

**Full Sermon Transcript:**  
**Prepare For The Great Tribulation**  
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Let's go in prayer. Lord Heavenly Father, praise Your Holy Name.

Thank You for getting us through this week, through all of our trials and difficulties thus far.

Father, we do ask for Your special blessing and anointing and help with today's worship services.

This message, this sermon, this word, help every one of us to grow more in Your Spirit.

Help every one of us to grow more in Your will. Help us to understand things better.

Help us to get prepared for the future. Help us to prepare spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically for the difficult times and challenging times ahead.

Help us to not be in bondage to our own opinions. Help us to be realistic. Help us to have Your eyesight. We ask, Father, that this message would not be in vain, but accomplish Your purpose here on earth.

We accept Your blessing. We accept Your help. We accept Your anointing and Your presence in this. We ask for You to have Your way, that You would move freely.

Please help us to come more into the center of Your will and Your plan that You have for us.

All this be in the name of Jesus. The Church said, Amen. You may be seated. Thank you, Felicia, for letting me know that the YouTube is working and that you're there.

I appreciate that. That helps me.

Let's go to Matthew 25. And for anyone that might be listening for the first time, we're reading from the Alpha Bible, the Alpha and Omega Bible, a restoration of the original Scriptures.

In Matthew 25, verse 1, Then the kingdom of heaven would be comparable to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them.

We want to change that first word in verse 3 instead of the word for with a but. So reading that again in verse 2, five were foolish and five were wise.

But when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them. It is foolish, lamps with no oil.

But the wise took oil and flask along with their lamps. Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all, all of them, the wise and the foolish both, they got drowsy and began to sleep.

But at midnight there was a shout. We change the word but in verse 6 to the word then.

Then at midnight there was a shout. Behold, the bridegroom was a shout, announcing those words.

Behold, the bridegroom come out to meet him. Then all of those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.

The foolish said to the wise, give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.

But the wise answered, no, there will not be enough for us and you, not enough for us both.

Go instead to the dealers and buy for yourselves. And while they were going out to make the passage, the bridegroom came.

And those who were ready went in with him to the wedding and the door was shut. Notice that the announcement in the previous verse, in verse 6, happens.

There has to be a passage of time between verse 6 and verse 10. Verse 6, he's not actually there yet because he doesn't come until verse 10.

Verse 10, while they were going to make the passage, the bridegroom came. So there's a passage of time between verse 6 and verse 10.

Verse 10 is an announcement, but he doesn't actually show up until verse 10. Verse 6 is the announcement, verse 10 is to come.

There's enough time for travel between those verses. Interactions, conversations between the foolish and the wise.

People go out to buy, but it's too late. Then the door is shut. Verse 11, then the other virgins also came saying, Lord, Lord, open up for us. But he answered, I tell you the truth, I do not know you.

That is very reminiscent of Matthew 7, verse 21-23.

Those three verses where they say we've done many miracles in your name, we've cast out demons, we've done all these things in your name, that he says to them, get away from me, I never knew you. Amen.

It's as if the five foolish virgins were not actually saved. Although we traditionally have viewed all ten virgins, five wise, five foolish, we have traditionally viewed all ten virgins as the true church, but half of them just not making it in. But he says to them, I do not know you. So at this time, at this moment, that makes me think that the five fools are Babylon, Babylon, which is not the true church.

But they seem like they're the true church. They gather themselves with the wise, they gather themselves, they call themselves Christians, they assemble, they listen, they follow the ministry, they're baptized, they keep the Sabbath, they keep the holy days, or they don't keep the holy days, or they don't assemble, but they still claim to know Christ.

They still claim to be part of the church. Whatever the situation really is here, they don't make it in, which means they have not come to completeness, completeness in Christ at that moment.

What is the timing of this? Is it the start of the Great Tribulation, or is it Jesus' return?

He does come in verse 10, so that would be His coming, but we did say there's a passage of time between verse 6 and verse 10.

Conversations and travel, people going to the store to try to buy, but they run out of time.

So it's a short time period. It is an analogy, it is a parable, so it doesn't have to be precise, but rather we look at the overall points, the overall spiritual principles.

But I apply this toward the start of the Great Tribulation being the dark period of time in which they're going to need those supplies, those lamps, and more of the Holy Ghost.

The traditional Babylonian church, they never apply physical preparations to this chapter.

They only see the oil as symbolic of the Holy Ghost, needing the Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost, depending on which denomination, which church you're talking to, needing more of the Holy Ghost or needing more of the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost.

They never apply this in a literal sense in needing physical supplies. But notice that the wise tell the foolish, go buy some, and they actually go to buy.

So this is one of the reasons that I don't apply it only to the Holy Ghost, but to physical supplies that you can travel and go buy.

I know that the Bible also says of the Holy Ghost to go buy without cost, without money.

In other words, to obtain, to do what you need to do, to invest what you need to invest, mentally, spiritually, physically, in every avenue to gain more of the Holy Ghost.

But it's clear to me that there's both a literal, physical, and a spiritual application to this.

The wise understand that not everything is literal, but some things are both literal and spiritual, both at the same time.

The wise understand that prophecy many times have two meanings, two fulfillments, or two applications.

The door being shut reminds me of Noah's ark door being shut. People, or obviously at the last moment after the door is shut, the rain has started, it's flooding, they're wanting to get in, but it's too late at that time.

