

5 Reasons We Value Studying the End Times & 4 Pastoral Challenges

I. A FEW FOUNDATIONAL THOUGHTS

- A. The IHOPKC leadership team does not ask anyone to accept our views blindly. Rather, we urge all to refuse ideas that they cannot clearly see in Scripture themselves—***be a Berean*** (Acts 17:11). Our understanding of the end times is not complete—we seek to learn from other ministries.

On the front end of IHOP we didn't necessarily value it. It was secondary and in the journey the Lord corrected us and said this is a main part of the storyline of the gospel of the kingdom, so I am talking about 5 reasons why we shifted from it being secondary to significant. Then I want to talk about 4 pastoral challenges that Jesus gave with his own mouth. They are far more vulnerable to accept the secular narrative of what is happening if they do not have the Biblical narrative.

For those of you hungry to go deeper in this I have several hundred messages on my website with notes, transcriptions and videos. If this is new to you go on the internet and you can find it. I have hundreds of messages on my website and my copyright is the right to copy. I tell people make your own notes put your name on it and run with it

Two foundational points here first. I give this handout to our interns. I took it from one of our normal messages that I give to young adults when they join our Bible school, I say I do not ask you to receive our views but refuse anything that they do not see with their own eyes whatever you do when you talk about the Bible don't say Mike says if you cannot see it don't say it. I challenge them to challenge us but with a right spirit.

We are very aware that we have incomplete understanding we do not have full understanding the more I learn on this subject the more I am aware of how much I don't know. I have urged our leaders to be learners all of our days. We are only going to get the completely story in context to the larger BOC

Eph 3:18 famous verse that we would know the length width depth and height of the love of God in context to all of the saints. It is only in relationship to a broader sets of relationships will we comprehend it all. We have a part the have a part etc and together the full revelation comes out

I tell our students I don't want to raise up people who argue but people who win hearts and help convince people of the beauty of Jesus and the reasonableness and reliability of the scripture. I will never debate this. I don't want to be a debater I want people fascinated with Jesus with confidence in the reliable Biblical storyline in the most dramatic time in human history

- B. The IHOPKC team holds convictions which differ from the popular view that the Church will be secretly raptured before the Tribulation and will miss the greatest revival in history (Joel 2:28-32; Rev. 7:9; 19:7; 22:17). We honor the godliness and biblical scholarship of many who hold this view but see it as a mistake that will leave multitudes spiritually unprepared as negative events escalate.

29“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven...³⁰Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in

heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth...will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with...great glory. ³¹And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect...from one end of heaven to the other. (Mt. 24:29-31)

We hold a strong conviction that differs from a popular view that the church will be raptured secretly. I started with that view but now I believe we will not be taken up before the GT. We will be raptured but at the end of it. We will not miss the great harvest the billion-soul harvest. It is the greatest hour of all of human history.

I want to look at this passage quickly.

In Matthew 24:29 immediately Jesus said, Matthew 24 is most prominent verse on ET according to Jesus' teaching. He said after the tribulation at the last trumpet the sun will be darkened the moon will not give light the stars will fall from heaven and the sign of the son of man will appear and. it is not a secret rapture. Jesus is the first one to describe the rapture, he will send the angels. Paul develops this. The trumpet the angels the sound of the trumpet. Paul calls it caught up and Jesus calls it gathered together to meet the Lord from one end to the other. That is an early description of the rapture. Paul gives the same details and some more. I don't debate this I want to say it faithfully and humbly. The best book I have ever seen on it is by Michael Brown. You know him and Craig Keener the name of the book is not afraid of the AC. The subtitle because we do not believe in the pre trib. These are two of the foremost Biblical scholars right now. They are in elite category of scholarship. Both spent years in pre trib but now they show in history and Greek etc. they lay it out. I just point people to that book. I have other points I want to make but I understand that is a big issue to a lot of folks.

Another point I have a number of friends, I grew up with pre trib and a number of my friends who hold ... they are devoted to the Bible but it is a serious mistake that leaves the BC unprepared spiritually when the negative events begin to escalate and many will be spiritually unprepared because they are not expecting to be here when the intense trouble is happening

The good news is the greatest hour of the glory of God will be happening at the same time

The second coming paradigm is the Moses storyline on a global level.

