



## Prophecy Update: September 27, 2020

### What is the Truth?

*Pastor JD Farag*

Good morning and welcome. This is our weekly Bible Prophecy Update on Sunday mornings. We have two services, and we devote the first service to Bible prophecy. The second service is teaching of God's Word as we go through the Bible book by book and chapter by chapter and verse by verse. If you're able, we certainly encourage you to join with us at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time. We're currently in the book of 1 Timothy. Today I'm going to tackle the tough topic of how we treat one another, and, more importantly, how serious how we treat one another is in the sight of the Lord. I'm also going to be addressing how we treat others on social media. So, you'll certainly want to join with us on social media as we address social media. Again, that's at 11:15 a.m.

Also, I want to let you know that we're in the process of launching a new website at [jdfarag.org](http://jdfarag.org). Actually, this brings up a question we're asked very often, and that is how do I become an online member? Well, it's really easy. If you're watching this? You're an online member. That's how easy it is. There's nothing you need to do. There is nothing you need to give. I hope you don't mind, but if you're watching online, we see you as an online member.

Anyway, on this website, though, we do need you to subscribe so you can receive notifications by entering your email in the area that's highlighted there on the screen. If the guys can put it back up? It will have a place for you to enter your email address. If you email us through the church website, you're not subscribed. When you go to [jdfarag.org](http://jdfarag.org) and enter in your email address and submit it, and it says that it's been submitted, you won't receive a notification verifying it. You are subscribed, and we will notify you and keep you updated.

We really appreciate your patience with us on this, and we certainly would covet your prayers for this as we move forward. We are hoping, Lord willing, and if the Lord carries, to have this site be the go-to place for not just the prophecy updates but for much more as well. I'm hoping, Lord willing, to be more interactive by way of this site, and provide more updates in real-time as fast-moving as everything is, and it is fast-moving.

One last thing, and then we'll get started. I appreciate your patience. I need to humble myself, and as I just did here for the local church, and for you, the online church, I just need to ask you for prayer. Not just for this church but for me personally. I need prayer for health physically, strength spiritually, and boldness to continue to do what God has called me to do. I think about the Apostle Paul and how often he asked for prayer. He humbled himself.

I never want to be so proud or too proud that I'm unwilling to admit that I need prayer. I'm appealing to you and asking you to pray for me. I know I have many people that send me very encouraging emails, and I very much appreciate that. But what I really need even more than that is I need you to pray for me. Very specifically: health physically, strength protection spiritually, and boldness to continue to do that which God has called me to do for such a time as this.

All right, let's get started. For today's update, I want to answer the question of how it is that we can discern between what's real or fake, fact or fiction, or true or false. I think you would agree with me that it's becoming increasingly more difficult to discern and really know whether what we're being told is true or not. If this weren't bad enough, any attempts to vet, and dare I say fact check the so-called fact-checkers leave one even more bewildered and confused.

One need look no further than to the plethora of available information, all of which is riddled with misinformation and contradiction, making it virtually impossible to authenticate and validate the



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truth. Even when you think you've thoroughly researched the source for its accuracy, it's not long before it's scrubbed from the Internet and/or buried deep into any online search.

I have four things that I have been researching over the last two weeks, and I literally have hours trying to research and vet the authenticity of these things. What's really interesting is, I see forensic evidence if I can say it like that online. There's like fingerprints and DNA that it was there, but it's not there anymore. I don't know how deep you go when you do an online search, particularly with Google, and there are other search engines as well. It doesn't matter. A lot of people don't go past the first page if it's not right there. By the way, there is a reason why it's the first one listed there. But you go 10, 20, 30 pages deep, it's still not there. It used to be there. Not there anymore.

I've inquired of the Lord concerning this. I've come to the conclusion that all the confusion from the author of confusion may actually be a good thing and even a God-thing. Before you think I've completely lost it, which I know is a question. I'll just kindly ask that you allow me to explain how I get there.

When we don't know the truth, it can have the much-needed effect of turning us to that which we do know to be the truth, which is God's Word of truth. You're trying to search the truth, and you just end up more frustrated and exasperated than when you first started to try to research and find the truth because there's so much information out there. That says this, oh, but wait, they say that. He says this, but wait! They say that. I'm sorry if I'm pointing over here. I'll be an equal opportunity offender. Here we go.

