

Bible Prophecy Update –December 20th, 2020

The End of the World

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Good morning and welcome. This is our first service on Sunday morning. We have two services. The second service is our verse-by-verse teaching through God's Word, and this is the first service where we do our weekly Bible Prophecy Update. We'd encourage you to join with us at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time. We will live stream the second service, and today, it actually ties in with the Bible Prophecy Update.

We're going to talk about the prophecy in 2 Timothy, Chapter 3:1-5, concerning the perilous and terrible times that mark this, the last days of human history as we know it. We're also going to be talking about that in our prophecy update as well.

If you haven't already, you might want to check out our website, our new website at JDFarag.org. We are adding to it. It is a work in progress, and we really appreciate your prayers for it and your patience with us in it. We're hoping to launch Phase 2 soon, Lord willing.

We've also been making this appeal for prayer concerning the relocation of the cell antennas on our building. Please, as the Lord puts it on your heart, and it's very simple. Just pray, Lord, and have those antennas removed and relocated. That's all you have to say and pray. We've done everything we can legally, per the lease, with the termination of the lease. Now we're just committing it to the Lord and trusting in Him to actually physically have the antennas removed. We're praying they find a new location, so we appreciate your prayer for that concerning that one.

The last thing I want to mention is that I'm going to take a couple of weeks off, and my assistant pastor, Pastor Mac, will be filling in for me. I will be here for our Christmas Eve Service that we're going to live stream this Thursday at 7:30 [p.m.] Hawaii time. Then I'll take just a couple weeks off, spend some time with my family, spend some time with the Lord, and then I will be back in the pulpit, Lord willing - if we're still here on Sunday, January 10th. Let's get to it.

For today's update, I want to talk with you about why everything that's happening in the world points to this being the end of the world. By the end of the world, I mean the end of this age, starting with the rapture, which is prior to the seven-year tribulation, ending with the Second Coming, and followed by the Kingdom Age, aka, the Millennium.

This last week, I was thinking about that saying, when something goes wrong, or something looks really bad, and the saying is "Oh, well, at least it's not the end of the world." I'll just give us a moment on that one. As I was thinking about this, it struck me that we could today, instead say, "it's not the end of the world, or is it?" Now, one needs to look no further than to Bible prophecy to see that the description of the world prior to the rapture is exactly the way it is in the world today.

Let me say it like this. I am convinced and truly believe with all of my heart that this is how it ends. Back in March, in fact, it was March 29th, to be exact. In the Prophecy Update, I made the statement that COVID-19 coronavirus is how it ends. This is how it ends. This is the end. None of you were here because we thought, really bought the lie and shut our doors, which we will never do again, by the way. Yeah, praise the Lord.

We were live streaming only on March 29th, and I made that comment. It wasn't in my notes. It was one of those things where after you say something and you just think, oh, my goodness, did I just say that? Yes, you did. Oh, no, you didn't. Oh, yes, I did.

Then I inquired the Lord about it, and now here we are at the end of 2020, and I believe with all my heart that this is, in fact, the end. This is how it ends. I hope you know, and I know this might seem and sound strong, but I say it nonetheless. The world we once knew prior does not exist anymore, and we will never return to that life, that world that we once knew - prior.

I hope you'll kindly allow me to illustrate and demonstrate this by way of a hypothetical, or if you prefer, a parable? I think parable sounds better. This is a parable, hypothetical, about someone

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waking from a coma. Imagine if someone was in a coma, entered into a coma at the end of the year 1980, and just woke from that coma here at the end of 2020 - 40 years later. Let's also say that this individual was a born-again believer who knew Bible prophecy and that he was also our good friend back in 1980. Hey, this is my parable, I can do what I want here, so indulge me.

Now let's fast forward to this bizarre world. Here, at the end of 2020, when our good friend awakens, and we're there to bring him up to date. Boy, we have a lot of catching up to do. A lot has happened in 40 years. Oh, my goodness. But in order to do that, we'll need to consider what his world looked like in the year 1980, when he slipped into what would end up being a 40-year coma that he would wake from. So, let's start.

In 1980, the world's population was a little over 4-billion people. Now, in 2020 it's almost double at 8-billion people, and that's a problem for the likes of one Bill Gates. I'm going to leave that right there - enough said. In 1980, the median home value in the U.S., get this, was \$47,200. ... In 2020, as of March, the U.S. median home price was \$320,000. Now, I'm going somewhere with this and the significance prophetically of all of this because...