There is an end time Pharaoh and there is a greater Moses called Jesus. The Moses storyline is going to be enacted not just ... it was meant to be understood as the template of Messiah's return. When you read the 7 trumpets and bowls, and when they stand in Rev 15 as a sign of Moses and doing of lamb. It is the Moses storyline brought to an ET global manifestation and it will be the saints' greatest hour in human history. Could you imagine Moses trained in the wilderness for 40 years and saying he doesn't want to confront Pharaoh and lose the bonds of the people but just wants to escape. You want to participate in this.

The judgments in revelation are against the AC kingdom not against the saints. They are judgments released by the praying church. There are a bunch of verses on this the prayer movement at the end of the age losing the plagues of Egypt on the ET Pharaoh the AC

You read a bunch of passages together the Moses template is clear and that is meant to be clear.

Another point not on my notes, the book of Revelation has 403 verses, only 12 verses are persecution of the saints. Only 3% is persecution the majority is the destruction of the AC empire through the prayers of the saints. The book of Revelation is the end time book of Acts written in advance. Those are stunning miracles. Can you imagine if the saints in ww2 would have prayed and fire would come down and destroy Hitlers resources it is end time book of Acts. It is also the canonized end time prayer manual. It is a prayer manual that is in the Bible

Guess what happens after the first trumpet? The second trumpet. Then the third etc. a billion believers will know it and be engaged. It is a canonized prayer manual against the AC

I will briefly give you 5 reasons why we value studying the ET. We made this shift about 20 years ago. We said this is not prefrail or secondary this is a primary [art of the gospel of the kingdom

Mt 24:14 the gospel of the kingdom will be preached to every nation then the end will come. The gospel of the kingdom is more than the... kings of the earth resisting the kings.....the gospel of the kingdom is a king confronting hostile kings and taking over the governments of the earth by the glory of God., that is critical part of gospel the second coming not only the first coming. The first coming is not complete. Both comings have to breakthrough together because a king is coming and the whole earth is going to see it. The drama will be unfolded so much so that multitudes will come to him like never before

II. 5 REASONS WE VALUE STUDYING WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE END TIMES

- A. ***Reason #1—unique dynamics:*** The generation of Jesus' return will have unique dynamics—unprecedented *pressures* (shaking, sin, darkness) and an unprecedented *outpouring of the Spirit*. This will create a situation in which the nations will be afraid and confused searching for answers.

²For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. (Isa. 60:2)

The unique domains. There is one generation of history that will have unprecedented pressure and increase of darkness and that IS THE. GLR. Not only unprecedented darkness but greatest manifestation of power beyond Acts near in history have these two dynamics been present in the same time of history. There is no road map through church history no group of leaders who have navigated this ever. They early church did not. They had power but nothing like the ET church. They had hostility but nothing like an AC with global influence.

The Ac never takes over all of the earth he gets stopped short of it. His presence and his manipulation are present in every nation but he is stopped he doesn't take over all nations. Some think this

He is resisted even by unbelieving nations to the end to the last movement.

Isaiah 60:2 darkness will cover the earth. Deep darkness will cover the earth but the glory of God will be seen on the people of God so when deep darkness not just a couple nations cover the earth the glory of God will be manifest on the people of God. Those two will be in collision. Many believers will be perplexed confused and terrified. They will be searching for answers everywhere. Many believers who do not have foundation they will be as perplexed and terrified as unbelievers. All over the earth people will search is there any reliable information to what is going on how to interpret it and how does it end and how to respond.