So who do you believe? Because they both can't be right. Either one is right, and one is wrong. Either one is true, and the other is false. Either one is real, and the other is fake. But they both can't be real because they are diametrically opposed to each other. They're saying the polar opposite things, and I am so confused. That's exactly what Satan wants, by the way, because he is the author of confusion.

Now we have a decision to make in that state. What are we going to do? Lord, I don't know what to believe anymore. It's almost like this, and you'll forgive the way that I illustrate and demonstrate this. It's like the Lord's up here going, you don't know what the truth is? Hello! I do! Why are you looking to that? Why are you looking to them? Why don't you look to me? That's why it's a good thing and that's why it's a God-thing. You come to the end of yourself, and you throw your hands up, and you say, I don't know what to believe anymore. The Lord says, hey, you can believe in me. You can believe in my Word. My Word is truth.

I have to confess that I've had a paradigm shift of sorts as of late as it relates to what I'll again call the big three: COVID-19, Black Lives Matter, and the recent peace accords with Israel. By paradigm shift, I mean this. Instead of viewing Scripture through the lens of all that's happening in the world, I look at what's happening in the world through the lens of Scripture first. In other words, I go to Scripture first, then view all that's happening in the world, instead of the other way around.

Now, don't get me wrong. There's nothing wrong with looking at what's happening in the world today and going, Oh, my goodness! Doesn't the Bible say something about this? You better believe it. But what I'm talking about is, because if you look at everything that's in the world, and then you go to Scripture? Your objectivity is skewed. Your vision blurred. When you go to Scripture first, it brings about a much-needed clarity. It brings it into clearer focus.



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Here's another illustration. I hope you don't mind. When it comes to illustrations, I know some of my illustrations are not very good. If you have better ones, please, I'm open to suggestions. You can see me afterward, or email me, and I'm happy to consider your better illustration.

A couple of years ago, I had someone tell me that with your reading glasses, you younger people have no idea what this is about. As you get older, you need these things because the muscle in the eyeball gets weaker, and it's unable to focus on close things, up close. You need what they call reading glasses. Do you feel my pain? The number of the magnification continues to increase as your age increases. I don't know if you've noticed that or not. So, I'm up to 2. I refuse to go to 2.25 or 2.5. I know that's pride, but so I'm at a 2.

But have you noticed and maybe it's just me, but the small print now on some things? I'm like, what? Can anybody read that? So, I take it to my 13-year-old daughter, she says, oh, yeah... I'm like, get out of here... I had someone tell me that if you take 2 reading glasses. I mean, it looks dorky but oh well, and you put the ones, and then you put the other ones up? ... Now I can read it! It's magnified even more.

Here's my illustration. When you go to the Scriptures first and then go and view what's happening in the world through the lens of Scripture? It's like a double magnification, and you see more clearly. Here's the problem. The problem is that there's so much contradiction. There's so much confusion. If you look at what's happening in the world and then go to Scripture? It's already clouded. You can't see clearly, because you've already as you've looked at what's happening in the world, you've already had your vision blurred if I can say it like that. When you go to the Scripture first, it just all comes into clear focus.

Let me be a little more specific here. I want to step back, and I want to remove from any discussion the name Trump and all of the above et al. I want to just sort of start from scratch, so you don't have any preconceived notions. You don't have this digging your heels in. Just take all of that and peel back all of those layers and let's just get down and dirty. Well, it's probably not a good way to say it. Let's get lean and mean. That's not any better. Let's get right down to the heart of the matter. By doing so, it will replace the blur as it were with a much clearer focus concerning everything that is happening in the world today.

A clear understanding of Bible prophecy paints a picture of the end, which, in turn, allows me to see more clearly how it all fits in the end. You'll forgive me for the bluntness with which I say this, but spoiler alert, the aforementioned big three all end in destruction. They all have the same end in different ways. I was thinking about this just this morning, in fact, when I woke up.

