

Bible Prophecy Update –November 30th, 2020

What Can I Do?

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Good morning and welcome to our weekly Bible Prophecy Update. On Sunday mornings, we have two services: The first of which is devoted to Bible prophecy and the second, which is our Sunday sermon. We're currently going through verse-by-verse the book of 2 Timothy. We will live stream that at 11:15 am Hawaii time. We encourage you to join with us. I'm going to be talking about what I would argue are amongst the deadliest dangers in the life of a Christian, especially living in these last days that we're in.

If you haven't already, you might want to check out our new Prophecy Website at JDFarag.org. Particularly the Forum there on that website. Actually, I'm going to be sharing some really exciting and encouraging testimonies that came from that Forum. If you haven't already, you might want to check it out. With that, let's get to it. Got a lot to get to today.

What I want to do is answer the question of: "What Can I Do?" In light of all that's happening in the world, coming to the world, and even upon the world. I am keenly aware that many are really having a hard time with everything that's happening, and it's getting worse, and it's getting scary, admittedly. Nothing wrong with admitting that - it is. We always talk about as Christians, how do non-Christians cope? Well, they don't. They go to a bottle, and in that bottle, there's either alcohol and or pills. That's how they try to deal with it. One needs to look no further than to the breaking news blanketing our news feeds to see that dire days are getting darker by the day.

This is what we love about you, Pastor JD, just so uplifting, so perky. Well, if you'll stay with me, this ends very well for Christians, okay? For non-Christians, it can - it can end well. That's the bad news. Here's the good news. The good news is Bible prophecy is coming to pass with each passing day. It's bringing us closer to the trumpet sound on that great and final day when Jesus raptures us out of this Christ-rejecting world. That's the good news. All right. Let's close in prayer that was... No, a lot to get to.

I want to draw your attention to three prophecies in play today, and, I believe, they serve as indicators of just how close we really are. The first one is Isaiah 17:1, which is a prophecy about the destruction, the total destruction of Damascus, Syria, so much so that it becomes uninhabitable. We've talked about this specific prophecy along with Ezekiel 38 for many years, most recently the last couple of years. I truly believe that Isaiah 17:1, this prophecy about the destruction of Damascus, Syria, is a trigger, a catalyst if you prefer, for the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38. Because Ezekiel 38 is a prophecy about this alliance of nations with Russia, Iran, Turkey, and others, and they invade Israel.

What's very interesting is that in verse 13, there is this specific detail about the modern-day nation and area of what we know today as Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States only merely protest and question this invasion meaning that they have good foreign relations with Israel at the time that this happens.

Now, why is that important? Well, it's very important because recently, the Abraham Accords normalized relations with Israel with these very Gulf States in this very region that over 2500 years ago, the Prophet Ezekiel wrote about, and it's happening exactly as we're told it would.

The third prophecy is a well-known and often talked about one, especially recently by virtue of the COVID-19 vaccine, which now seems to be just days away. What I'm speaking of, of course, is the Revelation 13 prophecy about the Mark of the Beast, without which no one will be able during the tribulation to buy or sell unless they have this mark. I would suggest that the breaking news from just this last week...

You would think Thanksgiving week, everybody could just kind of chill. But no, it was a very, very busy week in terms of Bible prophecy, and so much happened. All that happened, I believe, points to the unprecedented acceleration of these prophecies along with the many others as well.

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I'll start with this Zero Hedge post on Monday about what they call "The Great Relocation: Americans Are Relocating By The Millions Because They Can Feel What Is Coming. This is a really odd time to be having a housing boom. But even though more than 70 million Americans [Think about that. Let that number sink in] 70 million Americans have filed new claims for unemployment benefits this year. Home sales are absolutely rocking. How in the world is this possible? Well, this phenomenon is actually quite easy to explain. As our society comes apart at the seams, all around us, vast numbers of Americans are seeking greener pastures.

According to ABC News, the chaotic events of 2020 have caused millions of Americans to relocate. We have never seen anything quite like this before, and it is anticipated that this trend will continue into 2021. Even though most Americans don't know exactly what is ahead, I think that on some level, many of them can feel what is coming, and they're getting out of the big cities while they still can. As the economic suffering in the US intensifies, the number of people wanting to leave will almost certainly go even higher. With each passing day, more new restrictions are being put in place to try to control the COVID pandemic, and these new restrictions are going to make our ongoing economic depression a whole lot worse. Already it has become clear that another huge wave of economic pain is upon us. The clock is ticking, and it appears that our day of reckoning is nearly here." I would suggest that said "day of reckoning" is not nearly here - it's already here.

