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All right, let's get to our prophecy update. I want to say to our online church, thank you so much for all of you who prayed. I am not quite there, but I'm certainly doing much better.

I think this is probably the longest that I've been out of the pulpit and that we've not had a prophecy update. I'm really looking forward to what the Lord has for us today as we resume the prophecy update and then also today, we'll partake together of Communion.

So much has happened since our last update one month ago on November 3rd. So, I went to the Lord. I sought the Lord, and I sensed that the Lord would have us to zero in on what I would argue is the most important development of prophetic significance to take place over the last few weeks. What I'm speaking of is what I'll call the "unchartered territory".

I'll explain what I mean by that. The unchartered territory we are now in, geopolitically, and more importantly, prophetically. Let me explain what I mean by unchartered, "not uncharted". Uncharted means unmapped, unknown. What we do know - there is a map - in God's Word. We are told what it's going to look like and be like. So, I'm not going to use the word "uncharted" in that context.

I'm using the word "unchartered", different meaning because it carries with it the idea of "lacking a charter". Or if you prefer authorization, or regulation granting the rights to proceed. This is unchartered territory that we're in, currently. Specifically, as it relates to proceeding with the unprecedented impeachment of a US President.

Wait a minute, we've had presidents impeached. Yeah. But what's unprecedented about this one is the process. It's unchartered and with it the interesting indictment, unprecedented, indictment of a sitting Israeli Prime Minister.

What I'm hoping to do today, if you'll kindly indulge me, is share with you what all of this means and what's behind this coup d'état, which Webster's defines as: A sudden, decisive exercise of force in politics, especially the violent overthrow or alteration of an existing government by a small group. Boy, that's a pretty apt description, wouldn't you say?

I use the word "coup" because, according to this Ynet News Report, that's what Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is calling it. Netanyahu



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has stated that "The criminal indictment against him is an attempt at a government coup and that he will continue to lead Israel".

It should be noted that this is the first time in Israel's history that a sitting prime minister has been charged with a crime. It should also be noted that this has thrown Israel's, already paralyzed, political system into further disarray.

Speaking of further disarray, and I'll add "division", Al Jazeera published an article in which they asked this question: "Has the Trump impeachment inquiry divided Americans even further?" How would you answer that? It absolutely has.

In it they say that "Two months into the impeachment investigation into US President Donald Trump, the American people find themselves bitterly split on the inquiry." Mmm. Dare I say that this further "disarray" is a textbook case of divide and conquer in the realm of the demonic?

What do you mean? I want to be as loving as I can when I say this and I say this because God has done a really profound and powerful work in my own heart concerning this. We wrestle not against flesh and blood.

This is not about Democrats against Republicans. This is not about right against left. This is a spiritual battle and it's textbook. This is right out of Satan's playbook: Divide and Conquer. Jesus said, "A house divided will not stand." Last time I checked, it's still called the United States of America. Kind of sad a little bit because it seems that it's anything but.

Has Satan succeeded? I believe so. That's what's really going on here. The powers of darkness, listen please, know how high and eternal the stakes are. Would to God that more Christians did. The devil knows there's not much time left. Would to God that more Christians knew that.

It's important to remember that the devil seeks the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people, right? And he has from the beginning. It actually started when he possessed Cain to murder Able. The seed, the Promised Seed, Savior. A prophecy of the virgin birth, Genesis 3:15 came from, not Abel, Seth. And from that beginning to the end of human history, Satan has sought to exterminate, eliminate, annihilate the Jewish people.



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Why? Because from the Jewish people comes the Savior of the world that's going to crush his head... Oh, Satan's going to bruise his heel, but ultimately, Jesus will crush his head. That's why.

That is what is really going on here. It's about the destruction of Israel, the annihilation of Israel and there's a problem. Because America today is in the way and that's a problem. That's why, by the way, when the Ayatollah and Islamic... I don't want to say the Iranian people.

There's a great revival right now in Iran, by the way. You know that, I hope. I've talked about it. You should go online, do a search. It'll bless your heart. It will convict your heart too. More Iranians are coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ by the multitudes. Certainly, more than are here in America.