But there's a warning, there's a passage of time. In the time of Noah, they could have entered the ark if they had listened to the preaching of Noah, if they had believed the prophet Noah instead of mocking him, instead of laughing at him, instead of calling him deceived or crazy or insane, if they had listened to the voice of God through the prophet Noah.

They could have entered in. The same is true in our time, that people would rather mock and laugh.

They don't believe the Word of God, but they claim to be part of the Church. These people that don't make it in, in verse 10, they seem to be part of the Church.

But they don't make it in, and the Bible calls them foolish. It is foolishness to not heed the Word of God through His servants.

Trim the lamps in verse 7. I'm old enough to remember my grandmother using oil lamps for whenever the storms would come and knock out the electricity.

You need to have the wick, the cotton, that is burning in the oil lamp appropriately trimmed and at an appropriate height.

Otherwise, there's either too much smoke or too much fumes, or your oil gets burned up too quickly, which wastes your oil and you won't have enough to make it through.

Or it's down too far, too low to where it's not going to burn, it's not getting enough oxygen.

So you have to have the wick just at the right level. You have to monitor the wick, you have to monitor the oil.

You have to use caution and wisdom. You have to plan, you have to have your oil already.

You can't just wait for the lights to go out and then go to the store. You're going to have your oil and your lamps and your wicks and all your supplies in advance because you know the storm is coming sooner or later. You don't know when that storm is coming. But you know sooner or later it's coming, and then the forecast says, well, it's coming tonight.

There is an announcement. And you can wait until that last day when the forecast says it's coming tonight, then rush to the store while everybody else is buying their supplies and their bread and milk all at the same time. Everybody else and the shelves are running empty. There's prize gouging going on.

Today is the one year anniversary of Hurricane Helene coming through Tennessee and North Carolina. It actually made landfall a year ago yesterday, but then by this point of time it's coming up through our region and flooding the mountains and killing people and knocking entire houses off their foundations and knocking out huge bridges, major bridges, and causing us to not have, we didn't have running water for a few weeks, not even to flush the toilets except for standing in line or waiting in line in a car, waiting for our turn to get water to flush the toilets. Nobody saw it coming. And nobody thought it was going to be that severe even when they said, okay, the storm is going to come through our area, we're going to have a lot of rain, but nobody thought it was going to be the 5,000 year flood.

And yet it was. Not a greater flood in all of human history has come through this area since Noah's flood. Not since Noah's flood has there been such a great flood that I know of. It was called the 5,000 year flood for our region.

And right now there's another hurricane off the east coast of America or down there in the Caribbean wherever it's at at the moment that they're very confused about.

What they're saying is a very difficult forecast. They don't know really what in the world it's going to do. They keep changing the forecast. It could go either direction every few hours. It could be whether it's going to make a landfall or not make a landfall in South Carolina.

Or if it would make a landfall, then go back out to the ocean, or a landfall, then go back out to the ocean, then come back inland again.

They don't know what it's going to do. Nobody expected the 5,000 year flood. The wise thing to do is to be ready for the worst. Hope for the best, but be ready for the worst.

To have your supplies ahead of time. To have enough food stored up in your home that if the storm comes and it's much, much worse than anybody expected, that you will still have enough food to survive and how to stay warm if it's cold.

But the thing about water is you don't really expect the water to be off. But it had knocked out the water intake pumps from the rivers.

And they're still working on repairing all that. And we're still under some temporary pumps.

And they're working on the permanent pumps becoming fully active. But there's a problem with building an extra floor on the building that holds some of the pumps.

And they're making some stupid decisions there. Some extra precautions the government is having them to go through. But yeah, they're still going about things in a very stupid way, I think. Are we prepared for the next hurricane, Helene? This is not coastal area where we live. We're like eight hours drive from the beach.

This is not coastal area. And yet we're still vulnerable to hurricanes this far inland.

We're not in California, which is major earthquake country. We're not in Memphis, which is right on the New Madrid fault line.

But yet we had an earthquake to hit right here, this town, this house, a couple of nights ago.

Very small, but yet strong enough to knock a couple of things off our shelves and make a very loud sound.

And the people down the road from here, much even worse. But that earthquake was literally centered only 1.3 miles from our house here.

You hear earthquakes being centered 100 miles away, 200 miles away, even 50 miles away, 25 miles away.

But 1.3? That's incredible. Nobody expected it. Amen? The unexpected is what will kill you. The unexpected, the things that you're not prepared for mentally, spiritually, emotionally, nor physically, these are the things that we should be concerned about.

We know some of the major prophecies, but we do not know every little tiny detail of exactly how everything is going to happen, how and when.

Every little detail. No, God does not inform us of every little tiny detail. He just gives us the biggest events, the worldwide, world-shaking events. And not even all of those does He inform us about individually, every time.

No. We need to learn the lesson from this chapter that we are to be wise and prepared.

And we need to be prepared physically, but even more importantly, having that measurement of the Holy Ghost to be growing and stocking up on that measurement of the Holy Ghost.

Stocking up on the measurement of God inside of us, preparing spiritually and mentally and emotionally and physically for all the difficult times that are definitely coming in which many details we do not know about.

We need to have realistic expectations, not ignorance, and not be led by carnal desires about the future.

The problem is many people do not want to believe that the Great Tribulation is extremely near because that's frightening to them.

It's scary to them. It's a scary thought that soon we won't have any electricity, any water, any running water, plumbing, internet, communications, cell phones, websites, that all the world as we know it is going to collapse.