We talked about this a couple weeks ago in the Prophecy Update. Because there is a prophecy in the book of Revelation about hyperinflation during the tribulation. By the way, talking about the population, a lot of "ations," it doubling in 40 years, let that sink in. This is exactly what we're told in the Bible would happen at the time of the end. That's why it's so significant and important. Okay, let's keep going.

In 1980, a guy by the name of Wahid Farag, aka, J.D. Farag graduated high school. Okay, I don't know why that was in there. That's the year I graduated, barely, by the way, and I'm not proud of that. Oh, my goodness.

In 1980, Egypt normalized full diplomatic relations with Israel. It was actually in January of 1980. In 2020, many Gulf States are now normalizing relations with Israel. Again, exactly as we were told, they would at the time of the end.

In 1980, let's talk about technology. There were only car phones for a select few. Now, in 2020 there are cell phones that do everything for everyone. The technology that we hold in our hands or have in our pockets are so advanced in just the last 40 years. I remember my first cell phone that I purchased in 1986, right after they first came out. The Motorola 8000, affectionately referred to as the "brick phone." Am I giving you a flashback here? I think it was called the Motorola 8000 because that's how much it weighed, and then you dropped that thing on your toe, and you're hospitalized for a fractured foot. I mean, the thing was huge, and the screen, oh, my goodness, monochrome numbers... that amber color... \$3,500 was retail. And all you could do with it, if you had coverage, was make a phone call. Get this, and you, young people, I know this is going to really mess you up. This is pre-texting. No! Yeah, how about that? 1980 - 40 years!

At this juncture, we'll need to give our friend a little bit of time to wrap his mind around everything before we tell him about COVID-19. We haven't even got there yet. But here's the thing as we're getting ready to explain why everyone is wearing masks everywhere, not just in the hospital, our friend, much to our surprise, seems to already have an idea of what's going on. He's not the one surprised, we are, and it's evidenced by the questions he asks us specifically as it relates to biotechnology and a cashless digital economy.

Remember now, he was a student of Bible prophecy before he slipped into a coma in 1980. He knows his Word. He knows the Bible, and he knows Bible prophecy. So then when we apprise him of what's on the horizon, namely that of a vaccine that one must have taken in order to buy and sell, his response, again much to our surprise, is "wow, the rapture is imminent."

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Now, here's a question. Why does he react this way? Why isn't he reacting with disbelief? The answer to that question is because there's no cognitive dissonance by virtue of the fact that he's not been pre-programmed as we have. In other words, his objectivity hasn't been skewed over the last 40 years with all the predictive programming and brainwashing. We actually did an update a while back, a couple of months ago, on predictive programming. He's been in a coma, so he's not been programmed. He's not been brainwashed.

Yesterday I happened upon this comment from Jessica Hernaiz. I hope I'm pronouncing her name correctly. She posted it on our YouTube channel, and to me, it really sums up just how brainwashed and deceived the masses are. Listen to what she posted. "Think about it. Imagine a vaccine so safe that you have to be threatened to take it, for a disease that is so deadly, you have to be tested to know you have it." Come on. It's true. "So how is it possible then that this is happening because it's really been longer than 40 years, but for the last 40 years, we have been programmed so that when this was rolled out, we're right there." Oh, wow!

You'll forgive me for talking about frogs again. I talk about frogs, not Farags, frogs often. Last time we talked about the plagues in Egypt because the Egyptians worshiped frogs. Every one of the plagues was against one of their gods, and they had many, like over 3,000 gods; that's a lot of gods. But they worshiped the frog as a god. It was like God saying, "You like frogs, do you? Here are some frogs."

I want to talk about a different frog this time. I think it would be appropriate to mention that fable of the boiling frog who didn't jump out of the water because the heat was slowly and gradually turned up. While I realize it's only a fable, the moral of the story is we, like the frog, adjust ourselves to the world's temperature to our own peril. By the way, this explains the reason as to why it is that our friend responded the way he did because he has not been sitting on that water of this evil world for the last 40 years as we have. So, when we throw him in suddenly, he gets it and jumps out.