Black Lives Matter. Don't think for a second, it's just in the United States. It's global. I hope you know that. But chiefly here in the United States, Black Lives Matter is destroying the United States. How about these peace accords? In the end, it has the goal of the destruction of Israel, not peace with Israel. Then, COVID-19, which we'll talk about this in a moment, but it is basically single-handedly destroying the entire world, globally. They all have this end of destruction in common, and it's exactly what the Bible says will happen.

Let's roll up our arms sleeves if you're ready? Let's start with Black Lives Matter. I want to first go to the Scriptures. In Matthew 24, we're told that race will rise up against race at the time of the end. Beginning in verse 3, "As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately,



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"Tell us they said, 'When will this happen?'" He's just prophesied about the destruction of the temple that they were so enamored with. He just, I mean, stuns them by telling them that you see that temple that you're so enamored with? Not one stone will be upon another, and they're like, what? When is this going to happen? What will be the signs?

That's their question: "What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" Listen to Jesus' answer. Verse 4, interesting, he would start out with this. "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come."

Then he says this in verse 7, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these things are the beginning of birth pains." Which come in greater frequency and greater intensity. This word nation in the original carries with it the idea of nationality. People united by kinship, ethnicity, culture, and common traditions, race, racial, ethnic.

We're told in 2 Timothy Chapter 3:1-5 that in the last days perilous times will come. We have a list here. We're not going to go through in the interest of time. I would encourage you to, in your own study, read 2 Timothy Chapter 3:1-5. But in that list, Paul writes that there will be these brutal, treacherous, violent people. That it will be marked by brutality and savagery. That's what the original word in the original language means.

2 Thessalonians, we're told that lawlessness will be at work. We just completed our verse by verse study through 1st and 2nd Thessalonians. In chapter 2, verses 7 through 12, Paul, talking about the Antichrist after the rapture. The Antichrist is revealed, and when he's revealed, there will be this lawlessness. In fact, he says, verse 7, "For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work. But the one who now holds it back will do so till he is taken out of the way. And then [verse 8] the lawless one will be revealed. Then in verse 9, he says, "The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works."

1 Timothy Chapter 4, we just completed that chapter. We're actually in chapter 5 today. We're told that in the last days, people will abandon the truth, and follow after teachings of demons. Doctrines of demons, the word doctrine means teachings, doctrines. We have sound doctrine. But did you know that Satan has doctrine too? It's demonic. It's satanic, doctrines of demons. "The Spirit clearly says [1 Timothy 4:1] that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron." Okay.

Now we know what the Scriptures say, and I've just covered a handful of them. Let's now take that and view Black Lives Matter through that biblical lens, so we can know the truth about what this is really about. In a prior update, I mentioned a couple of YouTube videos that have the co-founder of Black Lives Matter admitting that they call on dead spirits, spirits of the dead. They actually make sacrifices, give offerings, and they basically get their marching orders from these spirits. Online and for those of you here, you can go to this video on YouTube. In the description field, I have the two links to those two videos that have the Black Lives Matter co-founder admitting this in great detail, I might add. You know what that means, right?



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These are not dead loved ones. They're demons that mimic dead loved ones. They're hearing these voices and those voices are demons. I don't know how else to say it. It's a lie. These are doctrines of demons. The truth of God's Word exposes Black Lives Matter as a lie from the father of lies, the devil himself, vis-a-vis doctrines of demons, and what a deception. We just referenced 2 Thessalonians 2, but Paul goes on to say and we studied this when we were there, that God himself is going to send this strong delusion. This powerful deception that they will believe the lie, and the reason he does it is that they rejected the truth.

Now I have to ask myself as a pastor of a wonderful church that I'm so privileged to pastor, how is it that pastors of churches, leaders of denominations can stand with Black Lives Matter? The only answer that I could come up with is that they have rejected the truth of God's Word, and that's why they are believing the lie.

Isn't it interesting that Jesus and the Apostle Paul in like manner would echo this clarion call, this warning to not be deceived? Why so much emphasis on, "Let no one deceive you," lest there was a deception to be deceived. This is a deception. I say this as clearly as I possibly can; it is of the devil. The devil seeks to steal, kill, and destroy, and he's succeeding. He's destroying churches. He's destroying schools. I heard here on the island that a very well-known school has taken a very formal stand with Black Lives Matter.