There is one reliable source of info and it is the written word of God

Reason one. People will be perplexed confused and afraid and the BOC must be equipped. One of the greatest answers is it last only 3 ½ years. When Hitler was rising up, they talked of it as a myth. It looked like they would reign for decades. It will look like this wicked leader is invincible. If someone would have said to Nazi Germany this will be over 3 ½ years it would have changed the mindset/

3 ½ years that is important info to have. Then indescribable glory happens. There is more info that that but there is an end to this thing. It ends with indescribable eternal glory at the end of this
So many

There is no generation of church history ... there are no group of leaders who have ever navigated this. Those generations didn't tease out or go deep on those passages

- B. **Reason #2—biblical reasons:** By far the *most described* generation in Scripture is the generation that will be alive when Jesus returns. It is the main focus in over **150 chapters in the Bible** (see mikebickle.org/resources/resource/2888 for a list of these chapters).

This sounds strange there are Biblical reasons to study the Bible. That seems obvious. What. Mean the most described generation in human history is the GLR. Let me say that against the generation most described by the Bible is not Jesus generation it is the generation that He returns in. there is no generation who has near amount of info that that generation. Why is it? It is significance of it. That is a very important point. For instances I believe. There are a billion believers now, I don't know the number, say a billion for sake of concept I believe there is another billion coming in. the billion-soul harvest. The deaf is it is ig. There is also a falling away too so there are some millions falling away but may more be coming to the lord in the great harvest. I believe this to be true. I think it will be. There will be more of God's born-again family on earth than in heaven. The Lord gave that roadmap to that generation for their safety because they will be the most mature generation in history. A prepared bride. The church is not going to fizzle out fearful of persecution. She is coming for a. mature prepared bride not a retreating hiding trembling church. This church will be so lovesick for Jesus they will be fearless in the face of death.

The first commandment will be established in first place globally in the BOC before the Lord returns. Here is a point we did not understand. There are 150 chapters in the bible of which the activity in the GLR is the primary subject. 150 chapters of which the primary subject is what is occurring in that generation. There are about 15 categories of negative activity, there are about 15 positive categories of activity. Those two sets will be unfolding across the earth at the same time. Why is this so critical? If you add up the 4 gospels you have 89 chapters so almost 90 chapters giving the narrative of his 1st coming and 150 give the narrative of his second coming. Almost 2 times as much give the narrative of second coming. It is same Jesus it is same Bible it is same HS. I don't say this negatively. 90% plus of the BOC is almost totally liberate of those passages it is about Jesus his kingdom it is inspired y word of God. You may not think you rein to end times. I am not into end times. I am into Jesus. I am into His leadership. I only care about ET because I care about him. It is what he will allow and what he will release that is positive. I am going to study it. I am not into ET I am into the man behind the plan. I am going to study the plan because I love the man behind the plan. The first coming message is so critical to the gospel of the kingdom but it not compete message. You hear it all the time I am not really into end times we are into right now. I say you are not understanding the weight of scripture calls us into that larger message it is the gospel of the kingdom. We don't want to think of those 150 chapters as prefrail or eccentric people on a mountain storying batteries and guns., I am burden with zeal and energy to strain the next generation in these 150 chapters

When I was in 20s when I talked to men of God one group said we would be raptured any way so it didn't matter other group said it was too symbolic so men of God told me not to bother it. So, 30 years later I begin to say wait, I started studying these 150 chapters and it was arduous I had few sources of people who had ever done it. I said in my soul, not just me alone but I want to give a gift to the 20 year olds. I want them to have a narrative with issues worked out a little bit by a number of teachers so that they have a grid to start with.

When I talk to many pastors today 50 60 70, they say it is too late. But what if someone would have handed us a Biblical worldview picture of this when we were young, we could have grown up with this and it would not be a maze of confusion. I wish someone would have handed me these 150 chapters over the last years I have taken each of these chapters and we went through every one of them and it took is 3 years to get through all of them. I have 6 page handout of every one of them and then tp of everyone... we poured ourselves into it. We learned a lot. We thought we knew but, in the end, there is so much we do not know. We have taken those chapters and interface with other leaders. We want to refine them and a few years hand them to the 20 year olds as a humble start and say now go further. Instead of spending 20 years saying it doesn't matter because you won't be here or it is too confusing that I wrong idea.