I'm sure you already know where I'm going with this, so I'll get right to the point. Many today, sadly and sadly, Christians are just like that frog. I'm astounded. I received an email from an online member. I just was stunned. A very well-known ministry is promoting the vaccine. Why? Because they have been so conditioned ever so gradually over the years, and as such, have acclimated to everything that's happening. So, here's the church, right? And the church has been influenced by the world instead of the world being influenced by the church.

By the way, that's the second service in our verse-by-verse study in 2 Timothy Chapter 3, just the first five verses. Do you know what's interesting? I don't want to get ahead of myself, but he's writing to a pastor. Timothy is a pastor of a church in Ephesus, and this is to Christians. This is what it's going to be like. This is what people are going to be like. That's chilling to me. That's sobering to me.

This brings me back to the reason as to why it is that we are truly at the end in the sense that this is how it ends. We're not going back. Oh, but hey, so and so said that they're going to take the vaccine because they want to get back to ministry and get back to normal. It's a lie!

I want to share an abbreviated, prophetic checklist of what I'll call the Big 3 in Bible prophecy with you. I mean, there are many, certainly, but these three in particular point to the imminent rapture and subsequent commencement of the seven-year tribulation. I mean, I know I say this every week, but we are so close, and I think the rapture is sooner than any of us, myself included, could even begin to realize. It can happen at any moment. We are that close.

Let's go through these three. No. 1. The alliance of nations in Syria, at the ready, to invade and plunder Israel from the north, there in the Golan, which is protested by Saudi Arabia and the aforementioned Gulf States. Interesting to note that Egypt in 1980 normalized relations with Israel, full diplomatic relations with Israel. Jordan, along with Egypt until this year, when all of the Gulf States and certainly Saudi Arabia is ready to put pen to paper, so to speak.

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The reason this is important is that this is exactly what we're told in Scripture. We have this prophecy that we've been talking about for a number of years in Isaiah 17:1, which is a very specific prophecy about Damascus, Syria being totally and utterly destroyed, so much so that it's a ruinous heap and uninhabitable. That's Isaiah 17:1, which I truly believe is the catalyst for the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38.

What is Ezekiel 38? Ezekiel 38 is a very detailed prophecy about this alliance of nations, with Russia, Iran, and Turkey at the helm that invades Israel. Here's what's really interesting. Verse 13 of Ezekiel 38, Sheba and Dedan, the ancient name that is known today as the modern-day area of Saudi Arabia, protest this allied invasion of Israel. How is that possible? Oh, very interesting.

By the way, Egypt and Jordan, and Syria are not mentioned in Ezekiel 38. Saudi Arabia is mentioned, which infers that they must have normalized relations with Israel along with the Gulf States exactly as it is now.

Now, stay with me on this. This is very important. Oftentimes I will say something to the effect of prophecy having a "shelf-life," an expiration date. By that, I mean the situation that we're in today, we were not in even five years ago, forget 40 years ago. Let's just talk five years ago. The reason that's important is that if this was not in place five years ago, wouldn't it stand to reason that it would not still be in place five years from now - with as fast as everything is moving? It's that proverbial strike while the iron is hot. Here's a certain window of opportunity, if you will, and so that which is in place prophetically today will not necessarily be in place five years from today. That's what I mean by a prophecy shelf-life or expiration date.

No. 2. The insatiable quest for peace and safety; peace and security. The same word in the original but very interesting. We couch this in terms of the Middle East: peace and security; peace and security. A Palestinian state, two-state solution, which is the final solution of Hitler repackaged, by the way, because these so-called Palestinians don't want peace with Israel. They want the destruction of Israel.

But maybe think about it like this. Did you hear about that massive cyber-attack this last week? This is big, man. This is huge. What if we could take this prophecy and 1 Thessalonians 5:3 where the Apostle Paul says while they are saying peace and security, or peace and safety, sudden destruction will come upon them as a woman in labor, labor pains, with increased intensity and increased frequency. What if we take that prophecy and we sort of re-visit it through the lens of cybersecurity? Peace and security, cybersecurity. Or let's take the other word that the Greek word as *asfaleia* is translated as safety and let's say health, safety—it kind of changes the complexion of it a little bit.

