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The Elephant in the Room

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Good morning and welcome. We are so glad that you are with us online. This is our first service; we have two services on Sunday mornings, the first of which is the Bible Prophecy Update that we do weekly. And then Second Service which will be live-streamed at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time is our verse-by-verse study through the Word of God.

We are currently in the Book of James, just started, and today we're going to look at what it is that we can do when we find ourselves in those very difficult and painful trials in our lives and we don't know what to do. So the sermon is going to be about when you don't know what to do, this is what you can do.

[Laughter]

So I hope you don't mind. It's not a play on words. So that will be, again, live-streamed at 11:15 a.m. For those of you that are on YouTube or Facebook, we'd encourage you to go directly to jdfarag.org for the uncensored, uninterrupted entirety of today's update.

And with that were going to get right to it, a lot to get to today. We're off to a good start, I can tell. It gets better so...

What I'm going to do for today's update is I'm going to borrow this metaphorical idiom of "the elephant in the room" concerning the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

Doubtless you know that this idiom speaks of an obvious and enormous issue that everyone knows about but no one talks about. And the reason is, is because it is so controversial and divisive and as such, it makes people so uncomfortable, so much so that they unfriend us on social media, just saying. But it's just avoided and ignored entirely because no one wants to talk about this elephant in the room.

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Well, the elephant that I need to talk with you about today is that of the seriousness, and I mean seriousness, and the swiftness with which Bible prophecy is unfolding. Namely as it relates to what's now happening in the world being exactly what we're told will happen at the end of the world. I realize I'm being somewhat generic, but if you'll hear me out, I will be more specific.

Scripture is replete with prophecies about the time of the end, and one of the most encouraging of all comes from the Savior himself in the Gospel of Luke, the 21st chapter.

In response to a question from the disciples concerning the signs of the end of the age and the return of the Savior, Jesus answers their questions, plural, by telling them and describing for them what the signs will be at the time of the end.

And then after He does this and answers them, He tells them in verse 28 of Luke 21, **"Now when these things begin to happen [keyword begin to happen] here's what you do. Look up and lift up your heads, [Why?] because your redemption draws near."**

Notice what He doesn't say, and again, please I would just ask that you hear me out and don't get mad at me yet. I'll give you a reason to get mad at me shortly but now's not the time.

Notice what Jesus doesn't say. He doesn't say when you see these things that I just described for you, listed for you, these signs that will mark the end of the age and My return, He doesn't say when you see these things begin to happen, rise up.

Rather, He says, "look up."

Okay, just, again, hang in there with me. Doubtless you've probably heard this or even done this yourself. You're there

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at a crosswalk, at an intersection, you know, the "don't walk," and you're just waiting, and there's a bunch of people around you, and you start looking up.

Oh, good you're with me so far, right?

Everybody's going, what?

[Laughter]

What are you looking at?

I'm so glad you asked. Jesus is coming.

[Laughter]

Oh, you're one of those?

Yeah, I'm one of those.

Look up. Don't look out. Don't look at. Look up. Don't rise up, no. Look up because your redemption draws near. Now I want to sort of - when I say this, I need to sort of qualify it because everything, and when I say everything, I mean everything. I know that is deeply profound, but everything that's beginning to happen points to the imminent rapture of the church and the commencement of the 7-year tribulation. And we need to talk about that.

Let me say the same thing in a different way. There is no thing that is happening in the world today that does not point to the rapture of the church and the beginning of the 7-year tribulation, nothing that's happening. And again, everything that's happening, and when I say everything, you can make a list as long as you want. Everything on that list points to the imminent rapture of the church.

Now let's get a little more specific here. I want to address specifically two of the many prophecies, and there are many prophecies, but these two in particular.

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And the first one is concerning the controlled demolition of the economy globally. We need to talk about how empty the shelves are in the stores. That's the elephant in the room. And we also need to talk about the prices of what is left on those shelves in the store. Bible prophecy tells us that's what's going to happen and it's beginning to happen.

What's the second one?

Well, specifically it's something we address it seems now on a weekly basis and rightfully so, but it is the beginning of this demonic genocide globally. It is happening in realtime at breakneck speed right before our very eyes exactly as Bible prophecy says it will. And one need look no further than to Bible prophecy just in the Book of Revelation to connect the prophetic dots, as it were, to what's now happening.

The reason being, is that the Book of Revelation foretells this in prophetic and graphic detail. And when I say graphic, well, actually that's one of the reasons I would suggest that many a Christian stays completely away from the Book of Revelation. They do so under the banner of it's too hard to understand.