No income, no checks, no going to work, no receiving an income, no bank account, no stores to go to.

It's a scary thought for most people. So they don't want to believe that the Great Tribulation is near.

And then you've got a lot of people that have been disappointed because we thought that the Great Tribulation would have started the year before and the year before and the year before and the year before.

And therefore, the becoming complacent, the becoming hearts hardened and the spirit of unbelief.

And the reality is, if we prepare and it doesn't happen yet, there's no downfall to that.

We'll still have those supplies. We can eat those supplies. We can use those supplies, rotate, use the oldest, keep the newest, keep stocking up, have a larger stock when it does happen.

There's really no downside to preparing and being ready, especially if we prepare correctly.

Sometimes we have prepared incorrectly. And the problem was not that we prepared, but the problem was how we did it.

Our mannerisms in which we prepared was not fully correct. The problem was not preparing.

The problem was not believing that the end was near. The problem was how we went about things.

So we learn our lessons from that, and that's what life is about. Learning our lessons, how to do things better, making mistakes so that then we can improve.

That's what life is. A lot of people are ignorant about what to expect, what are the signs.

A lot of people don't know because they've always been programmed to believe they don't have to be involved in politics.

They should not be involved in politics is what they've been brainwashed to believe.

And that the news is all negative, therefore you don't listen to it, don't want to hear the negativity.

They just want to bury their heads in the sand and pretend that evil doesn't exist.

So there's a lot of different obstacles, stumbling blocks, hindrances that prevent people from being prepared.

The pre-tribulation rapture fairy tale being a huge one, which the very express purpose of that doctrine, of a pre-tribulation rapture, is to have Christians and others to worship the Antichrist when he appears, manifesting himself as if he is God.

People believing in the pre-trib rapture will worship him, the Antichrist. And so that's a major obstacle, thinking you're just going to fly away into heaven before it happens, therefore you don't have to be prepared if they're thinking.

We need to have realistic expectations based on facts, based on all the multitude of signs that God has given us, based on all the evidence of world events, what's occurring with Russia, China, Iran, Ukraine, Poland, China.

The list is endless, the hurricanes, everything else. We need realistic expectations based on facts and all the signs that exist, not ignorance and be led with wisdom, prudence, moving forward, preparing in realistic ways, in ways that we can afford to do, not damaging ourselves as we prepare, not digging our own graves as we prepare, but prepare within our means, prepare in a responsible way, mature way, a wise way.

Now once we get into those final 30 days, the whole situation may change, in which we go from a preparedness of calmness and caution to a state of extreme urgency and last ditch efforts and invest to our last dime.

In that final time in which there could be no doubt, in which there could be no mistake, that it's there, that we're entering that time.

Another major problem, stumbling block, hindrance for people preparing, is their carnal desires.

We shared just a few weeks ago the sermon on August 30th, almost a month ago. That was called, the name of that sermon was, we must maintain the mentality of the Great Tribulation beginning soon.

We must maintain that. We spoke in that sermon about how even Jesus had that mentality, how even Paul had that

mentality.

And that was the instruction to the Church from Jesus himself and from Paul. Their instructions to the Church was to have that mentality.

And therefore we should also have that mentality, especially since we know now that the first four seals have opened. Those seals had not opened 2,000 years ago, but the first four seals of Revelation have been opened now.

And now Israel has been regathered to the land of Israel. We have nuclear war weapons, all these things.

We must have that mentality of the Great Tribulation beginning soon. And we shared in Matthew 24 how Jesus talked about even when He comes, people would still be marrying and building even on that last day.

And that's insane. That's how bad it is out there that even then, even in that context, where you actually have the Great Tribulation has already come at that point, people are still being led by their carnal desires, thinking that they're going to have time to invest in a relationship, have children, build a house, have a family, live as if the world would never end, live as if there's not a great shaking coming, live as if your children are going to be able to prosper, live as if you've got time for six years of college.

This is not the right mentality. Jesus warned against that mentality. Even the apostle Paul warned against that mentality. He said, it's at the door, therefore I would have men that have wives to be as if they have no wives.

His mentality was to not be distracted by these carnal pursuits, to put your mind, your focus, your attention on the gospel, the kingdom, preparedness, the work of the kingdom, that these are more important, that time is short.

That was the mentality that was instructed to follow 2,000 years ago. How much more should we have that mentality now?

So we have all these obstacles to people being prepared mentally because they think that these things are not going to happen.

It's going to come unexpected to them. Jesus said, be prepared for you don't know when that time is coming, but be prepared for it, to be on the alert, to be watchful.

But people have the mentality it's not coming, therefore I'm not even going to be watchful.

I'm not even going to be on the alert. A lot of people don't like that feeling. They don't want to be on the alert. They think that's a bad thing.

They think that's a negative thing. I have no problem with it. I have no problem myself with living my life and running my household and my wife, my family, those that God has put with me.

I have no problem with leaving my house in the mentality of let's live every day, one day at a time, but let's prepare and be ready for the future.

That's not damaging to me. That's not damaging to my household. We can do both. We can still live and take care of this month's responsibilities and still be aware that we have another electric bill coming up not only this month but next month.

Be aware of these things. Take care of these responsibilities and still be ready for the Great Tribulation to come six months from now if it does.

We can do both without living in fear, without losing sleep over it, without having to take anxiety pills because of it.

It's no biggie. It's no big thing. Paul lived with that mentality. Amen. I don't understand why people think that it's such a horrible thing to live with the mentality that the Lord could be at the door.