I am praying that the Lord would raise up it is not HS number but I am praying lord raise up a million messengers in the earth. O don't mean through me but all over the earth and gain more insight into these 150 chapters and let a million of us get this to give to next generation

It is 20 year olds 10 year olds that will be the primary mature leadership when this stuff happens. I want them grounded in it. I want to interface with other leaders and messengers who know these 150 chapters. A million would be sufficient to train and equip the billion. We don't need a billion who know it. A million is 100 of 1% I never was good at math. If a million people said I will go deep on this and I have poured myself into it. I said lord if you would breathe on this in Asia Africa Latin America and you sovereignly visit people if a million people were ready those 20 year olds would be in position to gain some perspective

I was blown away about 25 of us when pain steaking through every chapter. We spent hours going through every chapter figuring out if the majority of the chapters was end time narrative. We actually ended up with 180 chapters. But I said some will argue about this one and that one so we called it 150.

985 of the BOC is illiterate on those chapters and we are entering into the generation and we have the blueprint and reliable info.

We had the 150 chapters identified probable 18 years ago and then our leadership team came and said when are you going to teach line by line of them. Is aid never. Well somehow, I said yes. I said oh my goodness what have I done. I did not know Isaiah near as much as I thought. There are so many obscure chapters. We had open question and answers and I challenged them to challenge me on everything. I made it a point it we genuine every question and answer to say at least 3 times id not know, I don't at no be a know it all and I don't want to raise up know it all.

We are starting august next and do it all again.

I am not committed to knowing it all I am committed to searching it.

I spent too much time on that point but I wanted you to understand this is a big subject not eccentric people with guns and batteries. No this is for people who are shepherds after His own heart Jer. 3:15

I am saying Lord would you raise up a million shepherds like this? I don't do this

The lord's answer is I care more about those young people than you do you can be sure I will do this

Hey little guy why do you think you stumbled into it? I boxed you in

- C. **Reason #3—prophetic reasons:** The biblical signs of the times include events and trends that are predicted in Scripture. Jesus, the apostles, and the OT prophets prophesied *signs of the times*—these signs will alert God's people (who are alive in the generation of Jesus' return) of His soon return.

Not just there are so many passages in the bible the prophetic reasons there are signs of the times there are biblical signs of the times in the bible not just modern-day prophet who saw it. Not just famous prophet saw it though I appreciate people with prophetic history having insight I am notal about biblical canonized signs of time that tell us a sign that alerts us to we are in hat generation. Jesus gave 25 of them. The apostles gave 15 the OT prophets gave 15 or 20. I have done series on this I dotn know why I never counted them all up I have taught it for years but I need to count it. They are there. There are about 50 maybe a couple more Biblical signs of the times which is you are one highway and it says in 15 miles you will nbe at this city it is a highway sing telling you you are on the right road and almost there or you are almost out of gas. Etc... it helps you adjust what you are doing on the journey the Biblical signs of the times

There are 50 or 60

Some are subjective and some are real crystal clear. You don't want to be dogmatic but let's search it out but don't overstate it. Don't be dogmatic be teachable if it is crystal clear that is different

1. Jesus **commanded** one generation to **“know”** that His return was near—this command was for the generation living when **“all”** 25 signs prophesied in Matthew 24 and Luke 21 occur.
*³³When you see all these things [in 24:3-28], know that it [His return] is near—at the doors...
³⁴This generation will by no means pass away till all these things [in 24:29-31] take place...
³⁶Of that day and hour no one knows... (Mt. 24:33-36)*

Very interesting some believers, the is new info it was to me some years ago. Jesus commanded the GLR he commanded them to know it was that generation. Interesting thing.

Mt 24:33 when you see all of these things the things that he laid out in v 3-28 and you put it with LK 21 there are 25 things when you see all of these then know it is a command be confident be assured you are in that generation. This generation will not pass away when you see all 25 of these things.

V 36 no one knows the day or hour. What I find is wrong 36 you cannot know day or hour is the verse that people use to tell you that you cannot know the generation but the verses before he says you can know the generation. Jesus said the opposite in that context. Our can know the generation but not the day or hour so it is odd that that is the verse used to silence people.

