



Prophecy Update: Initiation Rituals

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Good morning and welcome to our Sunday morning weekly Bible Prophecy Update. On Sunday mornings, we have two services. The first one is the Prophecy Update, and the second one at 11:15 a.m. is our verse by verse teaching through the Bible. We're currently in 1 Timothy, the 6th chapter today, and we'd like to invite you to join with us as well for that service. Today we're going to get to the heart of the matter concerning work, possessions, and finances. That's at 11:15 a.m. Hawaii time.

Also, I want to let you know that we're very close to launching our new prophecy website at jdfarag.org. If you haven't already, we certainly encourage you to subscribe. Actually, we have the link in the description below this video. You can click on that link and enter your email address. Then you will be subscribed and then notified once we get up and running. I encourage you to do that if you haven't already.

Lots to get to today, so we're just going to get right to it. For today's update, I want to share with you what I found in my research. This research was over a period of about two months, pretty extensive and it's concerning the COVID restrictions. Namely that of mask-wearing, social distancing, and hand washing having to do with initiation rituals. Sort of intense I should probably warn you ahead of time.

Please know that I, in no way, want to be derogatory towards those who wear masks. I do so myself whenever I go out, which isn't very often, because I really do not get out that much, especially now. But when I do, I do wear a mask, even though I have asthma. I can't wear it for very long because if I do then I'm in upper respiratory distress after maybe about 10 minutes.

But I do wear a mask and here's why. First of all, I don't want to give anyone a hard time. They're already having a hard time, and I feel so sorry for those that have to wear a mask all day with maybe a few breaks in-between? But an 8-hour day, they have to wear that mask. Why would I want to give them a hard time? If I did give them a hard time, how is it then possible for me to move them closer to Jesus?

I use the mask, and actually, I draw attention to it. I have some fun with it. First of all, have you noticed that you can't really smile at someone? I mean, you really have to over exaggerate it with the eyes. It's kind of like ... Because they can't see your smile. Nor can they smell your breath. I've saved a lot of money on breath mints. We're going to talk about this in a moment.

But I'll sometimes ask them, hey, how are you doing with all of this? Almost invariably, without exception, they will respond in kind. Man, you're not like the last customer that I just had in my line. Man, they gave me a hard time. Like I need that. Because I'm in a line, not seated at a restaurant, which I don't do anymore. I don't know if you do. I guess if you do now, you have to give them all of your information for contact tracing. You know the address, phone number, Social Security number, Visa card number, which they have anyway, I guess.

But because I'm in a line, there are people behind me, I'll say something to this effect. In fact, just this last week, it was so powerful, and had such an impact on this one individual. I mean, I almost saw her cry. I mean, tears welled up in her eyes, and all I did was this. I just said I'm going to pray for you that you



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have a blessed rest of the day. It changed everything. So that's why I wear a mask. Because I want to move everyone every day closer to Jesus while we still have time and there's not much time left.

For those who may ask, why I'm even talking about something like this or why I'm talking about this now? It's because it's incumbent upon me to steady and ready everyone for what's coming and it's what's coming. Actually, it's what's coming that points to who's coming, and who's coming is Jesus and the imminent rapture of the church.

Let me say it this way. As I see everything that's happening it points to what's coming, and the quickness for lack of a better word, the nearness, if you prefer, to the Lord's return in the rapture of the Church.

Here's an illustration. These initiation rituals are like a street sign. They point you to your destination, and the distance to your destination. However, while the distance to the final destination is the same, the destination itself is not. Such that one will be saved, and one will be lost. If you think about it, everyone can be in either one of those two categories. They are either saved or they're lost. Isn't it true if you don't use the signs to point you in the right direction? You can get lost.

That's what I see happening here. The signs are all around. The lost? They're destined for the 7-year tribulation. That's their destination, and eternal damnation. But for the saved? The destination is the 7-year celebration and eternal salvation.

It's my hope, and my prayer, and I spent a considerable amount of time seeking the Lord concerning this for what I think would be deemed obvious reasons. My petition, as I petitioned the throne, was that today I can in some way point you to the way, the truth, and the life: Jesus the Christ.

Because as quickly and as fast as everything is moving, and the direction in which everything is heading? It says one thing: Jesus is at the door. If this is happening and this is close? Then it means that Jesus is closer because the rapture happens before all of this that we're going to talk about today happens.