So, when I talk about Iran, I'm talking about the regime. They chant and its always death to America first. Why? Because we got to get America out of the way, then it's death to Israel. Death to America, the great Satan. Death to Israel, the little Satan. That is Satan, right?

It's also important to remember, and this is where I'm going with this, so stay with me. That the Netanyahu-Trump team poses a formidable threat under the banner of a united America and an undivided Israel, namely Jerusalem. Do you understand that just in that one statement I just blanket covered a number of prophecies that we have in the pages of "Holy Writ" concerning Jerusalem? Zechariah 12 being chief amongst them.

On Friday, Arutz Sheva published the most interesting piece about how, "If they knife Netanyahu, Trump's peace plan may bleed to death." How's that for imagery? A little graphic, but no, think about it. If you "knife" Netanyahu, Trump's peace plan will "bleed to death". Ho, is that what this is about? Yeah, we got to destroy Netanyahu; We got to destroy Trump. Because together - they're a threat - to our plan. We want to divide Jerusalem. They want to unite Jerusalem.

Do you know what is interesting? While I was gone, you, I'm sure, saw the breaking news that President Trump had stated that Israel had the right to Judea and Samaria. You want to build settlements? Go ahead! It's your land. It doesn't belong to them; It belongs to you. That's Judea and Samaria.



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And by the way, Judea, does that sound a little bit familiar? Ju-dea? Let me try that again. I know it's early service. "Jew Daya"; Jew; The Jews. Not the Arabs; Not "my people". The Jewish people; Judea; Samaria. Wait, Oh, no! We call it the West Bank! Nahh, forget it! West Bank, shmest bank. Sorry, I got a little bit off on that but I feel a lot better now.

Let me quote the report, some of your saying, "Please do". "Many reports claim"... Listen to this. This is very interesting, "That Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, will soon be finished politically, forced to resign as Israel's longest serving prime minister to defend 3 indictments leveled against him.

One consequence of Netanyahu's exit from politics [if it does happen] could see President Trump having 2nd thoughts about releasing his long awaited and eagerly anticipated deal of the century to end the 100-year old, [actually quite a bit older than that] Arab-Jewish conflict, which Trump had already promised to release after Israel's next government is formed."

Did you hear about Israel's government being formed? I didn't either. Do you know why? Because it hasn't been formed. "A government without Netanyahu [listen to this] at the helm would pose a serious problem for Trump, who has forged a unique relationship of respect and mutual trust with Netanyahu that no other Israeli politician enjoys."

That's the problem. They got to go. How are we going to get rid of them? Oh, let's indict them, and let's impeach them. What do you say? Yeah, let's do it. They got to go. They're in the way. They're in the way of what? They're in the way of our plan.

I suppose it would be safe to say that the jury is still out on how all of this will play out. However, if the verdict comes in, it could, and when it does, it's without Netanyahu as Prime Minister and/or Trump as President. I realize I'm going to make a very bold statement here, but I'm going to make it nonetheless. If that happens, and it very well could, then I believe it could usher in the man of sin aka, the Antichrist.

Think about it: Two strong leaders: Trump and Netanyahu. What if they're taken out of the picture? Is it not then that a perfect storm that will form prophetically, as it were? For this man, this leader, this charismatic leader, to arrive on the scene. He will be seen as a savior and we're told in the Bible that he will control the world.



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The world will worship him. They will bow to him. He will control a one world government, a one world economy and a one world religion. So, you take out the 2 strongest leaders, arguably, of their respective governments.

And let me add this, I might as well. I'm already going to get comments and emails on this. But the Antichrist cannot be revealed until the church is removed. We're going to see that, by the way, when we get to 2 Thessalonians chapter 2. I cannot wait. Thank God for Satan being allowed by God to block Paul from going back to Thessalonica.

Because we have 2 letters that we're going through right now. And when we get to chapter 3, pardon me, chapter 2 of 2 Thessalonians, we're going to read in verse 3 this astounding prophecy that I believe is speaking of the rapture of the church that must come first.