Now, the reason this is important is because of a very detailed prophecy in Daniel 9:27. We actually have a timeline given to us by the Prophet Daniel. It's a seven-year timeline, and it will start with the confirming, the strengthening, making great, greater, kabir in the Hebrew, which is the same word in my native tongue of Arabic. It means to make spectacular, superior, greater, this word confirmed, translated.

So, the Antichrist is going to kabir, confirm a seven-year peace agreement. In that peace agreement, I believe that Israel will be given the Temple Mount to rebuild their third temple on as part of the peace agreement, and in the middle of that peace agreement, the Antichrist demands to be worshiped. This is kind of getting ahead of myself here.

It's actually the third one. This is in 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2. We talk about this often where the Antichrist will set himself up in the Temple of God and declare that he is God and demand to be worshiped as God. It will happen in the middle, the 3.5-year mark of the seven-year tribulation. Then we also have this prophecy in Revelation, Chapter 13, verses 11 through 18, which is the prophecy about the mark of the beast.

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The reason why at this point, it is the mark of the beast is because you are... not you! They are going to declare and bow in worship and pledge allegiance to the Antichrist, and that's going to happen at the 3.5-year mark of the seven-year tribulation.

But that would imply that the biotechnology would have to be in place. It is. It is. Not-it will be - it is! Now! And not only does the biotechnology need to be in place, here's what also needs to be in place - the deceptive lie. Because... like the Apostle Paul says, they will believe the lie because of this powerful delusion. A strong delusion that God Himself sends.

It is a strong, powerful deception. It is so deceptive that they will believe the lie, and we're told why they believe the lie. It's because they rejected the truth - Jesus. That has to already be in place - it is. Because when the time comes, the masses will accept a digital verification and identification in order to buy and sell.

If you don't mind, I'd like to bring our friend back into the discussion. Let's ask him what his thoughts are on just these three. I believe his response would be something along the lines of disbelief. Oh, not disbelief that this is already happening. No, disbelief that many people don't realize that this is the end.

Then I think he would go right to the Word of God, start reading, even quoting, and here would be such a joy and excitement in his voice, and he'd probably break forth in praise. But then - he may start to realize the implications of this as it relates to those who don't believe that this is the end. 1 Peter, Chapter 4, verse 7, "The end of all things is at hand. Therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers."

Luke's Gospel Chapter 18, verse 8, Jesus speaking, "I tell you; he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, [and this one gets me] when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?" Isaiah, Chapter 13 verse 6, "Wail, [wail!] for the day of the Lord is near as destruction from the Almighty it will come." It will come!

Revelation Chapter 1 verse 3, "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it." Why? "For the time is near." Revelation 22, verse 7, Jesus is speaking again, "Behold, I come quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

Did you know that the book of Revelation is the only book in the Bible that promises a blessing to those who read it, hear it, and take it to heart? And isn't it interesting that the book of Revelation is the book in the Bible that Christians are the most afraid of and stay away from? The enemy has succeeded, hasn't he? He seeks to steal, kill, and destroy. He wants to steal the blessing that is ours in the book of Revelation.

Yeah, but it's so apocalyptic! Apocalypsos in Greek, if you want to be technical. Do you know what that word means? Are you ready for it? Wait for it. It means revealing. I know this is deeply profound, revealing - re-veal-ation. It's an unveiling, apocalypsos. This word quickly, we've talked about this. I think it's appropriate to mention this again. It's apropos, considering how fast everything is moving.

Quickly in the original, this word is the Greek word tachos, not tacos or poke taco. No, it's tachos where we get our English word for tachometer in our cars. It's a measurement of RPMs, Revolutions Per Minute. Interestingly, the time is set at one minute. The variable is the revolutions per minute. For those of you, car guys, you know how it is that you can rev up the engine. You can red-line the engine at a certain rpm, and if you do that, you can blow up your engine. Stay with me. Here's what I'm thinking. Jesus is saying, I'm coming at a time when things are revving up - red-lining. They're revving up. The thing is going to blow up, and you're going to go up.

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That really rhymes. Somebody needs to write... That's a rap song right there. I won't do that to you, but that's a rap song for somebody. I'm a poet and didn't know it as they say, right?

Would you agree that we're red-lining? The breakneck speed with which everything is... Bear with me. You have treasures in heaven for bearing with me.