It's so graphic, it's so catastrophic, it's so cataclysmic, it's so apocalyptic, which, by the way, in the original language of the Greek New Testament, the word apokalypsos means revelation, and stay with me on this.

Revelation - reveal-ation - it's a revealing, an unveiling, revelation, apokalypsos of that which is going to happen yet future. That's what the Book of Revelation is. Can I say it like this? It's a very revealing book.

[Laughter]

There, that worked; we'll leave it at that. Quit while I am ahead, I guess.

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Okay, so prophetic and graphic detail, details about the technology the Antichrist will use to control the world's population. And again, when I say detail, I mean detail. We have specificity in these prophecies concerning the details and then not just the control of the world's population but graphic details about the mass deaths of the world's population.

This will find its fulfillment ultimately in the tribulation; however, we're already beginning to see it now prior to the tribulation. This is the aforementioned elephant in the room that we need to talk about, and if you'll kindly allow me to, we're going to do just that.

But in order to do that, we'll go ahead at this time and end the live-stream on YouTube and Facebook.

Okay, please hear my heart on this. What follows is only for those who have discerning ears willing to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. If you don't have ears to hear, then what I'm going to share with you today is not going to be well received.

I'll start with a prophecy specific to the collapse of the financial system which we have a detailed description of in the Book of Revelation vis-à-vis this description of hyperinflation that is seemingly created by what we're seeing begin to happen now with this demonic preplanned crisis.

I'd like to draw your attention to Revelation 6. This is in the tribulation, arguably at the beginning of the tribulation, and here's how I get there. Chapter 6 through 19, all of those chapters in Revelation are about the 7-year tribulation. So here in Chapter 6, we have the prophecies about these seal judgments, these riders on the horses.

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And in verse 5 we are told, **"When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand."**

Scales being symbolic of trade, buying and selling. In that day they would weigh by way of a scale. If you wanted to buy a pound of something, they would put a 1-pound weight on one side and the 1 pound of whatever you were buying on the other side, and that was the scale by which they measured the amount that you were buying. That's what this prophecy is about.

Verse 6, **"Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"**

What? Oh, it looks like it will take the amount of money you would make in one day just to be able to buy the ingredients to make some bread. It's going to take a day's wages. That's called hyperinflation, that's if you can find it on the shelf by the way.

This **"do not damage the oil and the wine,"** that speaks of wealth which would seem to imply that the wealthy are untouched. I'm not going to go there today. Don't need to. You know what's happening right now, right?

All right, verse 7. **"When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine, and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth."**

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Okay, do you see a connection between the third and fourth seal? So the third seal, it basically is a matter of survival if you can.

And there's two presuppositions actually. The first presupposition is that you are working and earning a wage. And the second presupposition is that you're going to be able to find wheat and barley and that day's wage is what it's going to take just to buy that wheat and barley.

Can I say famine? That's what it is, and that's the connection with this fourth seal judgment. But notice there's not just famine and plague but sword, war, violence, lawlessness.

Now there are some thoughts concerning what the wild beasts of the earth are. We're not going to be here to find out, thankfully, but needless to say you've got a list of four things here that we're told are going to kill 25% of the earth's population. Let's do some math real quick to put this into perspective.

So let's just say for purpose of discussion that the population of the earth today is - we'll just round it off to 8 billion with a B. It is about 7.9 billion. Don't tell Bill Gates that. Too late; he already knows. Sorry.

So let's round it off to 8 billion. Now let's go to our Bibles because that's the final word, by the way, right?

So well, yeah but they're saying that.

I don't care what they're saying.

Well, they're talking about that. Why aren't you talking about that?

Because I want to talk about this. And by the way, it needs to be talked about.

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So what my Bible says is that a fourth of the population of the earth, again arguably at the beginning of the 7-year tribulation, is going to be killed. So what's 25% of 8 billion? 2 billion, with a B, people.

Okay, you okay? Aren't you so glad you came today?

Wow, Pastor JD, you just have a way of just being so perky.

Oh, I am not perky anymore.

So just the third seal of hyperinflation and with it the fourth seal of death by sword, famine, plague, and wild beast will kill 2 billion people?

Yes.

Okay, now we have a question.

What's the question?

Are we beginning to see that happening?

Answer: Yes.

We're seeing this hyperinflation. Oh, it's - this is child's play compared to what is going to happen during the 7-year tribulation, but we're already beginning to see it in concert with this global genocide of the world's population.