One more thing before we jump into this. On July 26th we devoted the update to, "The Mask Mandate," and I would like to refer you to that video. We looked at the ineffectiveness of masks, and the prophetic significance of masks. We're not going to cover that today. The link to this, and all of the other sources that I'm going to reference today, all of those links are below the video in the description. So, you can just find them there.

We're actually going to start with masks, but also look at quarantine, social distancing, and hand washing. The reason being is that they all have the purpose of breaking down the masses by altering daily lives and routines. This is accomplished using a 3-pronged approach of isolation, transformation, and reformation.

Those initiated are taken out of what was once normal, that's gone. and resetting, remolding, reimagining, and rebooting into a new normal. Actually, this "new normal" is the New World Order; out of chaos under the Antichrist.



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Let's get started with face masks. Face masks are a symbol of slavery, silence, subservience, and submission. In Islam, the women have their face, and even their heads covered for this very reason. The Muslim woman is to be silent. She dares not speak. She is in submission to the man, who is basically seen as her master.

I know this is foreign to us in America, but it's the reality in the Middle East. I'll never forget in 1997, my wife and I went to Jordan and Egypt. This was BC, not before Christ, "before children," when we could. We were there in the airport, we're getting ready to fly back to Jordan from Egypt.

We're sitting there in the waiting area for the flight, and here are all of these Muslim women covered from head to toe. I mean covered in black, not even decorative like pictured here. Everything is covered, even their eyes are covered with a mesh. But everything is covered. Here are these beautiful Egyptian women made in the image of God and they're all covered up. And they dare not speak.

All they could do was stare and stare, they did. They were just staring at us, and we're like trying not to look. It was so demonic. That's not hyperbole. It was so satanic and dark, and black, and you could just feel it. It was palpable, and their eyes were looking at us. Did we stick out or what? Here's my American wife. She is an American woman. She's not covered. Drop dead gorgeous wife, and then there's me. But that's another story for another time. They're just staring at us.

I felt so bad for them. But because I know the culture in the Middle East, and certainly, I am well aware of what Islam is all about, I understood it. But I felt so bad for them. They were all covered up.

Here's the thing. You could not make out their identity. We'll talk about that more in a moment. They're made in the image of God, and it's completely masked and covered and darkened.

I want to show you another photo. It's of slaves being muzzled and silenced along with current photos of people wearing face coverings. Whether one realizes it or not a face-covering dramatically, even subconsciously, changes the way one behaves and acts, which is why in theater, the actors would wear masks. That's the association.

According to Britannica and I quote, "The person who wears the mask is also considered to be in direct association with the mask's spirit force. In some respects, he plays the role of an actor in cooperation or collaboration with the mask. Covered by the mask and costume the performer loses his previous identity and assumes a new one. Upon donning the mask, the wearer sometimes undergoes a psychic change, and is in a trance, assumes the spirit character depicted by the mask.

Usually, however the wearer skillfully becomes a partner of the character he is impersonating, giving to the mask not only an important spark of vitality by the light flashing from his own eyes, but also bringing it alive by his movements and poses. But often, the wearer seems to become psychologically one with the character, he is helping to create. He seems to become an automation, without his own will, which has become subservient to that of the personage of the mask.



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On the Britannica page titled, "The Functions and Forms of Masks," they say, and I quote, "Many masks are primarily associated with ceremonies that have religious and social significance, or are concerned with funerary customs, fertility rites, or the curing of sickness. Other masks are used on festive occasions [think Mardi Gras], or to portray characters in a dramatic performance and in re-enactments of mythological events.

Pictured here is a photo an online member sent me showing a satanic ritual in a circle in which the participants are wearing ceremonial robes and face masks. In my research to vet this for its authenticity, I found a 49-page PDF file titled, "Satanic Cult Awareness," presented by a Galen W. Hurst Ph.D. and Robert L. Marsh to the National Criminal Justice Reference Service. It was a presentation for education in an investigation of a homicide.

It was for the purposes of identification of whether or not the victim was participating in a satanic ritual oftentimes involving human sacrifice. Please don't be so naive. On page 34, under section number 4, it says and I quote, "If the body was dressed in some form of ritual garb (i.e. a ceremonial robe or mask, etc.)."