Here's the thing. Let's just go back to January of this year. Look how much has happened in the span of 12 months, 12 months, man, one year. So again, let's fast forward.

What's going to happen in the next 12 months? Like the population exponentially doubling in 40 years, that doesn't mean it's going to take another 40 years to double. It's going to take a fraction of that time to double, so that means that it's even going to be faster, quicker, and if that's how fast everything is moving, then wouldn't you agree that we're just on the cusp of the rapture? Because the rapture has to happen before the seven-year tribulation.

I need to say this concerning the pre-tribulation rapture, the sound doctrine of the pre-tribulation rapture. If you're not settled and sound doctrinally concerning the pre-tribulation rapture, then I would venture to say that your life will needlessly be riddled with fear, especially concerning the vaccine.

Let me say the same thing in a different way. When you know that the rapture has to happen before the seven-year tribulation, it settles you, and there's the peace that surpasses human understanding. It's not a peace that the world gives. It's a peace that Jesus only gives. He said I've come to give you peace, not as the world gives. It's a supernatural peace. It's the peace that comes by way of the Holy Spirit.

Like you when I go out, which again I don't get out that much, especially now. But when I do, I mean, it is downright depressing, isn't it? And not for the reasons one might think. I mean, I'm not depressed. I'm just sad for those who are. I see them standing in line, waiting to get into... On their "X", in their circle, on their phones with their masks on like this. Okay, move forward. Are you kidding me?

I went to Costco on Wednesday. No, let me say like this. I survived Costco on Wednesday, Costco Iwilei. Because I have asthma, there were times if there was nobody down that aisle, which is never an Iwilei Costco, right? I would just have to - breathe. I'm looking at people, and I'm thinking to myself... And the employees have to wear that thing all the time! It makes me sad, and I feel sorry for them.

The ones I really feel sorry for is when I'm driving... Oh, I don't even have to tell you. Okay, I'm sorry, but they are the only one in the car. So, it's not just me! Oh, I feel so much better - sort of. I feel so bad for them. They're so deceived and have believed the lie. This is why I almost say it every week; I might as well say it again this week.

When I see people, I don't see people as... I'm going to get in trouble for this, local or haole, Left or Right, Republican or Democrat, White or Black, Liberal or Conservative. I see them as either lost or saved because at the end of the day, that's all that's going to matter. So, my prayer is, Lord, send somebody into their life, into their car, to bring them to you.

Because if you really think about it when - not if - that trumpet sounds soon and very soon, those who were left behind? It's not going to matter. Skin color - forget it. Political affiliation - forget it. It doesn't matter. The only thing that is going to matter is: lost or saved; Jesus or not. That's all that matters, and that is why our efforts, I say it that way for a reason, every week is to sound the alarm to reach the lost before it's too late.

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This is why we even do these updates going on 15 years now, by the way. It's also why we end with the Gospel, the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ, and a simple, childlike explanation of salvation by way of the ABCs of Salvation.

What's the Gospel? 1 Corinthians Chapter 15, the Apostle Paul is writing says that this is the Gospel: Jesus Christ came, He was crucified, He was buried, and He rose again on the third day. 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15. 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, in the context of the rapture, the first epistle that the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonians early in his ministry, before the Corinthians, he talks about how the trumpet is going to sound and the dead and Christ, they're going to rise first and we, who are alive, we're going to be raptured up, and then he says, that's the Gospel.

In other words, the Gospel is Jesus came, He was crucified, He was buried, He rose again on the third day, and there's coming a day that He's going to rapture us away. That's the good news. That's the good news that we call it the Blessed hope. Titus. But do you know what? It's not just the blessed hope. It's our only hope. I'll share it again; that's what keeps me sane - is knowing that at any time, sooner than we think that trumpet is going to sound, and we're out of here.

We're out of here. There are no more masks, no more mortgage, no more rent, no more bills, and no more cockroaches. There'd better not be cockroaches in heaven, termites, all of that stuff - all gone. Knowing that's what we have to look forward to makes whatever we're going through easier to get through, right? That's the good news.

The ABCs of Salvation is just a simple explanation. It's just a simple, easy way to share the Gospel with someone. It's not the only way. It's just a way, and it's not really anything that anyone has to do. No, it's more like this. This is kind of how it goes down. This is the way it is. Sorry for the emphasis; I'm getting a little bit Pentecostal on you right now. This is how I came to Christ. I didn't say, okay, what do I need to do? Nothing. He did it all. He paid it all. It is finished. Ho!