I'll start with the third seal of hyperinflation by referring you to an update we did back on December 6, 2020, titled '*The Great Set Up*'.

In it, we looked at a 12 step outline of sorts that I had permission to share from an online member who has tremendous insight into this.

Well, he emailed me again this week with an update based on now what's happening, and here we are about a year-plus later, and everything he said would happen is beginning to happen exactly as he said it would.

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And he outlines and argues the reasons as to where this is going and why this is happening, and based on that, you can basically come up with this conclusion. And the conclusion is hyperinflation., which, by the way, is - well, I'm getting ahead of myself.

Let me just share with you and then maybe I'll expound or comment on it as we go through this. I want to share with you what he emailed me this week.

He said, "I want to give you a little update on something that I'm keeping my eye on from a monetary perspective. I have to admit that I was initially surprised by Boris Johnson's sudden reversal on all Covid restrictions for the UK.

I have evaluated this move in light of my opinion that ***[And I want you to listen very carefully]*** that the response to Covid-19 was not related to a health crisis but used to manage a monetary crisis.

[Hang onto that]

I postulated that the lockdowns were really intended to slow the velocity of money in order to allow central banks and governments to print and inject tens of trillions of dollars of currency into the system, preventing an early collapse.

The lockdowns slowed the velocity of money and inflationary spike that would have occurred if economies were running wide open. This maintained the purchasing power of the currencies while governments bought corporate debt and indirectly acquired the means of production through bond purchases.

If we see a rapid reversal of the lockdown policy globally as we saw with the UK, then this may be the signal that the inflationary trap has been set and it's time to open up the economy and let the velocity of money spike, leading to very high rates of inflation.

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Very high rates of inflation will trigger a crisis in the debt markets as bond holders sell bonds because the real rate of return turns sharply negative. This sell off will result in rapidly rising bond yields and interest rates including corporate debt and mortgage rates.

A collapsing debt market will pull down the stock and real estate markets as the cost of debt service cuts into corporate bottom lines and rising mortgage rates makes housing unaffordable.”

[By the way have you seen the prices of real estate here on the island?]

[Okay, apparently you have so we will just leave that alone.]

[He goes on to say, and I like how he words this.]

“This is how the “everything bubble” ***[Everything bubble]*** pops.

I believe the reversal of Covid restrictions and opening of the global economy will initially be viewed as a victory for the people against tyranny, but the “victory” will be hollow as the “everything bubble” pops and fiat currencies are destroyed in a hyper-inflationary collapse.

In conclusion, I'm watching to see a rapid reversal in global Covid restrictions which will mean those pulling the strings believe it's time to use inflation to bring down the “everything bubble” and monetary system.”

In his previous email in 2020 December, he used a great illustration that the COVID “crisis” is the pin that pops the “everything bubble,” as he words it here.

So you see the connection here? For those of you that have been with us for any length or period of time, you know that this was all planned well in advance many decades ago.

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Actually, one update I remember a while back we actually traced back to the early part of the last century in the early 1900s where it seems that this was already planned and was already kind of set in motion.

And then you fast-forward 100-plus years to the present day. And just fast-forward to 2019, and one simulation in New York City in October of 2019 where they simulated a coronavirus pandemic.

I mention that because - and I had to go back to my archive notes on this - I'm pretty sure you can still see this online. It was by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and Johns Hopkins University.

And if you go in there and you watch the videos of this simulation, and I remember when I first saw it. Hang in there with me. I'm kind of all over the place here. But I just want to take you on the scenic route. We'll get to our final destination here pretty soon.

When I first watched it, I thought, Wow! They've really thought this through. I mean they are addressing everything. They've got it down to misinformation posted on social media. This is 2019.

So we are going to have to control the narrative.

Wow, they really have this down! They're really on top of this.

And there's going to be a lot of medical misinformation, ***[medical misinformation]*** and were going to have to control that on social media.

Wow! You've got to hand it to them. They've done a smashing job, no pun intended. I just like that word "smashing."

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I mean their efforts and their plan has been met with smashing success. They did exactly what they, in this simulation, said they would do. They're doing it, present tense.

And oh, by the way, don't you find it a little bit interesting and even ironic that in October of 2019 in New York City, they have the simulation, and then how many weeks after did this whole thing kind of start happening? Hmm, things that make you go hmm.

[Laughter]

Thank you so much for that. I appreciate the help on that. So let's get back to this.

"This wasn't a health crisis. This was a monetary crisis."