If you're watching online and you're a pastor of a church, I know that we have pastors that do watch, and we're grateful for that. But if you are standing with Black Lives Matter, you are deceived, and you need to repent. It's not a skin issue, it's a sin issue! How insidious [stressing the "s"], and I want to say it like that too. It's so insidious, isn't it?

Think about it. Black Lives Matter! Oh? Well, I'm an Arab. Arab lives matter. My brother from another mother, my assistant Pastor Mac, he's black. I don't know if you noticed? We were talking and praying before the service that I love this man. But here's the thing when you say, just uttering the words, Black Lives Matter, do you know what you do? You dismiss the truth. What's the truth? The truth is this.

Listen very carefully. If you hear nothing else that I say from my big mouth with all this hot air from this pulpit today, hear this. This is the truth: Eternal lives matter! In Christ, there is no distinction. Jew, Gentile, Black, purple, anybody purple? No. Yellow, Arab, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Taiwanese, all the "ese." Portuguese, I'm sorry I missed the "portagee". All that really matters in the end is eternity—eternal lives matter.

All right, let's move on to number 2. How's everybody doing, okay? Well, nobody's left yet, so I guess we're okay. Because we've covered this second one in prior updates, which is the recent signing of the Abraham Accords, I'll be brief. I know those are famous last words. But again, we'll look at the Scripture first, then view this through the lens of what God's Word says about this.

Please, again, I would just ask kindly, lovingly, humbly, if you would just peel back all of the layers of your preconceived notions. Take the name Trump off of this, out of this, and let's just look at this. Objectively, honestly, okay? Deal? All right, let's go.

1 Thessalonians 5:3, we're told that "... while they are saying [two words], 'peace and security,' destruction [there it is] will come on them suddenly, as [here it is again] labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape." Peace and security.



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Ezekiel 38:13, very detailed, tells us that the Gulf States, in particular, Saudi Arabia, thereby the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain will merely protest the allied invasion of Israel with Russia, Iran, and Turkey at the helm when they invade Israel to take a spoil from the north in Syria. Very interesting detail.

Next one, Daniel 9:27, again, take everything and everyone off the table. Let's just look at what the Scripture says is going to happen. Okay? Daniel 9:27 tells us that the Antichrist will confirm, strengthen, make better, make great, greater, a 7-year peace agreement, which will include the rebuilding of the third temple.

Daniel 8:24-25 tells us that the Antichrist and this is an interesting paradox, "He will destroy wonderfully, prosper and through his policy [another interesting word] also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand. And he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy [there it is again] many."

Peace, security ends in sudden destruction because that's where the goalposts are. That's where the end zone is, to borrow a football metaphor. The end game is destruction, not peace. Peace is just the vehicle by which you obtain what you seek in the end, which is destruction. That's what's coming. That's what the Bible says. Okay?

2 Thessalonians 2:4 and with it Daniel 9:27 tell us that at the 3.5-year point, the Antichrist... This is the 3.5-year mark, right in the middle of the 7-year tribulation. [The Antichrist] will oppose and exalt himself over everything that is called God, so that he sets himself up in the [rebuilt] temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. That's what the Bible says, okay?

Zechariah 12:1-3 tells us that Jerusalem will be the intoxicating obsession of the entire world. They will be obsessed with and intoxicated because of the burdensome boundary stones of Jerusalem, the borders of Jerusalem. And they're going to heave it away, cut it away, give it away. They're going to cut it in two, 2-State Solution, and God will cut in pieces those who are party to it and specifically those responsible for it.

Again, this is what the Bible says. Okay? Are we okay with that? Thank you. When you understand that this is what the Bible says, this is what Bible prophecy says will happen, then you're better able to see the proverbial forest from the trees if I can say it like that. You step back and go, okay, wait a minute. Okay, oh! You see the bigger picture. Oh, so that's going to happen.