I think the question that we need to ask and answer is why are we forced to wear a face mask when it doesn't even protect us from viruses? Again, I wish in no way to disparage anyone who does wear a mask. Again, I wear a mask when I go out. But the fact of the matter is and this is what we addressed in the "Mask Mandate" Update on July 26th; masks do not protect you from a virus.

But wait a minute, Pastor. Doctors in the operating room wear a mask. Yeah, they do. Do you know why? Because that's a sterile environment They wear the mask not to protect them, but to protect the patient on whom they are operating.

Perhaps this meme may help to put it into perspective. It shows the masks that are used in specific applications such as a fire, painting, mining, pesticides, and radioactive exposure. I realize it's somewhat comical but the fact remains that a face mask will not protect anyone from what we're being told is the deadliest virus in human history.

One would be hard-pressed to reach any conclusion other than that of face coverings altering our image as being created in the image of God. Moreover, perhaps more importantly, the mask symbolically, and even ceremonially, makes us servants of man, and not servants of God.

I want to draw your attention to the last book in the Bible, the book of Revelation. The first two verses in the last book of the Bible, verses one and two, John is writing, verse one says, "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants [hang on to that] things which must shortly take place. And he sent and signified it by his angel to his servant John."

Why do I emphasize this and point this out? Because the word in the original language of the Greek New Testament for servant is *dulos*. *Dulos* means bondsman. It carries with it the idea of a debt slave, out of



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Exodus Chapter 21, by the way, who has been freed choosing to become a lifelong slave to his master of his own volition by virtue of the nature of his master.

In other words, that slave has fulfilled their obligations. Their debt has been paid. They are free. Sound familiar? And then the slave says well, wait a minute. I love this master. I love my master. My master has been so gracious to me, so generous with me, so loving towards me. I don't want to leave. Can I stay? Yeah. You'll become a bondsman, a dulos, if you choose, of your own volition to remain and serve this master.

That's what John and Paul like him, and the others with him are saying. I'm no ordinary slave. I'm not forced against my will to be a slave. No, I choose to be a slave to my master. You see the difference here? The Antichrist forces against one's will and you're enslaved. Whereas with Jesus Christ, we are willingly and freely choosing to be his servants as our master.

This brings us to social distancing to which I'll add quarantine, lockdown, and isolation. All of which disenfranchise the body of Christ rendering her dysfunctional if you will, and I'll explain. You'll forgive me for the bluntness with which I say this, but this is satanic. It's satanic in the sense that you cut off the head, Jesus, from the body, the church. If that weren't bad enough you even dismember the body parts. You dismember them from each other.

Dare I say that the shutting down of churches is yet further evidence of a satanic attack to break apart the body of Christ so as to usher in the Antichrist? It's a conditioning, a preparing. I really don't know if it's possible to overstate how isolation, or solitary confinement which is what it is, is torture psychologically, harmful physically and satanic spiritually.

If you'll kindly indulge me, I'd like to explain why it is that this is so satanic. Here's a quote from Medical News Today. Quoting, "A large body of research shows that solitary confinement causes adverse psychological effects and increases the risk of serious harm to individuals who experience it."

According to an article in the Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, "Isolation can be as distressing as physical torture. Humans require social contact." That's what makes us human. That's how God made us. When we touch and hug and kiss, it releases these God-given...

What's the word? I don't want to use the word chemicals. Is chemicals okay? Are we okay with that? Hormones, thank you. Do I hear a second on that? Okay, hormones. What was the other one? Endorphin. Well, I was going there. Don't get ahead of me. It's not just endorphins. It's serotonin. Oxytocin, not to be confused with Oxycontin. That's a whole different thing. These are God-given hormones. They are feel-good hormones.

I shared a while back, true story. Back in the early 1900s there was this orphanage. All of these babies were dying, and they could not figure out why so, they called in the experts. They did a study and here's the conclusion they came to.



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The reason these babies are dying is because nobody is touching them. They're just left in that crib and there is no human touch. So, what they did was they just started holding the babies, loving on the babies, caring for the babies, kissing the babies, touching the babies, rocking the babies. They never died.

That's why when you disenfranchise someone from another? You're killing them. It's death; that's satanic. "Over time [quoting] the stress of being isolated can cause a range of mental health problems including [quite a list here] anxiety and stress, depression and hopelessness, anger, irritability, hostility, panic attacks, outbursts of violence, psychosis, fear of death, self-harm or suicide." Close quote.