On Thursday, The Jerusalem Post published a report about "President Trump saying that delivery of the coronavirus vaccine would begin next week and the week after. Speaking to US troops overseas via video link to mark [I wish they wouldn't have used that word] the Thanksgiving holiday, Trump said the vaccine would initially be sent to frontline workers, medical personnel, and senior citizens."

Yesterday I happened upon an interesting video published on The Washington Post website in which they interviewed former President Barack Obama, who has some very interesting things to say about the vaccine. I'm going to quote verbatim what he said, and as I do, I want you to notice something in this quote, and I'll help you out. I'll kind of try to emphasize it. Don't worry, you won't miss it.

Quoting, "Part of the challenge at least for the first two vaccines that were developed is that they have to be stored at certain temperatures. That puts a little additional challenge on distributing it widely. I think one of the first tasks for the Biden administration coming in is going to be to make sure that we have clear protocols about who gets it first. You know whether it's frontline workers, people who are most vulnerable, and then move forward from there and then we have to consider the international issues.

Historically what's happened is that when you have drugs developed like this, they're expensive. Oftentimes, very poor countries are the last to get it if they get it at all, and international coordination around that process is going to be very important. Then finally, as I said, we are going to have to make sure the public messaging counteracts whatever suspicions, conspiracy theories, you know the Anti-Vax internet is pretty powerful, and we are going to want to make sure we roll that out in a way that elicits trust from the public as much as possible." Close quote.

Okay, test. What was the word? We? What? Wait a minute. What is this "we" stuff? I thought it was Right against Left, Trump against Biden, Republican against Democrat. Oh, now, we are just one big happy family. Hmm... Things that make you go hmm... Dare I say these are two sides on the same coin. Let me take it a step further. I suggest that there are two heads on the Phoenix rising out of the ashes. I'm going to leave that one right there.

On Thursday, Arutz Sheva in Israel published an interesting article with the heading, "We won't force vaccine; but here's what we will do." What? Well, listen to this. "Health Ministry Director Hezy Levy yesterday insisted to reporters that we won't force people to take a vaccine. Israeli law doesn't allow for it." By the way, I'm not going to go there. The same cannot be said for the United States.

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"Speaking before the special Knesset Coronavirus Committee Medical Center Chief Medical Officer and Chief Innovation Officer, Dr. Eyal Zimlichman, listed measures that are being planned to [Listen to this word in quotation marks "maneuver" - hang on to that] "maneuver" the population into vaccinating as a way of regaining freedom of movement." Do you want your life back?

Quoting, "The issue of how to motivate..." Hang on to that one too: "maneuver, motivate." We'll come back to it. "The issue of how to "motivate" vaccine compliance has generated increasing interest with commentators such as Mike Cernovich writing, [quote], "The government won't force you to take a vaccine. Amazon will. Airlines will. Banks will. [still quoting] You won't be able to buy, sell, or trade without the vaccine." Close quote.

What! Wait, wait, wait. What! ... What do these people do? They get up in the morning, and they look at Revelation Chapter 13. Yeah, that's right, we've got to make sure that... They know that they can't... I'm being silly because if I'm not, I'll cry.

Question: If this is so deadly as we're being told it is, then why, pray tell, do people need to be "maneuvered and motivated?" I mean, call me silly. I've been called much worse. But wouldn't it stand to reason that if this was as bad as they're telling us it is? That people would not need to be "motivated or maneuvered?" They would need to stand in line. Come on!

Doubtless, you've already heard about airlines such as Qantas that will require proof of vaccination in order to travel. This was breaking last week as well. You'll be hearing more about this in the weeks ahead vis-a-vis none other than the World Economic Forum. We've talked about them quite a bit and what's called "CommonPass."

Pictured here is a screenshot from a video on their website stating, and I quote, "CommonPass is a platform that lets people safely and securely collect their health information. Whether it is a negative COVID test result or eventually a record of a COVID vaccination, and then manage that information, control it themselves [yeah, right?] and then be able to let that information be used to demonstrate that they have had a negative test or that they have been vaccinated so they can get on an airplane or travel to another country."

This brings us to more breaking news last week and this Wall Street Journal report. I'm sure you heard about this. About a divided Supreme Court blocking New York from imposing strict limits on attendance at religious services to combat COVID-19 with new Justice Amy Coney Barrett casting the pivotal vote to depart from past cases that deferred to state authorities on public health measures. In orders issued late Wednesday, the court in a 5-4 vote set aside attendance limits that Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo imposed on houses of worship in areas most severely affected by the coronavirus."