Let's look at Revelation Chapter 2. A letter to the seven churches. Now we know that the Church of Laodicea is talking to our time era for the people that have not heard me explain this before.

The seven churches in Revelation Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, they're not just seven congregations of that day and time, although they were, yes, we don't deny that.

We're not ignorant of that. They were seven churches, congregations that is, that existed at that day, at that time.

But in addition to that, as we said earlier, prophecy many times has two applications.

And the other application of this is that these seven churches are also symbolic of seven time eras of the history of the true Church, from John's lifetime to our lifetime, seven time eras.

And we don't know exactly what year each era begins and ends, and that's not even important.

Some people just want to nitpick on things that are not even important, and that's a waste of time.

Like people trying to figure out if this is a Jubilee year and White year, is this the 6,000 year, is this the 6,400 years?

All of that is a waste of time, and there's no way you can know any of those things.

You can't know. You can look on the Internet and find literally a hundred different interpretations.

It's a waste of time. Nothing but confusion. But we know that this is seven time eras, and we know that because if we look at the final chapters of the book of Revelation, it's basically symbolically signed by Jesus saying that this is a letter to the Church.

All of the book of Revelation is to the Church. All the book of Revelation is to us.

Even though we're the Church of Laodicea of the seventh era, the entire book is written to us.

But it was also beneficial for the Church during the lifetime of John. It was to them as well.

It was also to the time era of the Laodicean congregation, which we believe was part of God's True Church in the North Carolina mountains, and I believe that might have been 1617, 1800s, whenever that was.

There are some claims that they were Sabbath keepers and that they were perhaps the time era right before the Philadelphia time era.

There's some speculation about that or part of the Philadelphia time era. But regardless of this, let's look in the first letter.

I barely can see. I'm going to try to clean my glasses. I wish we had more places to hang a light here. We could put like a nail right there or a hook right there or somewhere in here somewhere else.

That light could really be moved somewhere else. I can't see good. Chapter 2 verse 1 looks like the first letter. Chapter 2 verse 1, To the messenger, to the pastor of the congregation.

Actually, we're changing these words. Let's see. I'm not for sure if the word congregation belongs there or not. I don't think so.

I think it's the, no, it's not. So it should say, when we get this, re-translate it to the pastor of the chosen assembly of the kingdom.

In Ephesus, the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand, the one who walks among the seven golden lamp-stands, says this, I know your works and your toil and your perseverance and that you cannot tolerate evil men and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles and they are not and you found them false.

False apostles. There were many false apostles in that day and time. Even as there are today thousands of people on the earth that call themselves prophets and apostles and they don't even know what those words mean.

Verse 3, and you have perseverance and have endured for my name's sake and have not grown weary, but I have against you that you have left your first love.

Therefore, remember from where you have fallen and repent and do the works you did at first or else I'm coming to you and remove your lamp-stand or your candle out of its place or your lamp or your oil lamp out of its place unless you repent.

To that church of Ephesus 2,000 years ago, the Lord Himself warns them, I will come to you and remove your light unless you repent.

The reality is that every one of those congregations, local cities 2,000 years ago, and each time era that they also represent had their own time of great tribulation.

Judgment can come in many different forms. It doesn't always have to be thunder and lightning.

It doesn't always have to be in a 9.0 earthquake. It doesn't always have to be in the final great tribulation.

It doesn't always have to be in the form of Jesus actually landing on the earth, but rather judgment can come through the Holocaust, World War I, World War II, Vietnam, the Korean War, the English invasion of America against the Native American Indians, slavery in Africa, slavery in the Middle East, slavery in Europe, the slavery of the Irish.

It can come in many different forms. Even if the great tribulation, the great tribulation doesn't start in six months from now, even if it doesn't, we could still before that, even this week, this coming week, have a 5,000 year flood or a surprise 7.0 earthquake in a place that we never have earthquakes.

These things are not impossible. Jesus warned that congregation in that time era of impending judgment that could come against them if they do not repent.

Verse 6, Yet this do you have, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Verse 7, Let him hear what the Spirit says to the chosen assembly of the kingdom, the ones who and to him who overcomes our grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of theos.

If you overcome this tribulation of your time, of your locality, of your location, of your region, of your lifetime, if you overcome those trials, if you overcome those tribulations, if you overcome all the obstacles, all the hindrance, all the stumbling blocks, if you are overcomer, then you could inherit paradise.

But you have to pass the test of the tribulation of your time, of your location, regardless of whether it's the great tribulation or not.

Life is hard for everybody in every generation. Every generation has their own tribulation time and their great war. Every generation. Verse 8, And to the pastor of the chosen assembly of the kingdom in Smyrna, write the first and the last who was dead but has come to life says this, I know your tribulation.

Every generation has a tribulation. And I know your poverty, but you're rich spiritually. And the blasphemy by those who say they are Judeans yet or not are the synagogue of Satan. And so you have all these people like Carson Tucker, or Tucker Carson, whatever his name is, and a whole bunch of other idiots that say that the synagogue of Satan is the Jews, that they are the inhabitants of Israel, that it's the nation of Israel, the prime minister of Israel, so forth.

This has nothing to do with bloodline at all. It has nothing to do with it. These people are very ignorant of Biblical history and God and the Bible. Very ignorant. They take a Bible verse and try to use it when they don't understand the Bible. That's a very dangerous thing. People that don't understand the Bible would be using a Bible verse to teach what they want to believe. And that's exactly what it is, what they want to believe. They want to believe that the Jews are evil, therefore they use it in that way.