Oh, my goodness. Is this not exactly what's happening? That's the psychological effects. How about the physical effects? Do you realize there are profound physical effects?

Here's another list, physical. They include [quoting] "chronic headaches, eyesight deterioration, fatigue and lethargy, muscle and joint pain and sleep problems." And I'll add to the list, weight gain. Sunday mornings, I have my clothes ready, and every single one of my pants and shirts have shrunk. I think it's the laundry. It can't be that I've... .. Anyway, again, enough of my problems.

"A lack [still quoting] of physical activity may also make it difficult to manage or prevent certain health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease. A prolonged lack of sunlight can cause a vitamin D deficiency, which can put older adults at risk of fractures and falls. These injuries are among the leading cause of hospitalization and death for older adults.

There's a video going viral online, no pun intended saying it that way. It shows a funeral director interrupting the service to shout at a man who moved his chair closer to his mother to comfort her at his father's funeral. At first, they are seated 6 ft apart from each other. Then the two sons move their chairs next to their mother to comfort her.

As a third man starts to move his chair closer, the director stops the service, and forces them to move their chairs back to 6 ft away from their mother. And do you know what's sad? They comply, and they leave their mother by herself.

Now think this through with me. Did they not go to the service in the same car? That must be an awfully big car, if they are 6 ft apart inside of it. You'll forgive my silliness. Does that make any sense to you?

What's really going on here? Why six? Hmm. Pictured here is a floor decal in the shape of a circle and it shows 3 sixes, which I think says it all. The question that needs to be asked here is: Why is it 6 ft. and not 5? I like 5; 5 is the number of grace. I like 7 better; It's a number of completion. But no!

I don't know what it is about this virus. You know we have smartphones, smart TVs, smart everything. This must be a smart virus. 5 ft 11.5 inches, ho! I'm going to kill you! Six ft? Can't touch you. Again, I'm sorry for that. I'm not really sorry, actually. I'm not sorry at all. This is absurd. This is insanity.



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Do you know why it's "6"? Here's the answer. The answer is that 6 is the number of a man, and 666 is the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man. His number is 666. That's why. That's Revelation Chapter 13, verse 18.

I'm going to ask you to join me in Hebrews Chapter 10, and for a reason I want you to, in your Bibles, see this. It's very important that you understand this, and again I think you'll see why here in a moment. The writer of Hebrews says, verse 23, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering. For he who promised is faithful, and let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works." No, I can't! Because I'm socially distanced and isolated and in quarantine.

Then verse 25, and here it is, and you know this verse, "Not forsaking the assembling [keyword, hang on to that] the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some but exhorting one another." And then listen to this, "And so much the more [even more so now, why?] because you see the day approaching."

In other words? The Lord's coming and if there was ever a time that we needed to encourage one another, and stir one another up, and consider one another in love, and not forsake the assembling of ourselves? It's now more than ever as the day is approaching.

Let's talk about this word, assembling. That's a game-changer. It's not gathering. It's assembling; that changes the whole complexion of it.

The best illustration I ever heard was that of taking a watch. In fact, I'll do that. This is my watch. It's a Timex; takes a licking and keeps on ticking. You, young people, have no idea. It is a Timex, \$39.95. It does; it takes a licking. I give it a licking a lot, like I just did. Okay, let's just say.

Back to our illustration, come back. Let's just say I take all of the intricate parts to this watch, and I gather them together, and I put them right here. They're all gathered together. It's not functioning. They need to be assembled and then when I assemble them together, ho! I've got a functioning, operating watch.

You see where I'm going with this? When the body of Christ is assembled together, it functions and therein lies the problem. Yes, the gates of hell, someone has suggested that's Bill Gates. I don't know. I do know Bill Gates needs Jesus. I do know that. No, seriously.

Parenthetically, let me just digress for a moment. Think about this. Bill Gates created the first computer virus. Think about that. Do you know that they're talking about, and there is evidence that this vaccine is like an operating system for the human body? I'll let the Holy Spirit take it from there.

Doesn't it stand to reason that if you or I were the devil? Thank God we're not. That this is exactly what we would want to do? To disconnect, disenfranchise, dismember, the body so it doesn't function as the day is approaching.