Now, bear with me for a moment. While I realize on its face, this appears to be a big win for religious freedom. Personally, I have no less than two concerns with this. The first of which is that our freedom to worship does not come from the Supreme Court. It comes from God. It doesn't come from the government. It doesn't come from a president. It comes from God. That is the first concern.

The second concern is this: Trending on social media. I have grave concerns because churches may, in fact, be blamed for a manufactured super spread of cases as they actually, in fact, already are. It could be a trap. I suppose this Christian Post article should come as no surprise. The headline: You see it there. "Christian medical group urges churches to stop gathering amid pandemic: Don't make church an idol."

I oftentimes have to ask the Lord, Lord, is it me, or is this world completely insane? I think I just got the same answer from you that I got from the Lord. No, the answer is not: I'm insane—the world's insane, just to clarify.

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Quoting, "The Christian Medical and Dental Association is urging churches to pause in-person meetings in order to slow the spread of the coronavirus. While the church is a priority, it should not become an idol. The group stressed grounding its statement in Jesus' words..." I will tell you; this is the "go-to" from all of those...

I'm sure you've heard this argument in the Gospels about loving one's neighbor. You are not loving if you open the church. Hmm. So now church is an idol. Oh, it is a priority. We'll give you that, but you're making it an idol, and besides, that you're not loving your neighbor. You're endangering them by opening the church.

This is wrong on every level. Every level! Lord, help me again. I knew I was going to lose it on this one. But maybe I need to lose it, so I don't lose it. I think about Paul to the Corinthians. You think that's love? What you're doing, you think that's love? That's not love. This is what love is, and that's where we get the famous love chapter. It was a rebuke.

Oh, we read that love chapter. We recite it at weddings. It's so loving. Love is patient. Love is kind. You'll forgive me, but when Paul wrote that by the Holy Spirit, it was a rebuke. You have no idea what love is! You think that's love? That's not love! This is love!

I say to anyone who would dare use this... Better not use that word, _____ argument. I wasn't going to use a bad word. Don't look at me like that. Okay, I was going to use the word stupid. Okay? It's in the Bible, by the way. Proverbs Chapter 12 verse one, if you're taking notes. Stupid! It's stupid.

To anyone who would use this stupid argument, I say to you, the church is open because right now, more than any other time in human history, people need the church to be open. That's not love. Have you seen the suicide statistics? That's not love. This is love: People need the church of God, the Word of God, the love of God like no other time in human history. That's love. I am personally of the belief that there's a war on churches and there's a war on Christianity.

In addition to revving up the war on churches, there's also a revving up of wars and rumors or threats of wars in the Middle East. This is a prophecy from Jesus himself. It's recorded in Matthew 24 when the disciples asked him what is going to be the signs of the end of the age and of your return. Jesus answers them, and He says to them... First thing, by the way, and we read past it and dismiss it even to our own peril. Do you know what the first thing Jesus said would be a sign of the end? Are you ready for it? Wait for it, in a word, deception. Let no man deceive you! Deception - false Christs!

Then after that, He says that there will be nation rising against nation, kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and pestilence and earthquakes in various places, and he likens them all to birth pains, which come in greater frequency and greater intensity. But when He makes this statement that there will be wars and rumors of wars, it's better understood this way. There are going to be wars at the time of the end, but there are also going to be threats of wars.

On Wednesday, again a very busy week, The Times of Israel posted an article about Syria's news agency reporting that Israel carried out strikes near Damascus [Isaiah 17:1] on the Golan Heights border [Ezekiel 38, from the north]. The alleged attack hits sites connected to Iran and its proxies. Syrian state media reported no casualties, but a pro-opposition group says 8 pro-Iranian fighters [Iranian fighters] were killed.

That was Wednesday, then on Friday, you've probably heard about this breaking news. Iran's top nuclear scientist was assassinated. This is big. According to The Times of Israel, top Iranian officials were blaming Israel for the nuclear mastermind's killing and were vowing revenge, threatening revenge. Hossein Dehghan, an adviser to Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and a presidential candidate in Iran's 2021 election, issued a warning on Twitter.

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"In the last days of their gambling ally's political life, the Zionists seek to intensify and increase pressure on Iran to wage a full-blown war." Dehghan wrote, appearing to refer to US President Donald Trump, "We will descend like lightning on the killers of this oppressed martyr, and we will make them regret their actions!" They are fighting words where I come from. Sorry about the Southern accent. I don't know where that came from.