But the reality is, in that day and time, to be called Christian was extremely rare, but rather you was called a Jew, a Judean, if you followed the true God of Israel. That's the reality, that it didn't matter what color, what language, what tribe, what nation, what region of the earth you came from.

If you embraced the God of Israel and decided that this God was the true God of heaven and earth, then you would be baptized and converted to be called a Judean. And therefore a Judean is the equivalent of in our day and time what we call a Christian. So really, that could actually be translated. I mean, it really could be translated. It really could. That if, it says, and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Christian yet are not, but they are the synagogue, the church of Satan, the assembly of Satan. That word synagogue can be translated assembly, gathering, a congregation. It doesn't always refer to a building. It can be translated as a gathering, a religious gathering of people. This is talking about false Christians and anyone else that claims to be saved and righteous in going to heaven, but is really more correctly applied toward false Christians. Considering everything that I just said, more than any other religion on earth, it is talking about false Christians. So we have in parentheses and italics right there next to the word Judean, we have Judean Christians. Of course, that's what it could be translated as, understanding these things. And so this would be true not only for that time era, but for our time era as well, that God hates when people call themselves Christians, but they are not. Verse 10, Do not fear what you are about to suffer. There was entering a great tribulation. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison so that you will be tested, so that you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful unto death, and then I give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the chosen assembly of the kingdom. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death. The second death. If there's a second death, then there must be a second life. If we use our brain, verse 12, and to the pastor of the chosen assembly of the kingdom in the town of Pergamum, write this, the one who has the sharp two-edged sword says this, I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is, and you hold very tight to my name and do not deny my faith, even in the days of Antipas, my martyr, my faithful one, who is murdered among you, where Satan dwells. But I have a few things against you, because you have their son, who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stomach block before the sons of Israel, to eat things, sacrifice to idols, and to commit immorality. But I say also, you have some there in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitians, therefore repent, or else I am coming to you swiftly. Therefore repent, or else I am coming to you swiftly, and I will make war against them with the sword in my mouth. If you look later on in the book of Revelation, chapter 19, Jesus comes with a sword in his mouth. You know what? This is telling us that not only is the letter to Pergamum to that church that existed 2,000 years ago, and not only is it to a particular time era somewhere between that time and now, but also it's to us today. Because who? We enter Jesus coming back with a sword in his mouth. He never has done that. So this is also written to us. It's not written just to people 2,000 years ago, like a lot of preachers are trying to teach on YouTube, and in these Sunday churches, a lot of preachers are trying to say, we don't have to pay any attention to any of these letters because

they're already in the past.

It's not to us. There's no application to us. And even the whole book of Revelation is in the past. There's a lot of preachers trying to say that.

As crazy as that is, there's a very popular teaching out there. You would be surprised how many people believe and teach in these churches that all of the book of Revelation has already been fulfilled, or else it's just symbolic and not little in any way, shape, or form.

It's crazy, the teachings that you find on YouTube and in these churches, people that call themselves pastors, who call themselves Christians, who claim that you can acceptably eat things, sacrifice to idols, that you can acceptably buy the halal mark of things that have been sacrificed to idols, and they call themselves Christians, but they're not.

They are the synagogue of Satan. Amen?

Let's get down to verse 18, and to the Pastor of the Chosen Assembly of the Kingdom in this town of Thyatira, write this.

The son of Theos who has eyes like a flame of fire. This is a description of Jesus when he comes back in our time. So that's another hint that every letter is not only to them, but also to us, and what we can get from every one of these letters is to beware of false teaching, beware of false teachers, false apostles, false prophets, false denominations, those that teach that we can eat the halal mark products, things sacrificed to idols, and beware of all these other things, and we need to be ready for tribulation. Amen?

We can get all this from every one of these letters. Amen? Verse 19, I know your works, and your love, and your faith, and your service, and your perseverance, and that your works of late are greater than at first.

That's in great comparison to this other previous church that said you have fallen away from your true love, your first love.

What does that mean to one of these previous churches? You've fallen away from your first love, and you need to return.

That's talking about the passion that we had when we first came into the truth. The passion that we had when we first came into the true church, that passion, that we need to return to that, gain that again, but exercise it more wisely, but to return with that passion again. Amen?

But this church has that passion still yet, even greater than the first. So it's a very good compliment for them. But here's a bad thing, verse 20, but I have against you that you tolerate this woman preacher. Amen?

Woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and she leads my bond servants astray so that they commit immorality and eat faint sacrifice to idols.

Women teachers that should be sitting in the congregation in their gender roles, which is a very high calling, a very special duty, a very important duty instead of leading people.

We know that the women is the majority of the Democrat voters. Look at the number of women that are murdering their babies.

We need common sense leadership. We need leadership that is ordained of God. Verse 21, I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality.

Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness and those who commit adultery with her into much troubles or tribulation, unless they repent of her works.

Let's change the word troubles into tribulation. Unless they repent of her works.

Notice, unless they repent of her works, we have to be careful what YouTube videos we watch, what websites we follow, what people we follow.

We have to repent of their works. Let's go down to chapter 3, verse 1, to the congregation in Sardis.

He who has the seven spirits or the seven angels of the Theos and the seven stars, which are the seven pastors, say this, I know your works that you have a name, that you are alive, that you are dead.