You come to this place where you acknowledge, wait a minute. I've sinned. I need the Savior. That's the A, and this is Romans 3:10, there is no one righteous, not even one. You might be a good person, but you'll never be good enough. Romans 3:23 explains why. It's because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We were all born sinners, which is why we must be born-again to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Romans 6:23 is really a good verse when you're sharing the Gospel with someone. Because it packages, for lack of a better way of saying it, first, and this is important, the bad news with the good news. Sometimes I think we do err greatly in not pointing to how we've all sinned. We've all transgressed. We've all broken God's law, and there is a penalty for breaking God's law, and that penalty is the death penalty for the wages of sin is death.

Then when someone realizes and grasps that they have sinned and that the wages of that sin, the penalty for that sin is death, then the Holy Spirit takes them like a tutor, by the hand, from the law that condemns them to the Savior that saves them. That's the good news—the gift of God, His eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

The B is for: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. Romans 10:9-10 says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved." Not you might. You could, you should, good chance. The jury's out. We'll see. No. The Apostle John wrote by the Holy Spirit, you can know that you have eternal life.

The C is simply 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." 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, my favorite, seals the deal. It says that all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved. It's that simple.

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If you'll give me a couple more minutes before we close, I would like to share some testimonies from our local and online members. Creative ways that they're using the ABCs of Salvation to reach the lost. I do want to preface this, though, by saying that in doing so, we seek only to encourage people to get Jesus to people and get people to Jesus while we still have time. I say that because I understand that many use the JDFarag.org as a follow-up. That's fine.

But please, and I need you to hear me when I say this, the Holy Spirit did not come to promote anything or anyone - but Jesus - period. Any time we ever put any name in front of Jesus, or how about this: The name of our denomination, the name of the pastor, the name of anyone ahead of the only name given among man, whereby we must be saved - the name of Jesus? The Holy Spirit says I'm sorry. I can't be a part of that. I was only sent here to point people to Jesus.

Now, why am I so strong on it? Because my heart is grieved when I see what's happening in Christians today, and I think it grieves the Holy Spirit. I want it to be said of this ministry that these people were all about Jesus. That's all they talk about - Jesus. There is power in that name. That's why it is, by the way, when you're in a conversation with somebody, and you mention the name of Jesus? Air stops, right?

My legal, aka is JD Farag. My given name is Wahid Farag. But I actually came up with J.D. It stands for Jesus Disciple. I was in sales at the time, and I relied straight commission on people remembering my name and asking for me when they came back so I would get credit for the sale on the commission. People aren't going to remember Wahid, let alone be able to pronounce it. So, I thought I'm going to come up with something really easy that also gives me an opportunity to share my faith: JD - Jesus Disciple. That's how that came about, by the way.

Now check this out. Here I am, across the desk from the buyer. He's looking at my card, and it says Wahid JD Farag, and he goes, how do you get JD out of Wahid Farag? What does that stand for? Jack Daniels. True story. I'm like, great, here we go. He hasn't signed the deal yet. What am I going to do? I said, no, it doesn't stand for Jack Daniels. It stands for Jesus' disciple.

Then they always say something like this. Excuse my French. Oh, by the way, that's not French, just so you know, and all of a sudden there their whole disposition and countenance and demeanor changes. Oh, you're one of those. Do you know why that is? You have just proclaimed and pronounced the only name given among man whereby we must be saved. There is power in that name, and they are on the receiving end of that name. Yeah, and they're confronted.

This is why it is, by the way, when people... this is fun. You could do this. You probably already have. When somebody takes the name of Jesus in vain, I mean, you just die inside. Well, I used to be a lot more militant. Some of you are saying you still are. When I was younger, and someone would take the name of my Jesus and say it like that? I'd just say excuse me; I have a question for you. Why is it that you take the name of my Jesus, and you do that, and you don't take the name of Buddha or Mohammed? I'll tell you why. Because they're not God and they can't save, only Jesus can. So do you know what I'm starting to do? No, I'm not going to do this. I'll be seeing Jesus way ahead of you if I do. But you just take the name of Mohammed or the name of Buddha. Let's be an equal opportunity blasphemer, right? I didn't mean to get off on that.