Enter this Arutz Sheva report in which they asked the question of "Will Trump attack Iran?" Hmm... "The political echelon has instructed the IDF (Israeli Defense Force) to prepare for a scenario of US action against Iran before the departure of President Donald Trump from the White House in January. Israel fears that in the event of an American attack, the Iranians may retaliate by attacking Israel through the pro-Iranian militias in Syria or the Hezbollah terrorist organization in Lebanon. It should be noted that from another source, the USS Nimitz has been ordered back to the Persian Gulf after Iran's Supreme Leader threatened war."

I think you would agree that what's been dubbed by some, even cryptically so, as a dark winter may, in fact, be on the horizon, and perhaps in some ways, it's already upon us. I don't think it would be hyperbole to suggest that absent an anchor of hope, one could be very easily given over to despair, and if that's you, I want to encourage you today.

This is the reason that I sensed the Lord would have me to ask and answer the aforementioned question: What can I do? What am I to do? I don't know how I'm going to pay the bills. I have no job. I have no income. I have no savings. What am I going to do? What can I do? I want to answer that question, and to do so, I want to draw your attention to Psalm 11. If you could, please turn there. Join with me, Psalm 11. It's a Psalm of David to the chief musician, verse 1.

Here's our answer in part, "In the Lord, I put my trust. How can you say to my soul: Flee as a bird to your mountain! For look, the wicked bend their bows. They make ready their [syringe] arrow..." Sorry, it says arrow, spell check. It was a spell check... I'm sorry. "They make ready their arrow on the string that they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart."

Verse 3, here's the question: "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" What can I do? The foundations are being destroyed right before our very eyes. What can I do? What can we do?

Verse 4, "The Lord is in His holy temple. The Lord's throne is in heaven." Oh, by the way, spoiler alert. Isaiah tells us He's not pacing back and forth in front of the throne. What are we going to do? I don't know. What are we going to do? No, He is seated on the throne. Why are you freaking out? Oh, God! The foundations are being destroyed! The enemy makes ready their arrow, their bow. They're secretly plotting against us, your people, the upright, the righteous. What are the righteous to do? I'm here - seated on the throne.

His eyes, this is important, behold... Do you know what that means? He sees everything. Do you know how we are? I don't think God holds this against us. I do it all the time. I'm like, God, did you see what they did? God is like, hello, I'm all-knowing. I'm all present. I'm all-powerful. Of course, I did. What? Are you informing me of something I didn't know about? Yeah, but did you see what they did? I see everything.

"His eyelids test the sons of men." What does that mean? You know when you squint to zero in on and focus on [something]? That's what the eyes of the Lord are doing. Ho, that settles me. In Revelation 1, the eyes of Jesus are like fire. I'm like, yeah! Is that bad? The Lord tests the righteous but the wicked and the one who loves violence... Now, this is going to mess some of you up, jam your gears, crash your hard drive, whatever metaphor you want. Take your pick. "The one who loves violence, His soul hates. Wait. What? Yeah. Wow.

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"Upon the wicked, He will rain coals, fire and brimstone, and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup. You'll forgive me for saying it and reading it like that, but there's a tendency on our part, and again, I'm just as guilty as the next guy. I mean, it's like yeah, God, get him. And then when I read that again, I think, wait a minute. I go from being angry with them to being sorry for them. Ho! This is what's coming upon them. Oh, there's coming a day when they will give an answer for the evil and the wickedness that they have done. Verse 7, "For the Lord is righteous. He loves righteousness. His countenance beholds the upright."

Let's come back to verse 1, "In the Lord, I put my trust." If you're anything like me, and I suspect that you are, I mean, it's so cliché, right? We sing it. We memorize it. We know it. We read it. We hear it. Trust the Lord. Do you know what that means to trust in the Lord? It means that you trust him no matter what.

Let me expound just for a moment. If you are here full of fear, do you know what you're saying? I don't trust the Lord. That's why I am so fearful. Because if you trust the Lord, you have nothing to be afraid of. Replete throughout Scripture, there is verse after verse, passage after passage, where we read: Do not be afraid. You have nothing to be afraid of - Trust the Lord. Proportionate to your trust in the Lord, you will have no fear, and conversely proportionate to the amount of fear you have that is the amount of trust in the Lord that you don't have.

Okay, Pastor, with all due respect, I appreciate what you're saying, but you don't understand. There's no way I'm going to make it through this. If you only knew what I'm dealing with. Well, you're going to make it through. Trust the Lord. Wait, wait. What are you afraid of? I'm just... Wait. How reasonable, how logical is this? I just don't trust the Lord is going to provide and get me through this. Wait.

You're trusting Him when that trumpet sounds and the dead in Christ rise first, and we who are alive and remain are going to be caught up, raptured up, to be with the Lord. You're trusting Him for that, but you can't trust Him for this? Wait, wait. I don't mean to be mean. I don't have to mean to be mean. It comes quite naturally thank you very much, sometimes, or at least that's what my kids tell me.