Wake up and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die, for I have not found your works completed in the sight of my Theos.

So that congregation has lost their passion. That church has become complacent. Their works have not been complete. Not completed, they've given up.

Verse 3 is, so remember what you have received and heard, and keep it, and repent, and therefore, if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know why I will come to you.

Notice, each one of these churches have something that indicates it's not just for them, it's for us too.

But also, their tribulation could come. Jesus can come to them in their tribulation, punishing them, judging them, His

wrath upon that time, upon that generation, upon that locality.

Verse 4, but you have a few people in Sardis who have not spoiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments. And I will not erase His name from the scroll of life, which means He could erase a person's name from the scroll of life, but He won't to those who overcome. Amen.

And I will confess His name before my Father and before His angels. I think in the Church of Philadelphia, in verse 7, He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this, I know your works, behold, I have put before you a open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, but you have kept My word.

I believe that we should change and have kept, but you have kept, because there seems to be a comparison there that you have very little power, but you have kept My word and have not denied My name.

Behold, I will cause the synagogue of Satan, the false Christians, who say that they are Judeans, they say they are Christians, but yet or not, but they lie.

I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and I will make them know that I have loved you, because you have kept the word of My perseverance, and I also would keep you from the ire of testing or tribulation, that which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Now notice in this particular church of Philadelphia, which has nothing to do with the city in Pennsylvania, has nothing to do with that, but rather there was a church actually named, meaning there was a town actually named Philadelphia in what is now Turkey.

But the wording here is very clear. On the whole earth, that's the first time out of these seven letters that we use or see a terminology that can't be applied to the previous generations.

This is how we know that this is not just two thousand years ago to a town in what is now Turkey, but it's to a time era. Now all these have been to our time era. But we also know that at that time two thousand years ago, these were seven literal cities in that region.

So it's to both. It's more than one application. It is to churches of the past and it's to the churches of the future. So we see that dual fulfillment, dual meaning.

So these people that are very ignorant of the Bible, trying to say it's all done and fulfilled in the past, win this very clear future chance to a lot of things in the book of Revelation.

But this Philadelphia town era is the first church out of these seven in which we hear about it coming upon the whole world.

So this is our end time. But the Philadelphia is not talking to specifically our time era.

How do we know that? Because we know that the church of Laodicean is more complacent and we know that we are. I hope that we know that to see our own flaws. If we don't know how to judge ourselves, then our judgment from God will be harsher.

We need to know, are we the Philadelphia era or the Laodicean era? I'm old enough to remember the Philadelphia era. They were not perfect but they were more perfect than any of these other time eras by God's description.

By God's description of all seven churches, this is the one that has a better description that he is more pleased with.

And I can testify to that day of that time that even though they were not perfect for all men of sin and really Mr. Armstrong, Herbert W. Armstrong, it wasn't meant for him to understand everything.

He could not understand everything in that damn time when the fourth seal had not been opened yet.

But it was a great time period when the fellowship was wonderful. There was a lot of people.

I was in a congregation of over 600 people. But it was people from many miles around.

It wasn't just 600 people from one town, it was 600 people from people that had traveled 200 miles in every direction. Every Saturday and every Holy Day. From many different counties all surrounding that would all come together every Sabbath and every Holy Day.

And now you could find one person per nation. So comparison of the Philadelphia era where you could find 600 people in one state compared now you find one person per nation.

So that tells us right there are we in the Philadelphia era or are we in the Laodicean era.

Very easy to discern this. But we can keep reading about the Philadelphia era here.

It is that people are spiritually blind in our time era.

Knowledge is one thing for comprehension is a whole new level. And that was one of the main problems that led of the

collapse of the church going from the Philadelphia era to the Laodicean era was pride proudful about how much knowledge they had.

And not willing to be more open to newcomers. They were too closed too secretive.

We must be willing to embrace people that are not yet perfect. So for example if somebody wanted to come to our church services but they still wanted to continue to go to the Sunday church at the same time.

If you were to look at the church of it's called the Living Church of God which is another split off group from the old worldwide church of God.

If you just look up the Living Church of God and you tell them I'd like to come to your church services at least once.

You're still going to a Sunday church, a Trinity church a Christmas, Easter church.

But I want to come and check you all I want to listen to your sermon check you out.

They would say no you're not allowed. You have to already quit Babylon and join the true church.

You can't do both at the same time. And even though I agree that you need to quit Babylon.

I would not tell our person no you can't come and listen to these worship services.

In fact we broadcast these worship services to anyone that wants to listen to them.

On YouTube on Mixlr, on Talkshoe multiple ways, multiple forms multiple formats to try to get God's word out there to the lost.

We can't expect people to be saved and already completed in Christ. But the Living Church of God expects you to do that before you can even come.

And same thing with the Philadelphia Church of God. These split off groups that have resulted from pride that refuse to work together because each man there wanted to be a apostle a prophet and each one in competition against each other.

I do tell people if they come to services here you can't be coming causing arguments confusion.

You can't be coming here to debate. We're not here for debate. We're here to hear the word of God. You may not agree with everything I say but we're not here for debate.

We're here for me to preach, for me to lead, for me to teach. If you disagree with that then you can go out and you can do whatever you want to do in your life and start your own church and be your own apostle.

But we're here for me to preach and for me to lead. But I don't require people to already be complete in Christ and already left Babylon to begin this journey.