Now when I use phrases like "controlled demolition," that's deliberate because that's exactly what this is. It is a controlled demolition of the global economy because if you think about it, you cannot have a cashless economy, a global economy if you've still got this old economy in place.

So we got to get rid of that, and we've got to get rid of the money, and we got to get rid of cash. You know there are places now that you go into; they will not take your cash, unclean, unclean. They don't want your money. Everything has to be digital, and we talked about that. I'm not going to take the time to go back into that.

But by way of blockchain technology, which very simply explained is a verification system. So once a transaction has been verified, a block is completed and it is added to the chain as a verified documentation of authentication and verification. That's what blockchain technology is in a very simple explanation.

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So they're going to use this technology because we're told in Revelation 13 that no one will be able to buy or sell unless they are in the system and have some sort of a mark on their forehead or their forehead. And we've talked about that in great detail as well.

That technology is already in place, and I'll have you know it is already being used and it is a quantum dot tattoo, which, by the way, in the original language of the Greek New Testament, Revelation 13, the word for "mark" carries with it the idea of a stamp, a tattoo, Palisades, these quantum dot tattoos.

They actually - they're put on the forehead or the forehead, not an injection in the arm, and it delivers this whatever it is into your human DNA.

And we're told in Revelation 16 that the people who have the mark start breaking out with all of these sores and boils, and I believe that is a reaction to whatever this is.

And I have my ideas, and you've probably watched some of the same videos I have and seen some of the same articles that I've seen.

And I tell you this stuff, whatever's in it, and by the way, it is the elephant in the room and we need to talk about it. You know the inserts on the vaccine, so-called - I am calling it an injection; it's not a vaccine. But you know the insert that tells you what's in it? You know what it says? Intentionally left blank.

[Laughter]

For 75,000 years and then will let you know, whatever the amount of time is.

Oh, you don't want me to know what's in it?

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No, you can't know.

Well, you know what? I know what's in it because my Bible tells me what's in it. It's poison because this is going to be the reaction.

My Bible also tells me there's something in this that is going to be so damnable at the time that it becomes the mark that I'll be condemned for all eternity. So nice try. I know what's in it. My Bible tells me what's going to be in it. You don't have to tell me. Intentionally left blank? Not here.

Okay, you okay so far? Are we okay? Because we have another elephant we need to talk about that's in the room. This is a big elephant.

[Laughter]

Oh, I am so glad you reacted that way. Please know that I take what I do very seriously. And yes, I know that I've got a sense of humor that some don't appreciate, but it is what it is. I like to laugh.

And by the way, laughter is medicinal, very therapeutic. And they do all of the studies and research has found that laughter is very healthy. And I'm like how much money did you spend on that research? Get your own material. It's right here in Proverbs, man; it says that. Anyway I digress.

I only say that because yeah, this is humorous in one sense, but in another it's very serious and we need to talk about it. We need to talk about this elephant.

I want to share with you another email that I received from another brother that I'm hoping not only ties into all of this but in some way may explain all of this. It kind of takes all of the moving parts, as they say, and it puts it all together

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and ties it all together and you get the big picture, and you go, Oh, now I see it. Oh, now I get it. Oh, now that makes sense.

I'm going to withhold his name to protect his identity because of the nature of what he writes. I have to say that this is one of the most honest and heartfelt emails I've ever received.

And this is probably as good of a time as any for the benefit of those of you watching online. We receive literally thousands of emails on a daily basis. Please don't get mad at us when we don't respond. We just can't; it's not that we don't want to. We just cannot because of the sheer volume of the emails.

Man, I tell you it's been interesting. I don't know if you're seeing this, but I am seeing a viciousness as of late on the part a professing Christians that I don't remember seeing before. Anyway..

So this email was - in fact, I've been sitting on it for couple of weeks now, I've been praying on it for a couple of weeks now and then I petitioned the throne and I got the green light from the Lord to share it with you today because it really fits in with what we're talking about today and talking about the elephant in the room.

writes, "Thank you for your ministry and all your helpers. I do have a question. I am a saved, conservative, Republican who just doesn't understand why evangelicals love Trump."

Should we bow our heads, close our eyes, some of you can slip out? No, we need to talk about this elephant.

"Even the shepherds of the church defend Trump without even holding him accountable. They just make excuses for him. He gave us the Deal of the Century, Abraham Accords, Operation

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Warp Speed, USMCA (United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement) and excessive printing of the dollar, etc.

In my mind, his actions are the opposite of what he says.

[And he's right]

He reminds me of a Trojan horse or he's just a good liar.