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I am personally of the belief that under the banner of social distancing, Satan has succeeded in distancing people, so they forsake the assembling together as a church and he's met with a measure of success. It's evidenced by this Barna Research Report about how one in three practicing Christians have stopped attending church during COVID-19.

Quoting, this is heartbreaking, "It is more likely for a Christian to have stopped attending church altogether during the pandemic. In fact, 32% of practicing Christians..." Notice not just professing Christians, we're talking practicing Christians and they qualify that in this research. Practicing Christians have done just that; Stopped attending the church.

I suppose this would explain a recent Christian Post article in which they cite another Barna Report. This one stating that one in five churches face permanent closure within 18 months due to COVID-19 shutdowns.

Quoting, "As many as one in five churches could permanently close as a result of shutdowns stemming from the coronavirus pandemic," according to David Kinnaman, President of the prominent Christian research organization Barna Group." One in five (20%), this is heartbreaking.

Yesterday I happened upon a Facebook post on our Facebook page. I know this was the Lord because I'm not usually on Facebook. But I just kind of was prompted, and boy, am I glad I did. An online member posted a very well written article from American Thinker. It was written by a Fay Voshell titled, "The Cult of Covidism Has Invaded the Church."

Here are a few excerpts. Quote, "What should have been a purely scientific response aimed at control and cure of a disease quickly evolved into the political-religious cult of Covidism. Objective scientific analysis of and responses to what is the contagious pathogen COVID-19 were almost immediately suffocated by a plethora of arbitrary pseudo-religious rituals.

The capitulation of the churches to rituals radically modifying and even antagonistic to Christianity may be because the church did not recognize the rival religion when it appeared. It may be that the budding religious cult prevailed rapidly because Covidism was purported to be based on science. But it is actually an offshoot of the religion of scientism, which elevates speculative metaphysics and mystery rituals on the basis of scientific-sounding but untested suppositions.

The result of the surprise appearance of Covidism has been that the core doctrines of the Christian church have been severely compromised, or even replaced by the enforcement of COVID-19 ritual cleansings. Without much resistance or thought, most institutions including the American Church, voluntarily capitulated to the cult's ritualistic regulatory minutiae.

Christians past and present sometimes have followed strict regimens as a spiritual discipline. But those regimens were and still are almost always chosen. Few acolytes have observed such restrictions and rituals as have been foisted on worshipers in the name of "health" and "science."



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But worse, Covidism's rituals of purification have been [keyword] forcibly applied to the entirety of society. Churched or unchurched, innocent or guilty, everyone is regarded as potentially diseased, the virus is now considered as systemic and as lethal as sin was once assumed to be. Innocence and guilt have been redefined according to COVID-19. Every man is now potentially infected or infector. Indeed, all society is guilty and must follow religious rituals designed to ward off contamination."

Get thee behind me. That's how we see each other right now, right? "Christians who once believed in the realities of the invisible spiritual world and who coveted the salutary effects of the invisible Holy Spirit on the soul must now repent by ritualistically exorcising the virus rather than the world, the flesh and the Devil. The new cult of Covidism establishes rituals aimed at usurping the authoritative spirituality of the Church. The Church seems almost oblivious to the reality of the drastic changes in its very nature because it has allowed the fluctuating auguries of the shamans of scientism credibility and authority."

Give me a moment. Maybe I need to give you a moment. That's exactly what's happened.

This brings us to the initiation ritual of hand washing. Pictured here is the CDC website that not only tells us to wash our hands, but very specifically how to wash our hands. We're to wash our hands by following the 5 steps to wash your hands the right way. Oh, the right way? Yeah. Are you ready for this? Here we go. Hang on.

Step 1. Wet your hands with clean running water. Warm or cold. Turn off the tap and apply soap. Okay, yeah. Step 2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails. Wow. This is really involved. Step 3. Scrub your hands for a least 20 seconds. Oh, come on. Is this like the 6 ft.? Not 19 seconds? 20 seconds. Hmm. Hmm. Things that make you go hmm. Step 4. Rinse your hands well under clean running water. Step 5. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

Okay, come on. Really? What am I, 5 years old? You'll forgive the cynicism. It's a sanctified cynicism I want you to know.