Let me see if I got this straight. God so loved you that He sent His only begotten Son to die for you. And you can't trust him to do that for you? Romans 8, Paul says, is there anything that He would withhold from you? If He was willing to give you His only begotten Son to die for you, is there anything He won't do for you?

Listen, if you ask anything according to His will, it's a done deal! It's a done deal! Trust him! Yeah, but I just don't see... I know all things work together for the good for them that love God and are called according to His purpose. Don't quote me that verse when I'm going through a trial. I know that verse, but I just think this is the exception. Really? You just don't see how God's going to...? You don't trust that God's going to...? Wow.

Psalm 27:13-14, "Trust in the Lord and wait on the Lord." These two verses in Psalm 27 have been, for me personally, a lifeline over the years, particularly when our daughter Noelle died. David writes I would have lost heart. He was at the end, rock-bottom, and he'd come to the place where that's it. This is how it ends. Thanks for the memories. That just totally dated me. You, young people, have no idea - Bob Hope... This is how it ends. I would have, almost did, came very close to giving up, losing heart.

"Unless [now listen to this very closely] I had believed that I would see..." Stop right there. Wait. Seeing is believing - No, no, no! Believing is seeing. "Unless I had believed [trusted] that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Then he says this, and it's almost like he's talking to himself, and by the way, in the previous Psalm, Psalm 11, did you notice that? How dare you say to

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me, run and flee [New York and Los Angeles] and run into the mountains? I'm not going to run anywhere! Who's saying that to him? I think it's him. I mean, David's saying that to David.

It's all throughout the Psalms. It's not self-talk. It's talk-to-self. There's a difference, not a play on words. He's going, maybe I should run? Maybe I should flee? No, and here he's giving himself a good talking to, and sometimes I think we would do well to give ourselves a good talking to. Sit down, boy! We need to talk.

"Wait on the Lord. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart." And he says that the second time, "Wait! I say on the Lord." You could sum up this powerful, precious, priceless Psalm with these words: Just wait. You'll see. That is what he is saying. Just wait. You'll see. Yeah, but I don't see how? Just wait! You'll see! ... First of all, I don't want to wait. I want to see. No, you have to wait. Wait on the Lord. Ho, if you only knew what He's about to do.

If you're sitting here looking at me going, Pastor, I'm telling you. I appreciate your preaching, your delivery, your humor - sort of your humor, not all the time. I got to tell you that it's easy for you to say. Oh, really? As God knows my heart, there have been so many times where I would have lost heart. No, Lord, there is just no way. Only to hear the Lord say, just wait. You'll see what I'm going to do. I can't promise you. God promises you, but I can testify. Put me on the witness stand, I'll testify.

I mean this with all the love, and again, God knows my heart. But whatever it is that you're going through, it's not going to have the final word in your life - God will. Would you believe if I told you because I've been on the receiving end of this more times than you could ever imagine? Where God did the impossible, and He did it in a way that He could not have otherwise done, it had it not been for that painful, I mean, painful... I mean, fetal position. You can't even pray. Just sounds are coming out - if that!

He is faithful. He will never leave you or forsake you and don't let the enemy get away with that in your life. Do you know what he does to me? He starts putting fearful thoughts in my mind, and being the stupid idiot that I am, I entertain them. Like you're not getting out of this one. Well, you've got yourself in quite a mess this time, haven't you? Yeah, I did. This is really bad. Yeah, I know, it's really bad! What are you going to do? I don't know. I don't know. What am I to do? This is really bad. Maybe God is angry with you. Is He? That is a lie! That's a lie! Don't believe that!

God took all of His anger, and He put it on His only begotten Son on that cross at Calvary. He's not angry with you. He loves you. He actually even likes you. Imagine that. God's going to see you through, and He's going to do it in ways that you could have never imagined. I mean, use your God-given imagination and try to imagine the most, I mean, crazy, amazing, fabulous, fantastic way that God could do this for you. And then that even is not the way He's going to do it. He's going to do it exceedingly abundantly above and beyond anything that in your imagination you could have imagined. Just wait. You'll see.

Isaiah 40, I would be remiss if I didn't read this again. It's probably a life verse for many. It starts off in verse 28 with 2 rhetorical questions, "Have you not known? Have you not heard? Oh, you didn't hear? What? Oh, the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak and to those who have no might, He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall." Yeah, I like that. So there, young people, do you think you're invincible? Okay, sorry. I feel better.