[And then he says this, listen]

If the "Deal of the Century" and the Abraham Accords become the covenant with death, the vaccine becomes the mark of the beast, the USMCA becomes one of the ten kings, and excessive printing leads to economic collapse, he has done more to fulfill Bible prophecy than anyone can imagine. If he helps with the Third Temple; this is even worse.

I could be wrong about all of this, but why is the bride of Christ so enamored with this guy, and where's the discernment?"

Good question. How would you answer that? Do you want me to answer it? I will. You sure you want me to because I will. You know not what you ask.

That's because he did all of that. What do you mean? Well, let's just rewind to January of 2020 when the long-awaited "Deal of the Century" was unveiled.

It was a Tuesday. I couldn't wait to get back to my office. I wanted to download the 38-page PDF file and kind of comb through it. And finally after how many years this "Deal of the Century"?

And I got to - I forget the paragraph and page number - but the heading was "End of claims, end of conflict."

Wait, what? Let's read further. Oh, the Jews need to end their claims to Jerusalem to end the conflict. And the Palestinians need to end their claims to end the conflict.

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Oh, you don't say? That's not what my Bible says.

Listen, I grew up in a home being told by my mother and father that I was a Palestinian. I got saved at age 19 and started reading my Bible and started realizing that - wait a minute - there's no such thing as a Palestinian.

It's a manufactured, fabricated name that was started about 2000 years ago when Rome destroyed Jerusalem, captured Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple, and as was the custom in that day, they would name the city they just conquered after the arch enemy of that city, those people they just conquered.

Who was the arch enemy of the Israelites? The Philistines.

So they named it originally Aelia Capitolina. That doesn't fit very well on a - so they eventually changed it to Philistia, which is a transliteration in the English of Philistine or Palestine.

And for almost 2000 years it was called Palestine, not because there's Palestinians there but because the ancient Philistines were the enemy of the Israelites.

So go back to the last century. Enter one Yasser Arafat, remember him? He's Egyptian; he was Egyptian, not Palestinian.

Well then, who are these people that call themselves the Palestinians?

They're Arabs. They're a melting pot, a mixing of different Arab people groups. I call them the "ites," the Edomites, Moabites, all the "ites," flashlights, termites, if you want, whatever.

[Laughter]

Sorry, I couldn't resist.

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My dad was born in Alexandria, Egypt. You don't call an Egyptian an Arab. They'll take offense; they're Egyptian.

And there is the best illustration. If you got a better one please let me know. I could actually use a better one because this one deals with dogs.

So you know, a mutt, what's the Hawaiian word for a mixed breed?

[Audience comment]

What you guys said. Our online church is going, What was it? I didn't hear it. Well, we'll figure it out and let you know. What is it?

[Audience comment]

Poi?

[Poi dog]

Poi dog? Oh see? Poi dog! Mutt, you call it a mutt. It's a mixture of all of these different breeds. Actually we've got one, we think it's a mixture of a terrier and a Chihuahua, which is a very interesting dog. It is a very interesting mix, cool dog though, anyway.

So Arabs are mutts, in Jesus' name. I'm a mutt. My dad was a purebred Egyptian. A German Shepherd, Australian Shepherd, those are purebreds, right?

So you call them - you look at that - that's a German Shepherd. You look at this other one, and you go that's a dog.

Are you with me still? How am I doing? Not very well?

[Laughter]

The "Palestinians" are Arabs. They're a mixture of different people groups.

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So the "Deal of the Century" comes out: End of claims, end of conflict. Wait a minute, the Jews laid claim legitimately to their eternal capital, Jerusalem, and by the way, before you start ending claims to try to end a conflict, which you'll never do, you might want to talk to the Lord about it because He said in His word that of all of the cities out of all of the tribes of Israel, He has chosen Jerusalem to put His name on.

A couple of years ago I did an update on just that, literally, the name of God is on Jerusalem, literally, His name of ownership. So if you want to - have you checked with the owner on that?

[Laughter]

You know what? I am being snarky and whatever. It's a sanctified snarky, okay?

Well, that was a beginning of the end for me with a lot of my friends. All of a sudden I've got two-hour phone conversations with these guys going this is good, and I'm telling them no, it's not. This is not good.

This is January of 2020. You know what happened after January of 2020, right? And then all of a sudden this; I'm going to call it "this" happens. I'm sorry, two weeks to flatten the curve? Come on.

And then throughout the year of 2020, Trump, who by the way, the mere mention of his name will invite vitriol and viciousness the likes of which you could have never imagined would come from a professing brother or sister in Christ. But it's the truth. This is the elephant in the room that we need to talk about.