Then the Bible says this is going to happen, and then oh and the Bible says that's going to happen. You start adding it all up, and you just have to conclude. Well, the Bible says that this is what's going to happen, and I'm looking at this thing, and it's already happening. It's already happening! Pardon me, just let me... .. I have a frog in my throat, Fa-rag, no. Let me try that again.

Peace, security, 2-State Solution, rebuilding of the third temple, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain. Listen, I'm not the sharpest knife in the kitchen drawer, but to me, it seems pretty clear that when you step back and look at the bigger picture, you have to conclude that this is exactly what's happening. It's happening now, and it's clearly heading in this exact precise prophetic direction exactly as we were told it would.

Forget Trump, forget elections. I'm talking Bible. The Bible says this will happen. Now, whose hand it comes by? It doesn't matter to me because my Bible says that it's going to happen. Doesn't matter



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who. It doesn't even really matter when because my Bible says it's going to happen. If my Bible says it's going to happen, and God's given me this intellect, this God-given intellect to reason. I can look at this thing and say okay, my Bible says this is going to happen, and I'm looking at this thing, and it's happening exactly as my Bible says it will happen. Okay.

Now let's talk about this one last but certainly not least. It's this manufactured global pandemic dubbed COVID-19. Now again, let me hasten to say that I am not saying there is not a virus. Rather, what I am saying is that there is not a global pandemic. Do you know what's sad? The confusion surrounding COVID-19 has been, is now, and will continue to be, I would argue, the most divisive and destructive in history and it's fulfilling prophecy. I am personally of the belief that COVID-19 is the final nail of prophecy in the coffin of human history, bringing an end to this age.

March 29th, the Prophecy Update, I made a comment, and afterward, I thought, wow. I knew that the Lord was prompting me, leading me to say what I said, but at the time that I said it I thought, we'll see. Well, now here we are hugging October, and I am more convinced now than ever before that this is how it ends. COVID-19 is how it ends. For born-again believers, it ends in the rapture, and for those who are not born-again of the Spirit of God, it ends in the 7-year tribulation. But this is how it ends.

Think this through with me. Again, I want to appeal to the God-given intellect and this amazing brain and mind that God has given us. I just want you to think this through with me just even just logically, okay? Can you imagine a scenario where, okay, it's all good now? You can go back to work now. You can go back to school now. Oh, you can go back to church now. We already did, but anyway. It's okay now. It's gone away now. Here again, we've covered this in great detail in prior updates over the last six months, so I'll just get right to the point.

First, let's go right to Scripture, specifically the book of Revelation. Revelation 13:15-18 tells us that the Antichrist will force all people to receive a mark on their forehead or forehead in order to buy and sell goods and services. This will be in concert with a pledge to and worship of the Antichrist who, as we just talked about, declares himself to be God and demands to be worshiped.

The technology that is in place already is such that every human, and I'll even take it further, not just everyone, but everything will have a digital ID. Everyone will be traced. Everything will be traced. Everyone will be tracked. Everything will be tracked. Have you heard of China's social scores, social credits? It's like our credit scores, right? If you have good credit and your credit score is high? You can borrow, you can get credit.

Well, in China, it's your social credit score. So, based on your compliance, you get a higher rating. If you disobey and go to church, you get knocked and docked, and you lower your score. Now you want to go and buy something? Well, I'm sorry. You can't. You've been penalized. Your social credit score is not high enough. You need to get high again, and then you can buy again. That's how it's going to work, and the technology is already in place.

Isn't it interesting when you talk about this upcoming vaccine? Again, take everything and everyone off the table. I'm just talking about what the Bible says, and I'm trying to connect the dots with what we're seeing in the world today by first going to the Scriptures. Isn't it interesting that before anyone will be allowed to go back to their livelihood, their lives as they once knew it? They will have to show



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some verification, certification of a COVID-19 vaccine. Call me silly, but that kind of looks a lot like this.

Forget, again, everything! Get Gates out of here, please. Bill Gates needs Jesus, but anyway. Fauci? He needs Jesus. I'm just talking about the Bible is telling us that this is going to happen. I'm looking at what's happening in the world, and I'm thinking... Well, let me put it like this. If this isn't it, I don't know what is.