To get into the truth. Amen. But I do require people that once they start listening and they've been listening for month after month after month that you're going to have to leave Babylon sooner or later and you can't be thinking that you are a Christian when you're still in Babylon and try to play both fields at the same time.

You do have to eventually make a choice. Life or death. Babylon or the true church. You do eventually have to make that choice.

I can't forbear with you forever. We welcome you in. We welcome you in to the door to listen. But after you have listened you need to make up your mind.

Not be double minded. Amen. But we have read these seven churches to get us to understand that we must prepare spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically for our tribulation.

For our next 5,000 year flood. For our next 7.0 earthquake. And for the final great tribulation considering all the signs.

We see in the news that former FBI director James Comey has been indicted.

And that's historical. That's major. We could soon see the arrest, the indictment of perhaps even Obama or Harris or Biden.

That would be amazing. Mind boggling. Historic. But just the former FBI director is historic and is amazing.

And should not be discounted as a small thing at all. This is major. And it's just the beginning. And this is dangerous ground that we are entering in American politics.

This is very dangerous ground that we are entering when they are starting to arrest these people from the Obama and Biden administrations.

Because when you surround the enemy into a corner, back them into a corner, they will come out fighting.

And that's a dangerous thing. I'm not saying that it should not be done. But I'm saying it's dangerous and we can expect dangerous repercussions that are coming in our future.

We see in the Ukraine how the surrounding nations in that region, Poland and so forth how there's Russian drones and Russian airplanes, jets, military jets that are entering into NATO territory and probing their defenses and testing their resolve.

And really trying to provoke. Russia wants to fight NATO. Russia wants World War III. And they are provoking it. And we see NATO's response. They're saying that they will strike the Russian military jets out of the skies over NATO territory.

They're warning Russia of that. Russia's response was go for it because we're already at war with each other already. It was basically their response.

When we see things like this we should accept reality.

Have realistic expectations of the future. And prepare ourselves emotionally and mentally and spiritually and physically for hard times.

We should not be thinking that we have time for six years of college or four years of college or two years of college.

We should not be having that type of wrong mentality. Neither should we have the mentality that we have time to right now in this current time frame start looking for a wife when there's no one on the horizon and you want to start looking at this point in time is a carnal pursuit.

And I understand men's desires that God has given them by nature that we also must realize the damage to the human DNA that the false vaccines have caused among the population.

The Bible says touch not the unclean. You need to be careful who you spend time with who you call brother, who you call sister, who you befriend, how much you befriend them, how much you spend in the same room, a closed room, a small room with somebody that's been vaccinated because they are emitting those toxins out of every breath out of their lungs and we're breathing those toxins in.

We need to be on a regular basis be doing spices and herbs, dandelion and so forth that are detoxing us on a regular basis.

I understand the importance and the need for companionship but the best companionship we can have right now is to turn this church into a family.

And us be companions with one another. That is our best companionship because that's companionship with the Lord. If we want companionship with God then we should seek companionship within the church, within the body of the Lord, within the body of Christ.

Be better friends, closer friends, start sharing with one another more so, open up our mouths, tell each other what's going on in our lives, keep each other updated about events in our lives, choices and activities going on in our lives.

I know a lot of people when they saw the notification while we had a little tiny earthquake here, the mentality maybe I'm wrong but because of people's lack of response, it seemed like that the mentality of some people within the church is why in the hell are you doing disturbing me over such a tiny little earthquake? That's nothing.

I mean, that's the mentality I get when you ignore when I'm talking, and you ignore me, and you don't say a word. If you don't say a word, that's rude. It's not polite, it's not good manners, it's not being human. It's not being friendly, it's not being family.

It may seem like a very small thing to you, but to me it's significant, because people want to use the excuse, "I don't know what to say." Well, you could say, "Screw you," or you could say, "I don't give a shit," or you could say, "That's interesting," or you could say anything. I mean, it doesn't have to be rocket science.

People need to learn how to talk with each other, whether we're talking about in person or whether we're talking about on the internet, on social media, on Telegram, on Facebook, wherever we're talking about. In all these places, the same thing is still needful—that we learn how to communicate with each other.

It don't have to be rocket science. I'm not asking for a hundred-page letter. You could say, "That's interesting." That's all. Something, just to acknowledge that you saw the note. That's all I'm asking for. I've been asking this month after month, year after year after year, and it just goes in one ear and out the other.

You don't want to change—that's the problem. You don't want to try better—that's the problem. You don't see the need.

You think I'm just being obsessive. You think I'm just being too tough, too demanding, when I'm trying to get you to realize that there's a real human being on the other side of the computer. It's not just a computer screen. There's a real human being on the other side of the screen—thousands of miles away, but it's still a real human on the other side.

And when someone speaks, it is polite, it is the right thing to do, it's the right mannerism to respond when somebody talks to you. That's just mannerism. And I know that mannerisms exist in every nation on earth, and you need to stop using the excuses, "That's American culture, that's not my culture." That's bull crap.

I know that every nation on this earth, previously when I was a child, used to have morals and values and respect. I know that's a long time ago, but God's church should still have morals and values and respect. Treat each other as

humans. We need one another. And I need your involvement.

The Laodicean lukewarm church. The lukewarm water is stagnant water—water that does not move. I'll say that again, try to get it in your thick skull: lukewarm water. Imagine a pond, a stagnant pond. Water is not moving. Water is not coming into it. Water is not going out of it. The water sits still. It grows bacteria. It grows algae. It is dirty, it is filthy. It is not moving water. It is not clean water.