Please, please, please - we're all about Jesus. Get Jesus to people. Get people to Jesus.

I want to start with the website that we announced a couple weeks ago, Themastersmail.org. It's in the description field, the link. It's from dear friends of mine, Jim and Cris Cote of The Master's Touch, Print and Mail. They set it up to where you can provide up to five names and addresses at no cost and anonymously have these mail pieces sent out to those that you want them sent out to, and the ABCs of Salvation is on there.

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They've already sent out 2 mail pieces. This is the third one pictured here. It's going to be a little bit different. It's going to be in an envelope, like a card. It will hit shortly after Christmas, deliberately. So, if you go to the website, enter five more names, this mail piece will be sent to those names. Then again, follow-up, call them up, and if you dare, just tell them, I'm the one that had that sent to you. Or better yet, who knows that they might call you?

This testimony, from an online member in Tennessee, is an example of many we receive. They had five cousins in Connecticut and Delaware that she was about to mail Christmas cards to with the ABCs of Salvation on them. Then that Sunday, I announced this, and she already had the five names ready to go. Thank you, Lord.

Last Saturday, I was privileged to do Norman and Maddie's wedding, and on the inside of their program, they have the ABCs of Salvation, along with a message of their family and friends. How about that one - congratulations, again.

A homeschool mom in Idaho sent us this card from her daughter Abby. She writes, "Merry Christmas. My name is Abby, and I am in the fifth grade. Did you know Jesus loves you? He does, and He wants to welcome you into His family. All you have to do is admit that you're a sinner, believe Jesus is Lord, and then call upon His name. Another thing you could do is go to jdfarag.org. There's the ABCs of Salvation on the website. Do you have a Bible? Jesus loves you! Love, Abby." Oh, my goodness.

This one is from Courtney, who has a 10-year-old son named Ian who has cleft lip and pallet. This year, he had 3 major surgeries. Actually, if you think about it, pray for Ian as the prognosis does not look good. She writes, it was one devastating blow after another, which finally ended with all of his front teeth being removed.

However, not once did he complain about his plight. He was more concerned about his doctor knowing about Jesus. With each visit to the doctor and each surgery, he made sure Jesus was shared. Later, he told me, his mom, that it was Pastor Farag that gave him courage. I would listen to his sermons for the two-hour, one-way trip back and forth to the hospital. That's how long it takes to listen to one of my sermons, and Ian would happily sit and occupy himself on the trips. I had no idea he was listening.

This one is amazing. It's from JB. She's become a good friend, actually, over the years. She's in Japan and loves the Lord. She's actually one of our translators in Japan. She translates the teachings into Japanese - there in Japan. She shares about a new believer in Japan. His name is Taichi, and his efforts to share the Gospel using the ABCs of Salvation.

Mai and JB, who are on our Japanese translation team, are also actively involved in distributing ABC tracts to mailboxes in Japan. Also, they are going to great lengths to share the Gospel via the ABCs with others. Here's a photo, and it's from this new believer, Taichi. He purchased 10,000 gift bathroom tissue packets. That's a big deal nowadays, right? With the ABCs of Salvation on them, and they are distributing them in Japan.

This is from Maren Furr, a missionary kid to Scotland. He writes, "I have especially enjoyed the sections at the end of your videos, where you share what others have been inspired to do to spread the Word. I am only 15 years old, but I really felt the Holy Spirit guiding me to share the Gospel with my generation. I pondered for a while how best to reach people in my school and finally settled on airdropping a picture of the ABCs of Salvation to the people that show up on my phone." This is a picture that I send out. How cool is that?

This is from an online member in Ventura, California, who drew this in the sand during a historic low tide. That's what you call drawing a line in the sand. This is from Lillian in Georgia, who made what they dubbed a "rolling billboard" as a magnet on the side of their car.

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This is from Rosemary, who is giving out Christmas ornaments with the ABCs on them. Kelly Philbrick and her husband purchase Bibles from thrift stores, write a personal note in the front cover, add a copy of the ABCs and purchase basic items for the homeless and place them in Ziploc bags to hand them out.

