

So if that bucket is full of anger, what's coming out? Anger. If that bucket's full of love, what's going to come out? Love. The bucket is the heart. And you can — it's not what goes into a man's mouth that defiles him. It's what comes out of it.

Okay, today's "But God Testimony" comes from Stefan, who writes, "Hi Pastor JD! My name is Stefan and I live in your old stomping ground Spokane, Washington. [I think you know why I picked this one]"

I started watching you in 2020. My wife and I have been so blessed by your ministry. We both received exemptions from you for our jobs in health care. I worked as a respiratory

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therapist, and my wife is an invasive cardiovascular specialist. [You know that's important when you can barely pronounce it]

I'm writing to you because I remember hearing a lot of your "But God Testimonies" of how people were using billboards, bus stops and other means to get out the good news.

I recently started making T-shirts, for our kids' Christian school, sharing Bible verses on them, and had an idea.

I had a terrible childhood and was saved from suicide by Jesus. I'm introverted and don't particularly like talking with people. But God gave me a powerful testimony, so I wanted to force myself to be vulnerable.

I created a T- shirt and sweatshirt that says, "ASK me how Jesus Saved my life."

[Oh, that's good]

I'm waiting on the transfer sheet to come in so I can make it and start wearing it. I'll update you on how it goes once I can start wearing it around Spokane.

[Please do]

Thank you for your ministry. Can't wait to meet Jesus with you in the air soon!"

Come on up, David. Why don't you stand up? See?

Second Service should be joining us here pretty soon. (Chuckling)

Again, thank you. I just, you know. Maybe we should just make it all one big service. You know they used to do that back in the old-time religion. You know church would go for, like, three hours. Man, nobody's going to put up with that today. Well, you guys.

Father, thank You. We're.... O Lord. We're just in such awe of You. You are holy, Lord. Holy, holy, holy. Lord God Almighty.

Lord, thank You. I know this was long and a lot, lot to process. But that's what we're looking to the Holy Spirit to do for us in us. Will You?

And, Lord, for anyone that might be even here in this service or watching online that has never really had it click for them, that they're a sinner in need of a Savior, and You are their Savior, I pray that today they would not delay the most important decision of their life for

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eternal life. Please Jesus, let today be the day of their salvation. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.