Now, in all fairness, I am keenly aware that on its face, this would seem inconsequential having no ceremonial or ritual connotation whatsoever. However, the occult ritual of washing one's hands in this specific way represents the "washing away of the old," and that which once belonged to, in order to establish a cleansing and purifying to a new order.

I'll take it a step further and suggest that it has at its core, the washing one's hands of Jesus, as Pilate did. You know the account, Matthew 27:24.

You have to understand in the Middle East culture to this day, this is a thing. I remember, growing up as a kid, my parents would always use this expression, "I wash my hands of this." In other words, I am innocent of this. I wash my hands of this. I have nothing to do with this. That's what this is: I have nothing to do with Jesus.



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Well, Pastor, come on, that's a stretch. Well, hear me out. Hear me out. Matthew 27 verse 24, "When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd." And this is what he said, quote "I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your responsibility." Whoa, wait a minute.

I'm not innocent of this man's [Jesus] blood. I don't want to wash my hands of this man's blood. There is power in the blood. His blood was shed in my stead. I want to wash my hands of that? I'm not innocent. I am guilty. I am guilty as a sinner and there's no remission of sin without the shedding of blood.

This was done in a very ritualistic and symbolic way, and publicly. This was not because he needed to wash his hands after eating lunch. No, it was a symbolic ceremonial ritual publicly that he performed to make this statement.

I'd like to recommend a YouTube video by True Stream Media. Again, all the links to everything is in the description of this video. It's titled, "The Characteristics of an Initiation Ritual." It's a very well-done video, and I think it really sums up everything that we've looked at today.

Let me just share some of what they have to say. Quote, "A ritual initiation introduces and inducts one into the way, a new way of life or world view. A program to guide beliefs and actions enabling the initiate to become a full and true member of the new society. Note that ritual is not always a conscious action.

Not everyone partaking in a ritual is always made explicitly aware that they are participants and yet new patterns of thoughts are drummed in, conscious or not, necessary for new members to function properly in the society they are being inducted into are imbued at this time. Repetition is typical as its use helps hammer the spell home. The wearing of masks may be required.

Masking has traditionally played an important role in rituals of this kind enabling and hastening the suppression of ego to help facilitate a death of the old identity, before the identification with and manifestation of a new one. While the process that is playing out is quite coordinated and sophisticated, in reality, it may be executed in a purposefully confusing manner."

This really helped me a lot. Because would you agree that nothing makes any sense? It is so confusing you don't know what to believe. That's deliberate. That's intentional and here's why.

Quoting, "It's so that the goalposts seem to keep moving: back and forth, up and down, here, now there. Rendering the initiate unable to find solid mental ground from which to make logical sense of anything. This disorientation is key. The uncertain timing generates a general anxiety further removing the initiate from reality and leaving him or her more susceptible to a type of Pavlovian conditioning. This weakens the defenses just as a virus would only this has the potential to break down the individual much more completely than a virus would. Whatever the finer details, the previous way of life is shed, like an old skin at the end."



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I am personally of the belief that all of these aforementioned rituals have in common this psychological trauma by way of mind control. It explains, by the way, why people are going out of their minds. It's all deliberate. It's all planned. It's all going according to script if you will. People are going crazy. People are going out of their minds. This is textbook mind control.

In so doing, it seemingly brings this order out of chaos, and leads the masses unwittingly vis-a-vis, the ritual initiation into the New World Order. In this Brave New World, Huxley, of COVID-1984, everyone is tracked, traced, monitored, surveilled, and controlled during the 7-year tribulation. But God.

But God will rapture the church prior to the 7-year tribulation.

This brings us full circle. This is why I really sense that the Lord would have me talk about this today because you see, this is where all of this is going. I realize there might be those who would say, man, Pastor, you've really gone off the deep end this time. That might be the case but the water is very nice off that deep end if I can say it like that.

But here's the thing. If this is where it's going and how fast it's going there, then it can mean only one thing. That Jesus is coming for his Church. Because if this is what's happening, and this is what will happen during the 7-year tribulation, and the rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ must happen before the 7-year tribulation? Then how much closer are we?

I'll use the illustration. I always botch it. It's like Thanksgiving and Christmas, which we're coming up to, Lord willing. I should say, Lord willing, we have no idea. Wow! What are Thanksgiving and Christmas going to be like this year, if we're still here? Lord, just come and get us now.