Revelation 17 and 18 are two very interesting chapters that tell us that the Antichrist will rule over a one-world economy, a one-world government, and a one-world religion. It's referred to as Babylon. Namely, chapter 17 is a prophecy about religious Babylon, and chapter 18 is a prophecy about political and economic Babylon. Now stay with me.

When you look at COVID-19 through the lens of just these prophecies here in the Book of Revelation, it becomes abundantly clear that this is how it's going to go down. Not only is COVID-19 destroying the world's economies, and with it the world's governments, it will be that which unites the world's religions exactly as we're told in the Bible. Single-handedly, COVID-19 is a controlled demolition of the world's economies, the global economies, by design. It's deliberate. It was planned.

Do you know why? Again, we've talked about this in-depth, in great detail. I've been screaming at you for six months about this. The goalposts for those who planned this all along is what they call "The Great Reset." They are going to reset the entire world, re-imagine, re-set, re-boot. Now you're going to have a cashless economy, a digital currency. Have you tried to get coins or use coins? How is that working out for you? It's not, is it? That's by design. It's to reset the global economies.

You know this stimulus here in the US, the stimulus thing? What is it like 589 zillion dollars now or something like that? This is play money. Are you kidding me? Did you know last year the US economy was on the brink of total collapse? And this was already in the plans to launch as a cover for that which was inevitable, global collapse. So, they call it "The Great Reset." The Bible calls it the great tribulation.

I'm going to bring it to an end the way we began, and say that this is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help me God. For anyone who would say, well, I don't know. I really don't know what to believe. I don't know what the truth is anymore. May I just kindly make a suggestion? Instead of asking, "what is the truth?" Perhaps we should be asking, "Who is the truth?" Jesus is the truth. In the beginning, I made this confession about... Nothing sorted, when I say I have to confess, you're like, what? No, it's not like that.

My confession was is that I had to step back. I had to get alone with my Jesus because he is the truth. I was getting to the point where I was getting so frustrated. I was getting so confused. I was getting angry. I was actually getting angry, and try as I may, I always try to couch my anger as righteous anger. The Lord's like nice try. What are you thinking? That's not right. You're in the flesh. I'm confessing, I was in the flesh. I'm like... And here's Jesus going, come here, boy! We need to talk. I'm the truth. Because they're saying that, they're saying this. ... Jesus is like, I'll tell you the truth because I am the truth. I am the way, the life, and the truth and no one goes to the Father except through me.

Would you join me in John's Gospel Chapter 18? I want to share with you something the Lord just, I mean, as only he can. He just settled my heart. It was one of those things where when he did that...





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You just find yourself, Lord, I'm so sorry. Thank you so much, Lord. What was I thinking? You weren't. I know, forgive me, Lord.

It's a fascinating account of Jesus being on trial. We're told verse 33, "Then Pilot entered the Praetorian again, called Jesus, and said to him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you to me. What have you done?'"

Listen to the answer that Jesus gives in verse 36, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here." What are we fighting for? Stand up and fight! Wait. For what? For the kingdom! Well, yeah, but it's not from here. He says, "My servants would fight if it were, but it's not."

Wait, are we trying to fight to get our guy in office, so that we can take it back? I'm sorry. You'll forgive me, I don't want it back. You can have it. We have to wait till we're out of here, then it's all yours. ... When we're gone, just, aloha. See you, wouldn't want to be you. That's what's known as the false teaching of Kingdom Now theology, Dominion theology, where you have to take dominion over the earth.

That's the exact opposite of what Jesus is saying here. He is saying, well, that's all fine and dandy if my kingdom were here. Well, then that would make sense. My servants, my disciples, man, they'd be fighting, but they're not. Do you want to know why they're not fighting? Because my kingdom is not here. That's why. And notice conspicuously absent from this dialogue is any mention of Jesus defending himself. Do you know what he's doing? He's speaking the truth because he is the truth.

Now here's Pilate, verse 37, "He says to him, 'Are you a king then? Because he just got done saying, my kingdom, well, that means you're a king, right?' Jesus answered, 'You say rightly, that I am a king. For this cause, I was born, and for this cause, I have come into the world, that I should [listen very carefully] that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.'" Wow, I would have loved to have been a fly on a camel there, so to speak.