So here, this man of sin, the Antichrist is about to be revealed but he can't until the church is removed. I will even argue that he can't until Netanyahu and Trump are removed because they're in the way. And so is the church, by the way.

So, let's say for purpose of discussion that that's how it plays out. The church is taken out. Netanyahu is out; Trump is out. The Antichrist is in. Hello! We are out of here! Because the church has to be raptured before the 7-year tribulation. Could this be, please hear me out on this.

Could this be, this is not hyperbole, could this be that we are on the cusp of the 7-year tribulation? Aka, the time of Jacob's trouble, Israel's trouble? Not the church's problem. Daniel's 70th week? Could it be that we're on the cusp of the 7-year tribulation?

Listen to what Jesus said concerning the final 7 years of human history as we know it. He says, "For then [Matthew 24:21] there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."

Here's a question, and I'll bring it in for a landing. If we're seeing this begin to happen now, how close are we? In other words, if we're now beginning to see that which will ultimately be fulfilled in and during the 7-year tribulation happen now?

Then how close are we to the tribulation? Jesus answers this question in one of my favorite verses in all the Bible, when the disciples asked him about the signs of his return. He says, "When these things [key



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word] begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads because your redemption is drawing near."

The closer we get to our final destination, the more signs there will be that we will see. Let me say the same thing again in a different way. You know how it is when the closer you get, the more signs there are? I mean, when you first start out, the sign will say something like, 528 miles. Of course, not here on the Island, it's more like 35 miles to your destination.

So, you're driving along and then the closer you get to your destination, you'll notice there are more frequent signs. Now it's 10 miles, now it's 5 miles, now it's 2 miles and now it's the next exit. The closer you get to your destination, the more signs there are.

In 1997 My wife and I, this is "BC", not before Christ, before children. We traveled a lot, actually. We went to Egypt and stayed with my aunt, who has a home in Giza, which is where the pyramids are. It was so cool. We decided to go from Giza to Alexandria and then to Cairo. That was a mistake.

The biggest mistake was when we missed the train and had to take a cab driven by an Arab. You haven't lived, or died, until you've ridden in a cab with an Arab from ... Cairo to Alexandria. So, here's my wife and I, and I'm sitting in the front. She's sitting in the back behind me. It is a custom in my country... Anyway, she's sitting in the back seat and I'm in the front, noisy.

And he's driving really fast. It's about, depending on how fast, it's about, maybe an hour and a half drive from Cairo to Alexandria. It seemed like it was an eternity. Because when we first started out and the way he was driving, I actually had to threaten him in Arabic. I said to him, "If you keep driving like this, I will not pay you." and the reason I said that to him was because I thought we were going to see Jesus.

There was one really close call where I had my hand bent outside the window. I could have touched the truck that he was passing at 180 miles per hour. The windows were coming, it was so dusty, and smelly. We had sunglasses on. When we finally got there, my wife takes her glasses off and she's brown, my color. Sorry. She's got these white circles because it was so bad.

I'm praying and she's praying. She was crying, actually, "Oh God, please!" We were looking and hanging on for dear life to every sign we



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saw saying, "Alexandria". The closer we got to Alexandria, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! The more signs there were!

You know where I'm going with this, right? The closer we get to our final destination, of the Lord's return and the rapture of the church, the more signs there are. And I believe that's what we're seeing today.

Give me a couple more minutes, if you wouldn't mind. I want to share with you the gospel. The good news of salvation in Jesus Christ, which is why, by the way, we do these prophecy updates and have all of these years. It's also why we share the ABCs of Salvation.

What is the good news? What is the gospel? The gospel is that Jesus was crucified; He was buried; He rose again on the third day; And He's coming back again one day. That's the good news.

Our entrance into heaven will be predicated upon our answer to this one question. What did we do with this gift of eternal life that Jesus paid for when he died on that cross? Will we accept His payment in our stead? If so, we enter in. If not, we do not. It's that simple. That's what the ABCs of Salvation are. Simple, childlike simple.

Before we go through the ABCs of Salvation, I want to share with you an email I received from an online member by the name of Evelina Stroud. She says, "Hitchhikers and ABCs of Salvation worked". Please let Pastor Farag know to never stop telling us about the ABCs of Salvation.