So then he starts talking about Operation Warp Speed and that he's going to use the military.

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Oh, really? Hmm. Let's put the Abraham Accords in there.

Oh, let's talk about: Yeah but he's pro-Israel.

Is he?

Yeah, he moved the capital from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Oh, yeah, that's what we saw on TV.

Yeah, but he's a Christian.

No, he's not.

Come on, Pastor, don't judge.

Okay, I can have judgment. I don't see any fruit. He's not a Christian.

Yeah, but what about when he speaks at churches?

Well, he might speak at churches and have some very close, famous evangelical friends, but he's never once proclaimed the name of Jesus Christ as Savior.

And here's the problem. He's also never fancied himself as one who needs to ask for forgiveness. Yeah, but he's done a lot for Israel, a lot for the church. Well, that's what he said, but do you know what he actually did?

So to answer this brother's question: Where's the discernment?
(Sighing)

Hmm. I guess my answer is just going to be simply there is no discernment because the average Christian is ignorant about the Word of God. So when something or someone comes along like this, they're so gullible they just buy it hook, line, and sinker as they say.

It's only those who discern and have, like I mentioned at the beginning, discerning ears to hear. It's not what we want to hear, but it's what we need to hear.

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It's the elephant in the room that needs to be talked about because nobody is talking about it. They're just avoiding it because it's too controversial. It's too divisive. Well, that should tell you something right there.

And by the way, that's the whole point of this. This gets back to Luke 21:28. Just hear me out please. ***"When you see these things begin to come to pass, look up and lift up your heads."***

It doesn't say rise up - look up.

I wonder - I want to be very careful how I say this. I say this very lovingly, very humbly. I wonder if there's no discernment concerning this because deep down inside of the heart, and I'm not trying to judge the motive of the heart here, I'm just speaking from the heart here.

Deep down in their heart they want to believe that there's still hope for this nation, and as such, this world.

There might be other explanations. I'm certainly open to other explanations, but as best as I can tell the only thing that comes anywhere close to explaining this or answering this is: The roots of one's life are dug down too deep into the temporal soil of this world. And so deep down inside they want everything to be okay.

And the elephant in the room is everything is not okay. In fact, everything is really, really bad and it's going to get really, really worse. Please know that I love this country so much.

I was born in Beirut, Lebanon to my Egyptian father and my Arab mother. And we immigrated, legally, of course, to America when I was nine months old, 1963. And my parents fled the Middle East because of Islam at that time to come to America; it was their dream.

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And they studied and worked so hard for five years. And I'll never forget that day with tears streaming down their face when they became American citizens and they got their citizenship. But the country that my parents immigrated to in 1963 is not the country we live in today in 2022.

And I think maybe the question needs to be asked: Um, are you going to be okay with that? Because this world, this nation is not our home. We're just passing through. We're in the world but not of the world.

Okay, now we've talked about the elephant in the room, but the question is: What we do about the elephant in the room?

Good question. I think the question is better asked this way: What's God going to do about the elephant in the room?

Answer: God has given us His Word that He will act on behalf of those who wait for Him. This was actually our study on Thursday night in Isaiah 64:4.

It says, **"For since the beginning of the world, men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You who acts for the one who waits for Him."**

(Chuckling)

Can you just let me have a little bit more fun with this one just real quick?

What are you looking at?

Oh, I'm looking to Him.

Why?

I'm waiting for Him.

Why?

Because He said if I wait for Him and look to Him, He'll act on my behalf.

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Wait, aren't you going to protest?

Just a second. Can you show me where that is?

And one more thing - maybe I need to be careful now. This whole Left, Right, Red, Blue: I cannot handle it anymore. But anytime I see anything that starts off with "the Left," Oh! Even the Right Wing: Listen!

How is it - I mean boy, the enemy has done - because we wrestle not against flesh and blood, right? We're talking about the powers of darkness and these principalities, four entities that Paul describes in Ephesians 6, right?

We're going to actually talk about that a little bit more in the "But God" testimony. I chose this one; you'll see why.

But if I say Left, Right, Red, Blue, liberal, conservative, Republican, Democrat, why is it that people automatically assume that if I'm not for Trump that I must've voted for Biden?

Boy, the enemy's sure done a number on us, hasn't he? Do you realize that's the whole point, right? It's to divide us, divide and conquer.

We did an update devoted to just that. This is right out of Satan's playbook. He wants to get the Right against Left, Red against Blue, conservative against liberal, Republican against Democrat.