And then Pilate utters these famous verses and asks him this question, "What is truth?" That's ironic to me. That's an irony of ironies, isn't it? He's asking the Truth, what is truth? If I were there, good thing I wasn't, I would have said, hey Pilate, dude, "He is the Truth." You're asking what is truth? You should be asking who is truth? He's right there! That's truth! Truth! He is the truth! Did I say, truth? Notice this, "And when he had said this, Pilate went out again to the Jews and said to them, 'I find no fault in him at all.'" Wow!

In Matthew's Gospel we have some details where his wife apparently had a couple of nightmares. Did you hear about this, couldn't sleep? And she says to her husband, honey, have nothing to do with this man. And what does Pilate do? He washes his hands, very interesting in the Middle East, the symbolism. I wash my hands of this. This is on you. It's not on me. That's another sermon for another time.

Here's the bottom line, like asking Who is the truth instead of what is the truth? We should also ask Who is coming along with what is coming? Actually, the answer depends on the person of Jesus Christ, and whether or not one has a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and here's why. Who is coming can save you from what is coming, and it's coming. It's coming upon the entire world, and it's coming soon.



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If you don't know Jesus Christ, you will be left behind when the church is raptured, and you will go through unspeakable horror during the 7-year tribulation. He can save you. He's the Savior. He's your Savior, and he can save you from what's coming. This is known as the Gospel, the good news of salvation in the person of Jesus Christ.

This is why we end the updates with the good news, the Gospel, and then also the ABCs of Salvation, which is a childlike explanation of salvation. Very simple. What is the Gospel? The first time you have the Gospel mentioned is in of all places 1 Thessalonians. Why is that important? Because it was the first epistle that the Apostle Paul ever wrote, was 1 Thessalonians.

What does he write to the Thessalonians about in his first epistle? The rapture. In the context of the rapture, he says, this is the Gospel that Jesus Christ came, He was crucified, he was buried, he rose again on the third day, and he's coming back to take us out of this world one day. That's the good news. Aren't you glad it's not: He came, he died, he was buried, he rose again? Good news.

Wait a minute. Is he coming back? Or am I on my own? Could you imagine when He's talking to the disciples, and he said, I must go. They didn't want him to leave. They're like freaking out. He goes, hey, I have to go, and I'm going to send the Holy Spirit. But I'm coming back. Behold, let not your heart be troubled.

Apparently, their hearts were troubled. My heart would have been very troubled. Jesus said, hey, I'm leaving. You are! Are you coming back? No, you're on your own! I'm very troubled! No. He said I'm coming back. Let not your heart be troubled. In my Father's house are many mansions, many dwelling places. Behold, I go to prepare a bridal chamber for you so that where I am you may be also. I will come back, and I will take you there. When? How soon? It can't be soon enough! Do you see what's happening in the world!

That's the Gospel. Why? Because he had to die. Why did he have to die? Because he loved you, and he wanted you to live forever with him. That's what the Gospel is. It's the good news of salvation—the ABCs.

Now, I want to go through this, but I want to preface this by saying that we don't have to do anything to get saved. It's not what we do, because he's already done it. It is finished, period, not comma, or semi-colon. It's not it is finished, if... Could you imagine? If what? It is finished when... When what? What do I have to do? It is finished, however... Oh no! I'm always the, however. It's me. I'm the exception.

No. It is finished. Done. Finito. ... in Arabic. Don't you love the Arabic language? It's so harsh. It's not like French. French is so smooth, voulez-vous avoir. . You could curse somebody in French, and they would thank you. You could love on somebody in Arabic, and they're going to... What did you say to me? I'm sorry, I digress.

It's finished. It's done There's nothing you have to do. What are the ABCs then? Don't I have to do ABC? Simple as 123? No. Well, let's think about it like this. We affectionately refer to him as the thief on the cross. We don't know what was his crime. I guess it was punishable by crucifixion at the time. We had these two criminals crucified with the Savior. One rejects, the other accepts, and all he does is believe. He says to Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom. And what does Jesus say? Well, you didn't do the ABCs. ... Did you get baptized? You've got to get off the cross, go get water baptized, and then I'll take you with me.