But do you know what? You see all the signs up for Christmas, like October, this month. There are already signs up for Christmas and it's like, wow, it's going to be Christmas soon. Yeah, but you know what comes before Christmas? Thanksgiving. Because Thanksgiving is soon-er.

The rapture is "Thanksgiving" and it comes before Christmas. And if the world today is already ready with the signs all over the place that it's Christmas and the rapture is Thanksgiving? Then how much closer are we to the rapture? I believe very, very close. Closer than any of us could possibly imagine.

This is why we do these updates, and this is why we've been doing these updates for 16 years. Don't do the math. I was 5 when we started doing these updates. It's also why we end with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and it's also why we end with an explanation of salvation using the ABC's of Salvation.

The last couple of months now we've been sharing testimonies that we receive from online members and I want to share one with you today. It actually comes from the Big Island, from an Alyssa Reese from Kailua-Kona, on the Big Island.

She writes, Aloha, Brother JD from the Big Island. My husband and I started watching your Bible Prophecy updates 2 months ago after my sweet sister-in-law from Utah sent us a link. We had never



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heard of you before. That's okay. I don't want to be in the "Who's Who." I want to remain in the "Who's he." I like that better. But God. And she has that in caps.

But God knew what a profound impact you would have on our lives, so he led someone from Utah to share your message with loved ones in Hawaii. Praise the Lord. It is truly no accident that we are watching your sermons. I commute from Kona to Hilo every day for work. This gives me a lot of quiet time with the Lord. It has also given me time to listen to every 2020 update. Bless your heart, you poor thing you. Several of which I have listened to twice. Oh, my goodness.

The Lord has prompted me to share your update videos with members of my family that are astutely engaged in national and world politics, yet are not walking with the Lord. Your updates contain enough world events to keep them engaged, yet they can still see how Scripture reveals the purpose, the plan, for everything that is going on in the world today.

My sister is very much enjoying the updates, and I trust God is working in her life. The greatest miracle is that my father has watched too. I never imagined that would happen, but I trust the updates have at the very least planted a seed in his heart. My mom, who is a believer, is watching, and is being blessed by your message too.

I also shared a few videos with my boss and she loved them. Whew! Today, God opened the door for me to witness to one of my employees.

I want you to listen very closely to this. We've been talking about this for the last couple of weeks. Listen, you guys people are having a hard time and we have to be at the ready with an answer to give to everyone of that hope. They're looking for answers, and we have the answer and we're hiding it like a light under a bushel. We're not letting our light shine.

She was having a hard time dealing with everything going on around her. I told her about the message I had listened to on my commute this morning. It was the "But God" update. I asked her if it would be okay to share the link with her, and she said yes. I am overjoyed and so grateful that the Lord is opening all of these doors and opportunities for the harvest.

I am excited to see what he is going to do. I'm so very grateful for you, Brother Farag. I am praying for you and your family and for your church family, and for the furthering of God's kingdom. Redeemed through Christ. Alyssa Reese, Kailua-Kona.

That's why we do this. Praise the Lord.

At our prayer meeting on Tuesday night, I was just sharing... By the way, if you have not come to a prayer meeting, and I say this as lovingly as I can, you're really missing out. They have an acronym for that, FOMO (Fear of Missing Out). Well, I'm telling you, you're missing out, man. It's such a wonderful time, a rich time, a time of fellowship, a time to pray together.



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So, I was sharing with everybody on Tuesday night that this church, on the windward side of Oahu is, I mean... Who knew? Well, God knew. He's using this small fellowship, body of believers, that is assembled together, to literally reach the uttermost parts of the earth: Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and the Big Island. And Utah, don't forget Utah. It's such a grand and glorious privilege and honor to be a part of that which God is doing. And we get to be a part of it. Praise the Lord.

What are the ABCs of Salvation? The ABCs of Salvation is just a childlike explanation of salvation. It's something that you don't have to. Well, how do I say this without... I'm an equal opportunity offender. Well, let me say it like this. If I can do it, you can do it. I mean, if I can do it, you can do it. It's so simple, and it needs to be simple. It's childlike simple.

The A is for: Admit or acknowledge that you've sinned. That you're a sinner. That you need the Savior. Romans 3:10 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one." We were all born sinners, which is why we must be born again. Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

We've all missed the mark, which is actually what the word sin is. It's an archery term. You shoot the arrow and you miss the bull's eye. You sinned. You missed the mark. That's what they would call it. We've all missed the mark, and fall short of God's perfect standard of righteousness. So, we're all guilty as charged.