We need movement.

You have to move your mouth. You have to move your legs, your hands, your feet. You have to move, even physically. Many people need to be moving. People need to be getting out of very dangerous strike zones. Strike zones—those are areas that are the most dangerous for earthquakes, coastal areas, hurricane areas, military regions, major urban centers, and Democrat strongholds.

It is not being wise, but it is being foolish. Going back to Matthew 25—wise virgins and the foolish virgins. It is not wise, but rather it is foolish, to remain in a large urban area in this day, in this time that we are living today, when these large urban areas are filled with evil people, wicked people—people that would rather murder you than to look at you, just because you are white, or just because you are Christian, or just because you are conservative or Republican.

To try to raise children, or even as a single man to try to walk down the street without being killed in such a scenario. If you live in any of these types of regions—I am talking about major strike zones for hurricanes or earthquakes or military regions or major urban areas or Democrat strongholds—if you are staying, you better be staying because you saw lightning and thunder from God from Mount Sinai saying stay.

Otherwise, you need to get some brains and move out of such a ridiculous place to live. Even if we wasn't facing the great tribulation possibly to begin six months from now—even if we were not facing that—even if the great tribulation was 200 years away, it would still be the wise thing to live in a conservative rural, somewhat rural—you don't have to be living out where there is nothing but cow pastures—but somewhere where there is not 3 million people, somewhere where there is not 1 million people. Get away from those demonic strongholds.

I mean, we are talking common sense here. But I have to convince people and beg people to use common sense and do something that is good for themselves—somewhere where there is not a 5G tower straight out next to you two feet from your front door. Somewhere where there is not a category 3 hurricane hitting every 3 years on a regular basis, constantly. Somewhere where the government is not warning you that a 9-point earthquake will definitely hit soon—and they are actually saying that in California, a 9-point earthquake is definitely going to hit soon—and people still live there.

People don't have brains anymore. They don't. People don't have brains. But they got a good paying job, and a beautiful wife, and a nice fancy car. So why would I want to leave? Oh, just ignore that the government is telling you that any time it could strike. Any time. "It ain't going to happen in my lifetime." People are stupid.

We are living in a time of stupidity. People don't like for me to talk that way. But how can I not talk that way when people are that incredibly insane? The level of stupidity and foolishness is mind-boggling. It really is mind-boggling. People say, "Well, you told us 10 years ago to get out of these areas," and people are still living there safely. You say that we're safely when all you got to do is be a white woman riding the subway, and this black guy comes up and stabs you just because you're white. I don't call that living safely.

Even if we did not have the great tribulation coming up, people in every city, every locality, every region, every month, every year of your life should be exercising decisions that are wise—of how to live somewhere where the prices are not outrageous, where rent is not \$2,000 a month, where gas is not 4 a gallon, where if you did have children, if you did have children, that they could safely play in the yard.

The letter to the seven churches says to all humanity—it don't matter where you live and when you live—you need to be practicing wisdom and common sense.

I would encourage people to start watching YouTube videos of survival: how to clean fish, filet fish, how to clean snake, prepare snake, birds and squirrel, other animals—whatever animals that you have abundant and are the easiest to catch in your region of the world.

Watch videos. Get serious about learning the type of skills you're going to need for survival, because we're not going to just fly away into heaven and escape the great tribulation. Get serious in the time that we've got left to learn survival skills. Make time for it.

And I've said a million times: if you make an effort, if you look for a way, God will make a way—if it's His will. If you look for time of only 30 minutes a week to watch a survival video, that's better than nothing. If you can't find 30

minutes a week to do this—to save your life for the future, to start developing survival skills—then I don't know what's wrong with you.

People have too many things going on in their life that's nothing but junk, stumbling blocks, hindrances that are slowing them down and preventing them from the more important priorities: survival, growing in the Lord, praying, keeping the Sabbath, keeping the holy days, listening to the sermons, reading the sermons—whatever the case may be. They got time for sports but no time for God. They got time for sports but no time to learn survival skills. People need to set the priorities right. Learn the edible wild plants—flowers, trees, so forth—in your area. Research it. Go to the library if you have to. Use the internet. Whatever you can do.

I'm not encouraging you to spend hundreds of dollars on books. You can learn all this for free on the internet. But if you don't have no data to use the internet for research for survival, but you do have a local library, then go and read the books at the library.

What you have to do is start making a priority of learning survival skills—how to live off the land, how to catch snakes, kill snakes, eat snakes, cook snakes, fish, squirrels, birds. Get this mentality that you need to have—that you're not always going to be able to just go to the store, because those days are coming to an end.

Have the right realistic expectations, the right mentality, the right outlook, considering these events that I'm sharing every day on social media. That I share these things—what's happening in the world—are the signs of God shouting from heaven for us to wake up, for us to get ready. God is shouting to us every day, and people just keep turning a blind eye because they don't want to believe. They become complacent.

I know I'm beating a dead horse dead, so I'll shut up.

We'll put on a song. We'll come back with testimonies—something God has done for you. I want you to dig deep about something God has done for you at some point of time in your life. Dig deep. Don't be so generic. Dig deep and have a testimony ready.

The Day of Atonement coming up Thursday, October 2nd. Thursday, October 2nd is the worship services, but we start fasting on Wednesday evening, Wednesday at sunset. We fast and rest for 24 hours, from Wednesday sunset until Thursday sunset. Services on Thursday Oct. 2 for The Day of Atonement.

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