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I know this is ludicrous, but I have the gift of ludicrous, right? It's like taking a bath before you take a shower, like cleaning up your act before you get cleaned. No. There's nothing you have to do. You come as you are. It was 38 years ago for me. Oh, my goodness. We talk about, "I gave my life to the Lord." Do you know the greater miracle is that he took it? No, think about that. ... 38 years ago, I come to Christ; I give my life to him if I were the angels in heaven? I would say, don't take that one! That's not a good deal! Again, I know that silly, but I think you get the point, right?

You come just as you are, and though your sins be as scarlet, he makes them white as snow. He removes them as far as the east is from the west and remembers them no more. Why? Because of Christ's blood shed in my stead. I'm forgiven, man. I'm saved by the blood of Jesus. That's the good news.

How does one come to Christ, give their life to Christ, and get saved? Well, it starts with this acknowledging and this admitting, I've sinned. I'm a sinner. See if I don't acknowledge that I am a sinner, I have no interest in a Savior. I don't need a savior. I've not done anything wrong. I'm not a bad person. I haven't killed anybody.

Isn't that what you usually hear when you're sharing the Gospel with somebody, and you ask them that question: Do you know if you were to die today that you would go to heaven? They will usually say well, yeah, I hope so. Really? Why? Well, because I'm a good person. You are? Yeah, I never killed anybody. Oh? So good people go to heaven. Bad people go to hell. Wrong! There's going to be a lot of good people in hell and a lot of very bad people in heaven. I'll be at the front of that line and don't look at me spiritually because you'll be right behind me. That's not the gauge by which you are allowed access into heaven.

The only question that's going to be asked is, "What did you do with the person of Jesus Christ." When you're standing there giving an account, you're not going to be able to bring anything except guilty as charged. But somebody paid the penalty for me, and that's why I can enter in. There has to be this acknowledging. Romans 3:10 says there is no one righteous, not even one and Romans 3:23 says that all, this is why, there is none righteous. This is because all that pretty much covers all, all have sinned. Here's the thing. You're an all. All is you and me because all is all. I know that's deeply profound, but all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Now we enter into the sentencing phase in Romans 6:23. What's the penalty? Oh, it's the death penalty. It is? Yeah. The wages of sin is death, but here's the good news. The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord. A gift is something you receive, but you don't pay for it. If you pay for it, it's not a gift. It's a purchase. No, it's a gift because he purchased it. He purchased you. He purchased me in his blood. Now he offers this gift, and all we have to do is receive it. Believe it. Believe and receive. That's the B: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. As Romans 10:9-10 says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved."

Then the C lastly, is for: Call upon the name of the Lord. In other words, again, this is not something you have to do. No, this is just how it's done because it is done. This is how it goes down if I could say it like that. Romans 10:9 and 10 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."



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Here's why. "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Lastly, Romans 10:13 here comes the all again, and this pertains to you and me because we're all an all, all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. It's that simple.

Why don't you all stand? I want to mention one thing really quick to anyone watching online. I hope you know, I think you know that you're not watching this video by accident. It's not a coincidence. God has led you here today because today is the day of salvation. I don't know how else to say this other than just saying it.

You better not: you dare not put off or delay another day the most important decision of your life for eternal life. Tomorrow is not guaranteed, and with the way things are going right now, why would you want to take that chance? Today's the day of salvation. Call upon the name of the Lord, confess with your mouth, believe in your heart, acknowledge him for the forgiveness of sin, and you will be saved.

Let's pray. Father, thank you. Lord, thank you for the more sure Word of prophecy. Thank you that there's no way that man could come up with this that the interpretation is of no man. Thank you that we can go to your Word, and see that you've told us what's going to happen before it happens. So, when it begins to happen, non-believers will believe, and believers will look up and lift up their heads, knowing our redemption draws nigh. Lord, we know you're at the door, and there's no more time left.

The time is at hand. I pray for anyone maybe here in this church service and/or watching online that has never called upon you. I pray today they would surrender to you and that today would be the day of their salvation.

In Jesus' name. Amen