So then what are you, JD? Are you Left or Right?

I'm up. No, I mean that. I'm up.

[Applause]

Why does it have to be either/or? It's neither.

If you're - you'll forgive me for the way I'm saying this, but for the lack of a better way of saying it, if you've been

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sucked into that Left/Right paradigm, you're deceived. You're deceived.

I want to say I feel better now, but I don't because I feel like I just dumped on you, but it's the truth, it's the truth. Since when did the Christian buy into this notion that if we just get our guy in office, everything's going to be okay? Really? How's that worked out for you?

Okay, now I feel a little bit better, so let's move on. This actually, both Thursday's Bible study and then the Second Service coming up tie in together with today's update.

When you don't know what to do about the elephant in the room, wait for the Lord to act and let the Lord avenge and deliver you.

I want to share with you three Psalms I'm sure most of you are familiar with, especially Psalm 91, what a great Psalm.

Verse 1, **"He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the [watch this/wait for it] perilous pestilence."

This - that's happening right now.

And He's going to deliver me from that?

Yeah!

Psalm 34:19-22, **"Many are the afflictions of the righteous [I don't like this first part] [I don't want to hear that] but [okay] the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken."

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And then verse 21, and I've never seen this before, but in the context of what we're talking about today, it's just, man, the light bulbs went off and the Holy Spirit opened this up to me. Listen to verse 21.

"Evil shall slay the wicked."

[Can I watch]

The righteous aren't going to slay the wicked.

"Evil shall slay the wicked."

We talked about this a little bit on Thursday night. You set a trap; you're going to fall into the trap you set. They've set the trap. It's Haman in the Book of Esther.

I am asking the Lord. I'd like to be there. I don't have to have a front row seat, maybe the one behind, but I'd like to see this when it happens.

"Evil shall slay the wicked and those who hate the righteous shall be condemned."

Do you feel hated right now? I sure do. Well, Jesus said don't be shocked by that. If the world hates you it is because of your association with Me. They hated Me first, so welcome to My world. You love Me; they're going to hate you.

In fact, be wary when all men speak well of you. That's when you really need to worry. When the enemy leaves you alone, you're in trouble. You're really in trouble when he sends you a gift basket and gift card and thanks you for the job well done. You pose no threat to the powers of darkness. Thank you very much. Keep up the good work.

Verse 22, **"The Lord redeems the soul of His servants and none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned."**

In whom do I put my trust? My trust is in my God.

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Psalm 57, lastly, verse 2. **"I cry out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates me.**

He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me -

[To inject me - oh, that's not there, I'm sorry, I'm so sorry]

[We're almost done, just hang in there]

God sends forth His love and His faithfulness."

Here's the bottom line. We know that God will do this. We just don't know when God will do this. But we can know it is very, very, very, very soon. It has to be.

I am, and do that next time you are at a crosswalk. Everybody's going...

[Laughter]

Have them ask you: What are you looking at it?

I'm looking for Jesus. He's going to be coming at any time now.

That will get their attention. Either that or they'll run.

[Laughter]

Who knows that God may present you with an opportunity to share Jesus with them?

This is why we do these updates and end with the Gospel and the simple explanation of salvation by way of the ABC's of Salvation.

The A is for admit or acknowledge that you've sinned because if you think about it, if you don't acknowledge that you are a sinner, why would you be interested in the Savior? It doesn't make any sense.

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Romans 3:10 says "**There is no one righteous, not even one.**"

We were all born sinners which is why Jesus said we must be born-again to enter the kingdom of Heaven.

And Romans 3:23 says, "**All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**"

Romans 6:23 starts off with the bad news first. You know how it is sometime somebody will come up to you and say I've got bad news and I got good news. Which one do you want first? Wait, what you say when that happens? Because I just tell them that I will take the good news and go tell the bad news to somebody else.

But no, you need to hear the bad news first because the badder the bad news is the gooder the good news will be. I know that's not proper English. Please don't email me and be mean to me.

What's the bad news?

Well, the bad news is that "**the wages of sin is death**". Our sin, all of sin carries with it the death penalty. That's the bad news.

Here's the good news. "**The gift of God [gift of God] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**"

That's the A; here's the B, and the B is central.

The B is what comes from the acknowledging of our sin. It's believing in our hearts that Jesus Christ is Lord, He is the Savior.

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

Jesus said, "**There is no way to the Father except through Me. I am The way, The truth, and The life.**"

There's no other way.