This is from the Salty Soul Crew family of 4, originally from Huntington Beach, California, relocated to Loveland, Colorado. They use Avery labels of the ABCs to put on their freshly baked bread. That sounds really good, doesn't it?

This is a photo of Paula Settle and her husband, John, who own The Yukon Review and Mustang News in the Oklahoma City Metro Area. Paula writes a column in both and published the ABCs in their newspaper.

This is from local members, Michael and Debi Villoria, who own Magically Yours Printing who printed and are passing out these ABC cards. This one's interesting from Ashley, who rebinds Bibles and is now enclosing the ABCs when she sends them back. She shared about receiving a book of Mormon to rebind, and after praying and talking with her husband, she decided to rebind it and included the ABCs of Salvation. I like that.

This is from Kerry Larimore, who has a massage therapy practice in a small town in Nebraska. She lays out the ABCs along with samples of a muscle rub and a notecard, inviting them to enjoy a free sample. Oh, I could use that bread and this too.

Laura from Canada has created ABCs of Salvation coffee cards. This is really creative. On the front features a coffee gift card and a QR code to our YouTube channel. At the back, it lists the ABCs of Salvation and a QR code to the free Bible app. She intends to give these to homeless people that she sees in the city, in front of supermarkets, or when they ask for food or money at traffic lights.

Sammy and Rhonda Peach from Mississippi put a new ABCs of Salvation sign up on their property. This was a supplement to a "Jesus is coming soon" sign that they had since 2012. In 2012, they put this sign up, pictured here. There was a rumor that they were going to build apartments on their pasture land. So, they put up this "coming soon" sign for about a week. They got calls from the TV stations and the town mayor asking what was coming? Much commotion! Then they finished this sign, and instantly, nobody cared.

It gets better. In October 2019, a storm blew the sign away. They recovered it and stored it until a few weeks ago. Then they felt they should put it back up, so they chose an intersection on their property across from a Baptist church and a Methodist church. On Friday, they put up a new sign of the ABCs of Salvation to tell what to do about the event they already advertised, "Coming Soon." This sign is about a quarter of a mile from the church intersection, so it will be seen by 98% of the traffic that goes through that point, and it's a very busy road.

Sammy and Rhonda have been watching the updates for at least 10 years and felt that this would be a very good way to pass the information of the updates to others along with the Gospel.

Darlene and Dominic Cappuccilli... I sure hope I'm pronouncing people's names right. Forgive me if I'm not. They're from South Rockwood, Michigan. They were so inspired by all the ABCs of Salvation signage around the world, they sought the Lord as to what they could do to impact their community. With a little tweaking, this is the sign they came up with, and it's now a permanent fixture in their front yard for all to see: Eternal Lives Matter, John 3:16, and then the ABCs. How cool is that?

Last but certainly not least, do you remember a couple 3-4 weeks ago, I mentioned this online member that was making key chains? Her name is Lorraine Belknap, and she sent us another email this week. She sent us this picture of her wall map showing all the States with the exception of 8 that

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she has requests from. As of this week, she has made over 3,000 of these ABCs of Salvation key chains and counting. Praise the Lord.

I just wanted to share that with you. I hope that's an encouragement to you. Yeah. Praise the Lord.

One last thing, I did pretty good today on the last things, didn't I? So, this is the last thing. I want to leave you with this, and I want you to think about this, okay? When we say, be encouraged, encourage, it is to have courage, courage. I think that's the clarion call for all of us today is to have courage. Be strong and courageous. God would say to Joshua, "Do not be afraid. Be strong and courageous." Courage! Don't be ashamed or cower or shrink back, have courage, and share the Gospel. Okay, I feel better now. That was the last thing. Amazing.

Why don't you stand, and we'll pray? Thank you, Lord, so much. Oh, Lord, thank you so much. Lord, thank you for Bible prophecy. Thank you for telling us in Your Word, what's going to happen before it happens so when it begins to happen, believers will look up, knowing their redemption draws nigh, and non-believers will believe.

Lord, I pray if there's anybody watching online or even here in this service that has never called upon you, believing in you, acknowledging their sin before you, that today would be the day of their salvation.

Lord, thank you so much for all that you're doing. Lord, all of these online members, we thank you so much for them, their courage, the creativity, all that they're doing, Lord, to reach the uttermost parts of the earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.