Verse 31, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run [this is in the supernatural] and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint." Have you ever seen an eagle? They're not [flapping wings frantically]. They're just [soaring]. Right? That's what he's saying. Wait, I want some of that. Sorry again for the accent. Don't

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know where that came from. But I want me some of that! How do I get it? Wait... Really? I have to wait? Yeah. Wait on the Lord. Trust in the Lord.

Over the last few weeks, it has been our sole goal to get Jesus to people and get people to Jesus as quickly as we possibly can while there's still time. And here's why. The time is at hand. The hour is very late, and the urgency of the times are most unforgiving of anything but. [only Jesus matters]

Here's the bottom line. The answer to the question of "What can I do?" is 3-fold. Trust in the Lord, wait on the Lord, and get people to the Lord. It will change your life. It will change your life. This is why we do these updates. This is why we end with the Gospel, the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ. That Jesus Christ came, that He was crucified, He was buried, and He rose again on the third day, and He's coming back again soon and very soon one day, and we believe that day is very soon.

For the last couple of months now, we've been sharing testimonies. I started off with just one, and then when I realized just how much of an encouragement and blessing it was, I decided to start sharing more. Then, of course, now there is more and more, so can I share with you a few for today? What are you going to say, no?

By the way, especially for the benefit of our online church, if your testimony is not shared, please understand that the sheer volume prohibits us from doing so. But I want you to know that I personally read every single one of them, and I cannot even begin to tell you how blessed I am by them. Literally hundreds and hundreds of people from all over the world, the uttermost parts of the earth. Oh, my goodness. Who knew? Well, God knew.

Here's the first one. This is really creative. It's from Fred. "Hello JD, I live in the San Jose area and have been dropping about 20 of these 1-dollar bills a week. So nice. I copied the bookmark onto regular papers so that it could be folded. I pray over every dollar and ask that it will be a blessing to the person who picks it up. God bless your church family." How creative is that?

This is from Karen Arnold in the Netherlands. I've actually gotten to know her over the years. She writes, "Hello JD, after watching your update today, I sat and thought, 'I want to do something too, ' and wondered, 'what can I do?' [Wow, that was the title of the Prophecy update, "What Can I Do?"] How can I reach many even without leaving my home as we are still in a COVID lockdown in the Netherlands? Then the light bulb moment came, hey, I thought. Why not use your cover photo on Facebook for all who visit me to see? So, I got on my PC, did some work on Photoshop, and presto! I'll be praying for every soul who reads this. Blessings in abundance to you, JD, and the entire team. Love from the Netherlands."

This is from Peter Harris McKay in North Queensland, Australia. Good afternoon, Pastor JD. I couldn't help myself and had to email you after viewing your latest Bible Prophecy Update, November 22nd, and seeing that others have had the same idea as me regarding how to get the ABCs of Salvation out to others in a simple and easy manner as I have also come up with the following business card design having just placed an order for 500 to arrive in the next week.

I also wanted to join in with our online faith family in exhorting and encouraging you in what you do, as it has been a staple of my week each and every week since I stumbled across your YouTube channel just over a year ago. I absolutely love the simplicity of the ABCs as you present them and I look forward to handing these out to people I come across and giving some to my faith family to do so as well. I plan on using a few lines like, "Is this your card? Or "Pick a card, any card, every card is a winner." Creative...

At 12 cents Australian and 8 cents US each, the eternal return value will be exceedingly more so if even just one of them that has a lost soul turn to our Lord and Savior for salvation. Much love and many blessings in Christ Jesus to you, your family, your team, and all those who are blessed by tuning into your ministry."

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This one comes from our Forum on the new JDFarag.org website. It's from a Chris O'Gorman. "Hi JD and team. Just a quick message to say what a wonderful job you and your followers are doing spreading the Gospel. I, too, have a sense of urgency from the Lord, which has been pressing on me long before COVID hit, and the need to save as many people as I possibly can reach before we're out of here.

This leads me to my ambitious goal of using your online Forum as a platform to post my designs. I only have three of them here. For anyone looking to fund billboards, business cards, flyers, and now key rings in their local areas, my aim is to put an array of ABC oriented designs in everyone's hands and see what the Lord does. The designs have already been spread around the world in the form of billboards, business cards, and even on video games. I'll mention that here in a moment, video games. Oh, my goodness, only the Lord could do that.

Here is the link [which we're providing below. There are links to everything in the description field for those of you online] to my newly created post where anyone can request ABCs to fit whatever purpose they want, including stickers for hand sanitizers if needed. Remember the hand sanitizers last week? May God bless you and keep you. I'll be meeting you all in the air very soon. Regards, Chris."