2. **The timing:** In the generation that Jesus returns, **“all”** 25 signs will accelerate in a way that can be **“seen”** by the global Body of Christ. Now, for the first time in history, most of these 25 signs of the times are increasing and making headline news on a global level.

In the GLR all will be accelerating in a way that will be seen globally. When he said you will see he was not talking about the apostle of that generation. For the whole earth to see events it implies the internet. For the whole earth to see these events there has to be a global thing that has apne in this last generation. They will accelerate all of them. Some of them are trends and some of them are events. O have some of this on the inetenrae.t

Her is the point I want to get. Fir the first time in history first time in 6000 years of human history almost every one of those signs are accelerating one global level right now. For 20 or 30 years you could not say that but you can now. I mean the advent of the internet increased it where we became global

33 when all of them. I would say some of our guys who got excited it is surely this generation nut they are not all accelerating but almost all. The fac tit is first time in history it is my opinion it is a strong conviction that there are people alive on earth who will see the coming of the Lord. maybe 2 year old or 20 year old s

I go to a believer and there are sign posts that are given as a gift so we are not taken unaware. Wars, rumors of wars, pestilence, people get hungry. Ok you go 3 what are the other 50, it is a generation you are living in I am not talking about your church I am talking about you. it is in the bible this is the Jesus you love and it might be you or your children and you only know 3 of them

I don't really say that to people I am not trying to shame people but as you are listening do you know the 50?

We don't want to be unaware of these signs. Note to self I will take next 3, 4, 5, years I will get familiar with these signs I will eb aware of them not expert but aware and at least aware of the 15 broad strokes of those 150 chapters and 15 broad stroke positives. Everyone doesn't have to a=know all details btu we need to know brushstrokes and this dea that your church doesn't do it but you re live in this generation don't cop out with your church if you are into jessant the bible you rein to His story

This generation according to Gen 15 can be 100 years. The Lord told Abraham your people will go into slavery for 400 years for

3. The Lord indicated that a generation may last up to 100 years (Gen. 15:13-16).

It could be up to 100 years. So, when does it start? If I am guessing because I do not know for sure. It cannot start until Israel is a nation. For 200 years Israel was out of the land. They have to be a nation because the ET storyline Israel is in the land and attacking their control over Jerusalem. If not, there are a bunch of things that could not happen. For 2000 years scholars thought Jerusalem was symbolic because there was no way that Israel would be gathered after 2000 years. It has never happened in history. 2000 years later and the nations were all against that. The miracle of miracles 1948 it became a nation. It shocked everyone.

Israel becoming a nation is not quite enough they have to have control of city of Jerusalem and they are being attacked by nations around them. 1967 they gained control of Jerusalem for. First time in 2000 years

When you study these 150 chapters you see ET prophecy is Jerusalem centric. The divine time clock was put on pause when they were kicked out of the land and then they came back into the land and the pause was lifted or when they got control of Jerusalem. My guess is because it is Jerusalem centric, not just a city in Mt 5:45 he said it was the city of the great king it is My city. The whole of human history the city of Jerusalem is His forever and it is centerpiece of salvation history. I would guess that generation began in 67

Somewhere in that generation I believe the Lord will come. That is my assumption. I know when all of the signs happen, he is coming in that generation. Soon, maybe not next 5 years but soon.

- D. **Reason #4—the promise of increased understanding (Jer. 23:20; Dan. 11:33).** There is power in knowledge. Since the Lord can accurately foretell the details of His end-time plan, we know that He has power over them and is able to use them redemptively for the good of His people.

I love this one it is reason #4 the fact that there are a number of Biblical promises. God promises the ET church will have increased understanding of the ET narrative. That means for 2000 years in one generation of human history the increase will multiply significantly. There is so much power in knowledge. The Lord will say they don't need to have that detailed knowledge yet because these unprecedented pressure and glory they don't have to have all details yet. They don't need to have a depth of understanding but there is a generation that they will need to have it. There is tremendous power in knowledge

If you are going on a vacation with your children., we went from KC to Florida and we said OK kids at 4 and 6 o something like that. We drove the first time and I said never again. We drove there and the kids were excited but I had to sell them on the destination. Then I had to tell them some of the challenges on the way. It will get long so don't ask me every 3 hours are we almost there. And the forecast for a short time there is a storm.

If Jesus 2000 years ago and even before the incarnation 3000 years ago and 4000 years with Abraham if he knows the details of a generation 4000 years again if he knows them with that precision, he has power over them. We are looking at the negative and hoping it is not surprising the Lord. go read Isaiah. I told you 3000 years ago it would happen I have complete power over it and know how to use it redemptively to bring the church to the greatest time in history

1. The Lord will raise up “**people of understanding**” who will help “many” who will be hungry to understand the biblical narrative related to the end times (Dan. 11:33; 12:10).

³³“***And those of the people who understand [end-time messengers] shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall [be martyred] by sword and flame, by captivity...***

³⁵***to refine them, purify them...until the time of the end.” (Dan. 11:33-35)***

I love this verse. This in context is talking about the GLR. Antiochus Ep... is mentioned in part and he did a little of this in part. Some scholars say it was all fulfilled but there are so many details not fulfilled. We have discussed that in details. My point is Daniel 11 ultimate fulfilment is the GLR. A powerful angel stands in front of Daniel and says the people who understand will teach many. There will be. People of understating. I don't mean a ministry nation or city. God will have His shepherds all over the earth. Not general Bible knowledge. It is talking in Daniel 11 the theme is the AC and his defeat. It is talking about he narrative of which the AC emerges struggles and is defeated. There will eb people who understand it. Not just natural understanding or book of proverbs wisdom that is not the understanding that he is talking about though I value you that it is talking about the understanding of Daniel 11.

A million! Even more. Not a few little here and there is the point

Don't miss this word they will instruct many. When a mighty angel says many will be hungry for this knowledge. If those little phrases make the narrative, they are important. I believe it is hundreds of millions of people. There will be millions of unbales saying what is going on? Already unbelievers are asking. Unbelievers have an idea that the Bible is the source of the info. They don't do the Jesus thing but a lot of them thing the Bible might be accurate on this

An insight on this is a key to evangelism. Hundreds of millions of people are going to be hungry for this. I tell young guys in ministry you want to have an impact and reach millions let me give you some insider trader info. , millions will be buying those books. This is insider trading info that is where the hunger is going to be to do this. Right now, there is so little knowledge of those 150 chapters. There are a bunch of guys talking about the same 3 chapters but that is not enough. There are 150 chapters a far more complete storyline in those 150 chapters. When I look over the nations now the number are not very big right now. I am saying young guys who want to be famous study this the hunger will be off the charts to know this. Some guy says I don't teach on a microphone. Believe the majority of the teaching in the ET church will be conversation. There will be some on a stage but there will be hundreds of millions having congregation in living room, hotel rooms, millions teaching this. Don't think because you don't have a crowd on Sunday morning you are not a teacher

Then with the internet some little 80-year-old lady who has never had a teaching ministry and she is not an expert on these chapters she may get a dream and write a blog 3 paragraphs and shifts the lives of millions. All of a sudden, the thing goes viral and she was never a teacher before you don't know who you are and what conversation you will have or blog our I'll write. Don't cancel yourself out because you dotn preach on Sunday at a megachurch. Most of the preaching and teaching will be conversational. Don't write yourself off and say you will never understand in depth.

2. God will give His people ***“perfect,”*** or mature, understanding of His end-time judgments
²⁰The anger of the Lord [His judgments] will not turn back until He has executed... the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. (Jer. 23:20)

This is ET judgments of Revelation. The judgments of the Lord his end time judgments will not turn back until he has executed everything in his heart and in the latter days you will understand it perfectly. In a mature way. Mature and perfect is same idea. Perfect doesn't mean every single piece of info Don't overdo the word perfectly put the word mature. Some read perfect and t

Here is the point in the latter days there will be people of understanding there will be a people of understanding. I don't just mean what... understanding what the bible says. Angels will visit in dreams and tell us things too

I have had several supernatural encounters over the years where the Lord gave clarity on a verse. The Lor is saying this is just the beginning of the beginning. It is worth studying

- E. **Reason #5—we are alerted by 4 pastoral challenges:** People must understand the **biblical narrative** for *what* will happen and *why* it will happen, or they will by default embrace a **secular narrative** of the events, making them more vulnerable to being overcome by fear, offense, lust, and deception.

The 5th reason we value this is because we are alerted by the 4 pastoral challenges from the mouth of Jesus. These are his words I have my premise here that people must understand the Biblical narrative the broad strokes of those 150 chapters of what will happen and why. Knowing the what is important but knowing the why is just as important. We don't know all of the why but if the people of God do not understand it by default, they will embrace the secular narrative of the increasing negativity. It is increasing right now in 5 or 7 areas. The secular narrative of what is happening is very different than the Biblical narrative there is distortion misinformation where is it going why is it happening. If believers don't know the Biblical narrative when the pressure increases by default, they will take the secular narrative the Biblical narrative having studied this some of it is bizarre. Why would you put that in the storyline Lord? you will understand. Why would you raise up baby long drunk with blood of saints? Why is it in the plan? The Lord gives a little answer there is no way with human reasoning that we will understand why those negative events are there. Jesus raises up the AC the devil is cooperating but Jesus raises him up like why?

The Biblical narrative is so outside of our realm of thinking we would never conclude that it had a redemptive place in maturing the church without the Bible. Without the Biblical narrative there is no way we can understand the redemptive purposes of the increase of negative. When we take the secular narrative billions of believers will be vulnerable to 4 negative responses

- F. Jesus highlighted **4 responses** that will greatly challenge many people's faith in the end times: **F.O.L.D.—Fear** (Lk. 21:26), **Offense** (Mt. 24:10), **Lust** (Lk. 21:34), and **Deception** (Mt. 24:11)
- ²⁶“...men's hearts failing them from **fear**...³⁴“**But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing [lust, immorality, etc.], drunkenness... and that Day [Jesus' second coming] come on you unexpectedly.” (Lk. 21:26, 34)**
- ¹⁰“Then many will be **offended**...¹¹Many false prophets will rise up and **deceive** many.” (Mt. 24:10-11)

These are pretty straight forward. Full visibility I made an acronym and I had to make the L work. I have to have acronyms so I can remember it. Fear offense lust. Jesus used the word carousing and drunkenness. The idea is that we have to stand not fall or fold. I have used this the last few years. I want you to read these verses it is same message same afternoon Lk 21 and My 24. Notice the four when I read it

Men's heart will fail from fear. Fear is first. V 34 take heed lest your hearts are weighed down. That is immorality and lust. Mind altering things that cause you to escape pain is the idea. Then many will be offended and many false prophets will rise up and deceive many

1. **Fear:** The hearts of people will be overcome with fear (Lk. 21:26), if they are not properly equipped in the Word and walking in the Spirit. This applies to believers and unbelievers.

If we don't know there is a glorious beautiful God who died for us because of love in a master plan overruling evil for our good if we don't know that we think the train of history is off the track and fear will rise. The covid thing. Even the economic stress that is increasing. The stirring of wars. People are going what is going on. It is the beginning of the beginning. Fear is dominate many rights now and we are at the beginning. If we are not equipped in the word that there is a glorious plan unfolding and these things will be used by a good leader. If we are not equipped by it, we are vulnerable to fear even sincere believers who love Jesus make bad decisions when gripped with fear. We have peace.

2. **Offense:** Many will be offended at God and one another. Some will be offended at Jesus' leadership—since they were taught that they would be raptured before the trouble intensified.

Many will be offended at one another but more troubling they will be offended at God. Many people have been taught their whole life that they won't run into this trouble but I assure you that they will. Millions will find out that they were lied to by their teachers. They will say if this is that off and that wrong who can I trust. Without bible foundation. Many will be offended at God. Offense at God you cannot grow in love. You make bad decisions. When you are afraid and you cannot grow in the spirit when you are offended at God

3. **Lust:** The word *carousing* speaks of self-indulgence, with the main idea being immorality. Often people who are overwhelmed by fear, anxiety, or offense seek relief from their stress in drunkenness, drugs, immorality, etc. They "self-medicate" with lust seeking relief from pain.

Self indulgence. The main idea is immorality. Here is my point when people are overwhelmed with fear and anxiety, they seek relief in drunkenness they seek relief in immorality. People have said ... this is self-medicating because they are so filled with anxiety and they need release. This not just people loving darkness but they are weighed down and need to escape. They cannot sleep so they have to take something to self medicate. The distorted perception and distortion of understanding when we were in that fog is intense. Jesus said don't let your heart be weighed down with the fog of defilement in mind and body

4. **Deception:** Some of the most dangerous false prophets will be popular *social commentators* and *media personalities* who are dignified, good-looking, caring, intelligent, and well-spoken. They will promote a social narrative that is contrary to the biblical narrative and values.

Mt 24:11 it says many two times. It is only place I have seen the word many described .. many false prophets and many will take their message. A false prophet people are assuming they will have horns and shifty eyes. That demon worshipper cult leader. I assure you there will be some of those guys but the most prominent source of false prophets will be special commentators ivng false narrative that is false prophet. Not demonized cult leader I am talking about social commentators and media personalities. They are dignified, good-looking, caring, filed with empty presentation, well-spoken and well infilled and giving a commentary opposite of Jesus and multitudes will believe it because they are cool and good looking. We buy the false narrative and make terrible decisions

The bible makes it clear there is coming a false peace and safety time. That false peace and safest emerges and multitudes of belviers will say it is unity and safety that we prayed for but it is false it is demonic., isn't that what we want? Unity and safety? It is false peace. A lot will buy into the system. The unbelievers are saying you guys are impossible. You pray for unity and safety and then you get it and you say it is the devil. That gorp of kings and merchants will be drink with blood of saints because the saints will be saying that is not of God and that mask of false peace will be torn off. For 3 ½ years it will not look that way. If you buy the false narrative, you will join wrong

- G. The escalating fear, offense, lust, and deception will result in many falling away from Jesus. Paul prophesied of a “falling away” in the end times (1 Tim. 4:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:1-7; 4:3-5; cf. Heb. 6:4-6; 10:26-31, 39; 2 Pet. 2:1-3, 20-22; 3:17). This will be one of the most tragic realities in history. Paul presented it as being as obvious and significant as the appearing of the Antichrist on the world stage.

³Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day [Jesus' return] will not come unless the falling away comes first and the man of sin [Antichrist] is revealed. (2 This. 2:3)

This is the most disturbing of all. I have said that about 10 times. The great tragedy of human history is the ET falling away of real believers. I believe that they literally fall away and the eschatological falling away is already beginning.

There are prayer meetings who loved Jesus but don't believe the gospel of the truth anymore. They went to prayer meetings and witnessed and just don't buy it anymore. They were leaders back then. They thought they were just caught up in it and they do not see it anymore. I have a growing number of older people and scores of college kids are doing it. I mean people who walked with God for years. This falling away is hundreds of millions. It is not a trickle over there

Paul says let no one deceive you no matter what argument they give you don't be trucked by this the day of the Lord will not happen until two things happen. These are signs of the times. It will not happen the Lord's return until the falling away comes first and until the man f sin is revealed globally. The end time falling away will eb just as obvious as the AC on world stage and just as significant. It won't be a subtle trickle it will eba. Stunning globally obvious reality that is as significant as AC on global stage/ don't let anyone trick you these two things will happen before the Lord returns

Everyone doesn't have to know all 150 chapters but a million will train a hundred million etc.... if people get fearful, they get offended and self-medicate with lust and then buy into the false narrative. Multitudes will walk away from the faith. This is the sort of thing my guess is this will touch every family in some way. Your brother your children your family and friends. Every family and friends they will touch them. this is not just over there it is coming to a neighborhood to you. this isn't after ... people don't learn well under the crisis. A 911 event that afternoon people were not interested in bible knowledge but they were in panic and fear. We need to learn now so we can learn it little by little so we are acclimating to what it might look like little by little. We have time in next years to grow into this. We learn it little by little...

Amen and amen