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And then lastly, the C 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 be saved.**

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

And lastly, Romans 10:13, I like to say this as it seals the deal. **"All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."**

That's how simple it is. I implore you today if you're here in this church or watching online, you've never called upon the name of the Lord, tomorrow's not guaranteed.

I would really encourage you, even implore you to not delay and put off the most important decision of your life for eternal life because Jesus is coming. And only those who are born-again of the Spirit of God will go up in the rapture, and everyone else will be left behind. That's the truth.

Okay, today's "but God" testimony: I selected this one and I think you'll see why. It is kind of a prayer request/praise report, but it puts a face because these are people we're talking about here, okay?

"Dear Pastor Farag, My name is Josh Powell, and I've been listening to and enjoying your Bible Prophecy Updates for nearly two years. It's very rare that you find a pastor who will speak out on these current issues as they relate to Bible prophecy. Some of your videos really hit home.

You see, I am an employee at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in Indiana. I have been employed there for nearly eight years. At first, I was very excited to have such a position at an industry that makes life-saving medicines for people across

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the globe. At my site, we are the hub for making diabetic medication for those who have diabetes.

When I first got hired on, my Dad was freshly diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, so being employed by a pharmaceutical company that made medication for my Dad made me find meaning and purpose.

As time went on, I realized that AstraZeneca was very big in "Inclusion and Diversity." When the month of June would roll around, they were not afraid to fly the LGBT flag as you enter the facility. It was then that I began to feel a conviction.

Fast-forward to 2020 when I found you and your courageousness and expertise in Bible prophecy. I listened to your podcast every morning during my 35-minute commute to work.

The sermon that gave me chills was 'Decision Time.' You had mentioned that AstraZeneca was using aborted fetal cells to develop and test this new Covid vaccine.

I thought to myself, am I working for the devil? Is there a reason why I'm feeling this conviction?

I know God had put me there because my previous job was a nightmare and I prayed to get out of it. It was last week that all of us at AstraZeneca got an email stating that everyone is mandated to get the vaccine.

[This is the vaccine manufacturer, AstraZeneca.]

Those who refuse will have to request a religious or medical exemption that will have to be reviewed. I had already gotten a religious exemption through your website several months ago because I knew this was coming.

But during all of this, I had shared your name with several of my co-workers and provided them the information that you share

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with us daily. I directed them to your site so that they too may get a religious exemption.

My hope during this dark time is that I can be used to direct people to Jesus whether it be to your site and podcasts or something else. Maybe this is my purpose.

I do know that your name is getting around because I have had people come up to me asking about who this Farag guy is.

[Laughter]

My hope is that they will just stop and listen to your podcasts while getting their exemption letter. Please pray for me and my family as well as my co-workers who may be without a job very soon. I am not scared because I know that my God will provide. This may be a blessing.

Keep doing what you do. I thank you for your courage and expertise. And even though you're a thousand miles away, I call you my pastor.

[That is an honor to me]

P.S., *[This is heartbreaking]*

My own church here in my town would not write me an exemption letter. I feel very hurt over this. I still go to that church, and just last Sunday they had shown a video to the congregation about the Sanctity of Life and how wrong abortion is.

I sat in my pew shocked to think how my church is anti-abortion but pro-vaccine knowing that aborted fetal cells are used in the research and development of this vaccine.

So again, I thank you for providing me an exemption when my own church wouldn't. I'm okay if you share this. The more prayers the better!"

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We're going to do that, by the way. Kapono, why don't you go ahead and come up.

The reason I chose this is because these are people that work for AstraZeneca. They need Jesus. Pfizer, Moderna, et al, they all need Jesus.

So I would like for us as we close in prayer to pray for Josh. Why don't you stand and join with me?

Father in Heaven, I thank You so much for this email and this testimony from Josh and for someone who works for AstraZeneca to be put in this position and yet You've placed him there for such time as this to bring Jesus to them and them to Jesus.

And so Lord, I pray as he's asked us to pray for them, for him, Lord please - we just read in the Psalms promise after promise of how You will deliver from the perilous pestilence. That we have nothing to fear, that You will deliver us from this.

And Lord, thank You, thank You, thank You that we can talk about the elephant in the room and not cower or falter in so doing. Because we know You and we know that You are coming for us as You said you would.

So Lord, thank You that we can look up and lift up our heads as we see all of this unfolding exactly as You said it would. And it's happening, it's happening now, so how close is it? It's got to be so close, Lord.

Come quickly, Jesus, Maranatha. In Jesus' name we pray, amen and amen.