Another online member on the Forum used the graphics and posted this photo of a billboard they put up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. How cool is that? Tulsa, Oklahoma. All right.

This one is oh, my goodness. This is the video game creator. Her name is Josee. "Dear Pastor JD Farag, we thank the Lord for you. You are one of the greatest gifts for us to have. I asked the Lord how I could make a huge impact by handing out the ABCs of Salvation. Then the Lord told me last night. Okay, so here it goes.

I am a creator on the biggest virtual world there is on our planet. I won't mention the name. It's unimportant. I don't play this game. I only create... for the kids' community, so to speak. These kids' avatars in this game are young adults and adults as well who don't want to be around all that adult stuff you can find in virtual games. People who don't want to be a part of the adult world in this game. Enough about explaining.

I create furniture, clothes, etcetera. I have an in-world virtual store, and also, there is a marketplace where everyone can purchase clothes, furniture, etcetera for your avatar. I get a lot of people coming in my store each day and buying also in my marketplace store.

Since today, I started to add the ABCs of Salvation on a notecard that now I'm adding in all the wrapping boxes where the item comes in once somebody buys a product from me. We're talking here about hundreds and hundreds.

Here are some photos as well where you can see the ABCs. When someone chooses to click on the "Add photo," they then will receive a notecard with the ABCs info about the Lord Jesus Christ, how to get saved, all the links to your websites, and other websites about what's happening in the church, and why they're happening, and why people need to get saved now.

Here are some of the photos of my store and me and of my three-year-old avatar called Lexi. Make sure you look close to the photo where the sign is. There is a cardboard that has writing on it. Thank you again for being such a gift to us. We praise the Lord, and we are grateful. We keep praying for you, family, and congregation, and that you be safe."

Stop laughing. I haven't got there yet. Wait. We are praying for baldness - No! No, for boldness. That's what the card says. It says Pastor JD Farag is the best! He is bald! ... oh, you're just now getting it. Yeah, she crosses out the "A" and puts an "O" - bold! I just adore her sense of humor.

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Are you ready for this? Watch this. Just this last week, she sends me this photo. I realize you can't "unsee" this, and I'm sorry about that. But she gave me back some hair. She restored the hair that the years destroyed. Anyway, okay, enough of that. You are having way too much fun with that stuff.

This next one comes from John, an online member who writes, "Hello, we wanted to share with you the signs we placed outside of our store and also at a nearby property. Happy Thanksgiving, John." It's a honey company.

Here are a couple more, and by the way, this is probably as good of a time as any to mention this. I have been wanting to mention this, but I keep forgetting. You don't have to put my name on there or even the website, JDFarag.org. You may wish to put your contact information because then it's more personal if somebody wants to follow up. If that's not feasible or you would prefer, yes, of course, use our information, so they have a place to go for resources.

This is something that the Lord is doing. I think about Gideon. Even if we wanted to, we could never take credit for any of this. God's doing this. There's no way. You think we could have come up, or I could have come up... Stop! Could you imagine? Hey, we got this billboard campaign - I would have never thought of that. I would have never thought of a video game, avatar! That's the Lord. All right, a couple more.

This is from a Twitter follower, Claire O'Sullivan, who tweeted, "This is for the front yard, 'For I am not ashamed of the Gospel.' And thank you to @jdfarag for the inspiration for the sign.

This is from Mikki Jacobs in Bowling Green, Ohio. "JD, my brother and his wife live in northern Georgia and for several years have helped organize Thanksgiving meals for their local community. This year it covered a much bigger area and served almost 900 people with 50 delivery drivers, 200 volunteers, and 13 additional churches participating. Like my husband and me and our small group, he and his wife watch you every week.

They decided to make sweatshirts for all to see your favorite along, with all the other favorite Bible phrases, "But God." My favorite with all the other favorites, "But God." He also made ABCs of Salvation cards for each family registered for the meal.

We can't wait to hear stories of the many neighbors who might be saved by this wonderful small town of believers. Thank you for sharing the weekly updates so faithfully. I can hardly wait for Sunday afternoons to arrive."

This one comes from Amanda. Dear Pastor JD, I want to begin by saying thank you for being such an encouragement every single week through these hard times we're living in. I am a small business owner, a farmer florist, and have listened to your messages, Bible Prophecy updates, Thursday Bible study, and regular Sunday morning sermons since March while working in my flower fields and in my floral design studio. I accepted Christ as a young child, and God has gifted me to bless others with my floral talent since high school.