I picked up 2 hitchhikers that looked pretty bad and big. But I knew God told me to stop, and I did. I told them about Jesus, and I told them it was as easy as "ABC" to go to heaven. Anyway, a couple of minutes later, I had 2 strangers in the back of my van saying, "Jesus, I admit I'm a sinner. I believe you died and rose for my sin and I confess you as my Lord and Savior. It was awesome.

Then I dropped them off at the highway. Jenny and Martin, accepted Jesus in the back of my van because of the ABCs of Salvation. Thank you and never apologize for repeating the ABCs of Salvation. How cool is that? Yeah, thank you. So that's my story, and I'm sticking with it. I'm never going to apologize for doing the ABCs of salvation every single week. Because you never know. You never know.

What are the ABCs of Salvation? The A is for: Acknowledge, or admit, that you sinned against God. That you need the savior. This what repentance means. You acknowledge your sin, you turn from your sin, and you turn to the Savior for forgiveness of sin. That's the first thing.



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Roman 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." Roman 3:23 takes it further and says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 6:23, is interesting to me because it sort of packages first the bad news with then, the good news, which I think is a good way in sharing the gospel with others.

It is to first talk about how all have sinned. We've all broken God's law. That's the bad news. We also have to talk about the penalty. The wage: It is the death penalty, because the wages of sin is death. I think it's good to first talk about that and then offer the solution of salvation through the person of Christ. The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Here's the B. The B is for: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord and that God raised him from the dead. This is Roman's 10:9 and 10. It says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved."

And then the C, lastly, very simply is for: Call upon the name of the Lord. Romans 10:9 and 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 then lastly, Romans 10:13. It says, "All who call upon the name of the Lord will [will] be saved."

Pretty simple, yeah? Salvation is a prayer away. Calling upon the Lord, confessing with your mouth, believing in your heart, acknowledging your sin. It's that simple.

Why don't you stand? We'll have the worship team come up. We'll have our Communion service, if you're able to stay. Again, we certainly encourage you to do so. If you have to leave, God bless you.

By the way, if you have to leave, listen, Tuesday night prayer meeting, please. Tuesday night, 7 o'clock, right here. If you have plans, cancel them. I want us to pray and then after the worship team is going to lead us in song.

As they do, you can come up and get the elements. They are on one of 3 tables here at the front. They are prepackaged. You can take the



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elements back to your seat, then take your seat, and then wait. So that we can partake together.

Would you pray with me? Father in heaven, thank you. How can we ever, Lord, thank you enough for the gift of eternal life that you paid, in full, for on that cross? When your blood was shared in our stead and your body broken for us. Lord, that's what we want to celebrate and commemorate today.

But, Lord, before we do, there might be somebody that is here in this church today or someone watching online, by some other way. That has never called upon you: Confessing with their mouth; believing in their heart; Acknowledging their sin and turning to you for forgiveness of sin.

Lord, I pray that today - what a great day! Really, the perfect day, the day of Salvation! And then to partake together of the Communion Table. Lord, thank you, in Jesus name. Amen.

In Luke's gospel, the 22nd chapter, we have the account of what we affectionately, refer to as the Last Supper. Jesus knows that the time has come. He's about to go to, as we have just sung, that "Old Rugged Cross, if you will.

He knows He's going to the crucifixion; He knows that He will be buried; And He also knows that He's going to rise again from the dead on the third day. Now he wants to communicate this to His disciples. He knows that this will be the last time He will ever break bread with them.

You have to understand something. In that culture, to this day in the Middle East, it is very, for lack of a better word, "bonding". It's an important thing to break bread with someone and to eat at the table with someone. It's a "common union", communion, and that's what they are going to do now.

We are told, Luke writes, by the Holy Spirit, "When the hour had come, He sat down and the 12 apostles with Him. Then He said to them, 'With fervent desire, I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. [Speaking of the crucifixion] For I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.'"

Then if you can kind of picture the scene. I'm sorry to ruin your Last Supper paintings and artist's renditions but they weren't sitting at a



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table. That's not how it is in the Middle East. They are on the floor, reclining, and the table is low there.

"So, He took the cup and gave thanks and said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves for I tell you...'" This is the 2nd time now He's telling them that this is the last time that we're going to partake together. The next time we partake together is going to be at the "Wedding Feast of the Lamb".

He says, "I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes." Interesting, I just thought of this, parenthetically, let me say this.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, which by the way, they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray because they saw how powerful the Savior's prayer life was. They saw Jesus. They witnessed Jesus pray all the time and they saw the power of prayer.

Interesting, they didn't say, "Hey, Jesus teaches how to preach." I would have probably asked him for a little bit of help on that. But no, they asked him; "Teach us how to pray." Isn't it interesting that in teaching them how to pray, He said, "Pray, Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

I wonder if He had this in mind? and I wonder if that brought that to their mind at that time? When he said for the 2nd time, "I will not drink. I will not do this again with you until the Kingdom of God comes." "And He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'"

If you will take the packaging and peel back the top part, you'll find the bread. Just take it out and hold onto it for a moment. I always especially, appreciate the Communion celebration during this Christmas season. One of the reasons is because, like you, I tend to get caught up in the busyness of Christmas.

The Christmas rush, I mean, Christmas is a busy time. For pastors, it's kind of a busy time of the year for us, "Tis the season". What I appreciate about just stopping and celebrating the Communion table is because it reminds me. Forgive me for saying it like this.

It reminds me not to forget so I don't forget to remember. What do you mean by that? Well, think about it. In the busyness of our lives, we



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forget what it's all about. In the busyness of the Christmas season, we forget what the "reason for the season" is.

So, the Communion table is that much needed reminder that brings us back to the basics of what it's all about. Jesus Christ and Him crucified; And not just crucified but resurrected; And not just resurrected but returning.

So that what we're about to do here, today, we will one day do with Him. Try to get your mind around that. When this ultimately finds its fulfillment in His Kingdom. Can you just imagine?

Sitting with our Bridegroom, our Savior, our Lord, our King of kings at the "Wedding Feast of the Lamb"? He's going to take the bread, like we are now, only it will be way better there. And he's going to say, "Here, take eat, for it has found its fulfillment, even now." We can't say that now, but we will then. That's what this is all about: Is to bring us back to what our lives in this world are all about.

Would you partake with me? Lord, thank you. Again, it seems so insufficient, inadequate to just say "thank you". I mean, how can we possibly, this side of eternity, ever thank you enough? Thank you for your body that was broken for us, instead of us. Lord, thank you for giving us this to do in remembrance of you, because we forget.

We forget that we're saved. That we're soon and very soon going to be with you in heaven. That should give us a very different perspective while we're still here on earth, a heavenly perspective. So, Lord, thank you.

Luke goes on to write and says, "Likewise He", speaking of Jesus. "Also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you.'"

If you'll take the remainder of the package and then peel it back, you'll have the cup. Hold on to it for just a moment, again. We sing it, we say it, we know it: "There's power in the blood". There is power in the blood of Jesus Christ.

That what we hold in our hands today is a symbol of the blood of the new covenant. It had to be the blood of the new covenant because the old covenant was only a "kofar", a covering, until the once and for all sacrifice would come, Jesus the Christ.



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When His blood was shed, it was finished. The payment is made in full, once and for all, for all. It's no longer just covered. No, there's now remission of sin. Removing of sin as far as the east is from the west, and God says, "I will remember them no more."

That's how powerful this blood, this symbol, that we hold in our hands is. Every sin we've ever committed, are committing, will yet, future, commit has been paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ. The blood of the new covenant.

Would you partake with me and once you do, stand, please? Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Lord, thank you. Lord, thank you for your blood that was shed on that cross for us. Thank you that it is finished, paid in full. Lord, thank you for the new covenant in your blood. Lord, thank you for the power of your blood. Lord, we love you and we thank you and we long for you to return.

So, Lord, come quickly. Maranatha. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen and Amen. Thank you so much for your patience and your grace. Have a blessed week. We'll see you on Tuesday night, right? Okay. God bless you.