Now we enter in to the sentencing, in the courtroom of eternity with the judge of the universe. We enter our plea, guilty. The judge now is going to give you the sentence, and do you know what the sentence is? It's the death penalty, as it were. For the wages of sin is death. That's the bad news. That's the penalty for breaking God's law.

Now, here's the good news. The Gospel which means good news. Your debt has been paid. You are free to go. Into that courtroom of eternity walks a man; no ordinary man. This is the God-man, Jesus, the Christ, and he says to the judge of the universe, stop. Hold everything. I will go to his/her death in their stead and the judge is like, ho! It's a local judge. Ho! Your debt is paid. You're free to go.

That's what Jesus did. He paid our death penalty. He paid our death sentence that we deserve because we sinned. That's the good news; The Gospel. That Jesus came, He was crucified, He was buried, He rose again on the third day, and he's coming back again one day soon and very soon. That's the good news; The Gospel.

Here's the B. The B is for: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. Romans 10:9 and 10 says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved." Not you could, you should, you might; No, you will.

Why the certainty? Why is the jury no longer out? Why is the verdict in? Because on that cross, on that day, Jesus said, "It is finished." Period! It's done! It's finished. Nothing you can add to it. Nothing you can take away from it. There's nothing you can do. Jesus did it. It's been done.



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And here's the other thing. Maybe this is for somebody here or watching online. Religion is about what man does for God. Forget that. Forget that. It's not about what we do for God. It's about what Jesus already did for us. It's done.

The C, lastly, is for: Call upon the name of the Lord. Or as Romans 10:9 and 10 also says, "If you confess with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Here's why. "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

Lastly, Romans 10:13, "All who call upon the name of the Lord [and here it is again], will be saved."

That was 38, going on 39 years ago, for me. Again, don't do the math. I was 3, I think at that time. 38 years ago, when I called upon the name of the Lord, believing in my heart, confessing with my mouth, putting my trust in him for the forgiveness of sin. I woke up the next morning, I'll never forget it. It was like it was yesterday.

I'll end with this. I was an alcoholic, a drug addict, and all these addictions in my life. I could not start my day without alcohol, tobacco, and I'm forgetting something. But anyway, that's a good thing, I guess.

The next morning when I woke up, I went to reach for the beer. I know that's gross for breakfast. The breakfast of not champions, breakfast of the lost, and my tobacco addiction. The Holy Spirit inside me, indwelling me, speaks in that still small voice, and says to me, you don't need that anymore. What? I had tried to quit with my own willpower for years. You don't need that anymore.

I know it's different for everybody but he completely took away the desire for all of those things and I've never looked back. That was 38 years ago. That's the power of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Why don't you all stand? I just would implore you. Did I already say one last thing? This is the last, last thing. Okay I want to be careful how I say this. I don't want you to misunderstand me. But I spent an inordinate amount of time... If we can have the worship team come up while I'm continuing to go on and on and on.

I spent a considerable amount of time, not just preparing, but praying to do just one update. The reason I share that is because I know that it's not in vain, because God's Word does not return void. When I share things like what I've shared today, I know that God is going to take it by the Holy Spirit, as only he can, and he's going to use it to minister to you.

Maybe you're here this morning, and you need to come back to the Lord. There's been a distancing, if I can use that word tongue in cheek, a distancing between you and the Lord. Thank God for this whole crisis. Multitudes have come back to the Lord. Multitudes have come to the Lord because of this, that would not have otherwise done so.



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Today's the day. Choose you this day whom you're going to serve of your own volition. It's your choice. God will never force Himself on you. That's not who He is. He is offering this to you, and it's up to you to simply believe and receive. That's it.

I implore you today to not put off the most important decision of your life for eternal life.

Let's pray. Father, in heaven, I thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you for Bible prophecy. Thank you for telling us what the world's going to look like at the time of the end before it happens so when it begins to happen, we can connect the dots as many are and realize that our redemption draws nigh.

Lord, for anyone that might be here or watching online that has never put their trust in you, called upon you, believing in their heart, I pray that today would be the day of their salvation.

In Jesus' name. Amen.