Before I began listening to your messages, I always seemed to have a hard time understanding how to explain the walk of salvation to others. Now that I have listened to you, I have been so blessed, and I finally understand how to explain to others how to be saved with the ABCs of Salvation teachings at the end of your messages.

I have been praying to God how I can incorporate these ABCs in my business since my business is dedicated to Him. While I listened to you talk about others buying billboards, key chains, and bumper stickers, etcetera, a thought came to me to print ABCs of Salvation tags and tie them onto each Christmas wreath I sell this season, and that is what I'm going to do. I feel more motivated than ever to share the Gospel and get as many people to Christ I can. I know God gave me this business and talent to do just that.

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In 2021, I plan to order more professional looking tags and tie them on every single floral arrangement that leaves my hands. I'm not the most outgoing person, more introverted, but I know God will lead and direct me to make a difference in other's lives. Thank you so much for motivating me to pray and reach others. Yes! Praise the Lord." Anyway, she's from Pennsylvania. What a place to be right now, Amanda.

This last one comes from Anthea. I sure hope I'm pronouncing her name right, in London. "Dear Pastor JD, my mother and I are online members based in London, UK. I always watch your sermons every Sunday evening. Just to let you know, I am a published author on Amazon.

Last month besides hearing testimonials from people, I published several blank lined notebooks containing the ABCs of Salvation with details of your new website at the very back of each book. I've had a few sales since, and hopefully, someone will get saved. Here is the link to my collection. [Again, we've got the link below if you're interested.]

Should you have time next Sunday to give me a humble mention, you can call me Anthea. [Again, I sure hope that's the correct pronunciation.] My dear mother wanted me to let you know that I did this, Pastor, but I was too shy to let you know. Thank you, Pastor, and blessings to you and your family. Anthea. PS: Love your sermons. Keep up the good work you do. Praise the Lord." Oh, yeah.

What are the ABCs? Well, they're just a simple child-like explanation of salvation. Listen, if I can do it, you can do it. It's that simple, not to insult anyone's intelligence. Jesus said, "If you want to enter the kingdom of heaven, you need to become as a child." What He was saying was that there has to be this child-like trust, this child-like simplicity. You know how children are so trusting, which is why we have to teach them about stranger danger? That's the kind of child-like trust that we put in Jesus Christ and salvation.

The A is for: Admit or acknowledge that you're a sinner, that you sinned, and that you need the Savior. Romans 3:10 says there is no one righteous, not even one. And Romans 3:23 tells us why. It's because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We were all born sinners, which is why we all must be born again to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death." But the gift of God, this is the good news. The gospel is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord because He's the one that came and died for us instead of us because all have sinned. And He paid in full for that sin which carries with it the death penalty because the wages of sin is death.

The B is for: Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. And as Romans 10:9-10 says, "If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, you will be saved." Why is that important? Because absent the resurrection, there's no victory over death. See, when sin entered the world with it, death entered - That was never part of God's original plan. Now sin had to be dealt with, and death had to be dealt with, and that's why Jesus went to his death in our stead. Man, I could just preach a whole sermon on just that, and you know I could. I won't, but I could. That alone, though, think about that.

The C is for: Call upon the name of the Lord. Or as Romans 10:9-10 also says, "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Not you might, you could, you should. No, you will. The jury is no longer out. The verdict is in. It is finished. Period, not comma, semi-colon, not colon either. I don't want to talk about colons, sorry. "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." And then Romans 10:13, finally, "All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved." This seals the deal.

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Why don't you all stand? And we'll pray. Loving heavenly Father, I once again have done my best to be faithful and rightly dividing your Word, preaching the gospel, teaching the truth. So now, Lord, I pray that you will take this and reach the hearts of those who desperately need you.

I pray for anyone who has never called upon you that today they would surrender to you. That today would be the day of their salvation that they would not put off the most important decision of their life for eternal life, especially with everything that is happening as fast as it's happening.

Lord, exactly what you said would happen is happening. This prophecy about Damascus, Syria. It's happening. This prophecy about Russia, Iran, Turkey, and the other nations with them invading Israel. It's happening. This prophecy in Revelation about this mark, without which no one will be able to buy or sell. It's happening already right now. And now is the time and today is the day.

Lord, lastly, want to pray for any who are really hurting. You're close to the brokenhearted. I just pray you'll encourage and strengthen their hearts. Remove the fear that the enemy has put there and replace it with trust in you.

Lord, thank you for what you're doing all over the world. Thank you that we get to be a small part of what you're doing in these last moments before the rapture. How many people are coming to you, and we get to be a part of that. That's too high for our understanding. Lord, thank you. We love you so much.

Maranatha. Come quickly, Lord Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen.