5-10-20 Message WHAT WE CAN KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

This will be my final video that I will be making for our 11:00 AM services

So far we have had 6 weeks of lockdown.

- 1. The Most Profitable Thing You Can Do
- 2. Search The Scriptures
- 3. God's Plan For Victory (The Gospel I Cor. 15)
- 4. God's Power In Prayer
- 5. When We Reject God (What happens..)
- 6. Why Does God Allow Evil To Prevail (Mystery)

I did not plan to do any kind of series when I started this video channel. All I set out to do was provide the morning service on video and share messages that the Lord laid on my heart.

I also did not know that these last **two videos would be the last of a series** or at least what seems like a series. Last week as I prayed about what to share it was difficult to solidify my thoughts. Last weeks message was the longest message yet, in fact it was really an introduction to the message that I really intended to bring. So this morning's message will be the last YouTube message we will be sharing, we are planning to get back to assembling in the church this next week.

Our plan is that we will be meeting in the church and simultaneously broadcasting the message through our conference call service.

I guess in a small way it will be like a private radio broadcast.

I hope to put up some more music videos and documentaries on our channel as time permits. However, the weekly sermons will stop unless the Lord leads me to share a special documentary like "The Cure" now and then. I will probably continue to put up music videos as resources, and may expand that.

This morning is Mother's Day, and so far in every video I have had my wife sing a song that was related to the topic of my message. This morning I am going to have her sing a song I wrote and dedicated to my mother for Mother's Day back in 1987. The song is taken from Proverbs 31 talking about the virtuous woman. You know, I have seen a whole generation of women pass off the scene and they certainly lost the mold when my mom passed away. She portrayed so many of the characteristics of Proverbs 31. So even though the song does not go along with our message for Mother's Day, I decided we would share this song in memory of Mom Bissol. The Bible says honor your father and mother. This video obeys that command for me. But also, this video is a tribute to all Christian ladies who are seeking to buck the mold of the world and follow the Bible, seeking to be called the virtuous woman. We re-recorded this song especially for mother's day during the pandemic. I hope it will be a blessing to you, we did it live as I played the piano, my wife sang, and I video taped it. Then I embellished the recording and orchestrated around it. But the foundation of the recording was done live in one take. So I am going to have my wife come and sing the song as a tribute to godly women everywhere.

VIRTUOUS WOMAN

Last week I preached a message trying to answer the age old question about why it is that God is allowing evil to prevail in so many cases. What I said last week is that the Bible starts with paradise on earth but because of sin and rebellion against God that paradise was lost, but the Bible ends with paradise on earth. In between Genesis 2 and then Revelation 22 there is a lot of drama and conflict. We are experiencing some of that conflict in our lives with this Covid 19 craziness. God, though, has a plan to dispel all evil and bring His blessed Kingdom down to earth.

I want to talk to you about what the Bible says about God's future plan or prophecy concerning the future. I talked about why evil seems to dominate this planet, but now I want to talk about the future and how God plans to dispel all evil. Paul talks about that future plan in II Thessalonians 2.

II Thessalonians 2:2: be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Notice he said, the day of Christ is at hand. So it still is at hand in the future.

WHAT WE CAN KNOW ABOUT THE END OF DAYS.

<u>We need to not be ignorant of future things</u>. Nor be shaken in mind and troubled. There are a lot of people saying if we don't do this or that we are going to be extinct. No, that is not going to happen. The Lord promised that the earth will remain till He return. In fact, even after all the terrible things that the Bible predicts, it promises that all things will remain until Jesus returns. <u>This panic over climate change, and a host of other things is just not necessary. Jesus even said, people will be conducting business and eating and drinking and marrying all the way up to the time He returns. Matt. 24:38-39</u>

There is a lot of confusion going on with the glut of information out there. Some information is true, some of it is fabricated. The problem we have is we don't know what is true and what is fabricated. So there is confusion. This one thing I know.

I Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

God does not want us to be confused. He doesn't want us to be ignorant. This is why He gave us His word. In the world there is confusion, in God's word there is peace and safety.

One of the clearest predictions about the end times is found in the Book of Daniel.

Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel was told that two things would happen.

Knowledge would increase. Has there ever been an increase in knowledge like the day that we live in? The computer age has made that possible.

Many will travel. Why are going through this pandemic? It is because of how many people traveled between the United States and China.

The other thing that needs to happens before the end comes has already happened. Israel needed to be a nation again, and in 1948 a miracle happened. Israel was given a portion of land right back where they had a nation over 1800 years previous. Up until then people would read prophecy and could never dream that there would be a nation Israel. It would be like saying the Susquehanock Indians taking over Susquehanna county. It would be less of a miracle, because they owned much of the land back in 1670 which is only 350 years back.

And the Jews returned to their land after 1878 years.

Someone once said to a preacher, **Prove to me the Bible is true. He** answered with this one word: ISRAEL.

We are witnessing a miracle every time we hear about Israel on the news.

There is no doubt that we are in the end times. But this one thing we know, there is still more to come. We do not have to be troubled like tomorrow will be the end of the world. The fact is that even if Jesus came back tomorrow to resurrect His church, He promises another 7 years of History and than a 1000 years of the Kingdom on earth. The earth is not going to become un-inhabitable because of global warming, there will not be a nuclear holocaust that will destroy all life.

So let us share the process of **what we can know about future things**. God gives us the general information and not all the details.

I. WE CAN KNOW THERE WILL BE A REMOVAL OF THE RESTRAINER BEFORE THE END TIME II Thessalonians 2:3

As bad as things are today, according to the Bible, God is restraining evil. Though evil seems to be everywhere, still it is not dominating everywhere. The devil is on a leash. He can only do so much. He is being restrained. We are going to look at II Thess. Chapter 2 and share what Paul the apostle said about future things.

1. THE DAY IS AT HAND AND IS YET TO COME (IT HAS NOT HAPPENED YET)

Let us look at II Thess. 2:3

Il Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Paul had to write to the church at Thessalonica to assure them that the day of Christ had not yet come. That day is when the Lord will return and remove His believers from this present world.

Imagine living in the day that Paul wrote this, no newspaper, no internet, no TV. There were rumors floating that the day of the Lord had taken place and they missed it.

Notice in I Thessalonians Paul says,

I Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

We cannot set a date for that day, no one knows when it will come. But there are some general things you can know about it so we can clearly say, It has not come yet.

Paul clearly says some of the events that will mark that day. I believe they are starting to happen but have not fully taken place yet.

Il Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Note:

2. WE CAN KNOW THERE WILL FIRST BE A FALLING AWAY BEFORE THE END TIME.

What is that falling away? I believe it is when the church stops being the New Testament Church that it is supposed to be.

The Bible calls the end time church that falls away the great whore of Rev. 17:1

Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

This whore is the end time church which is also called the Mystery Babylon.

If you remember from last week, the greatest picture of the church is that of being a spiritual bride to the Lord. When a married woman joins up with another she is called a whore. The end time church is called a whore and Babylon.

Now if you remember what Babylon was all about, it entailed a one world, government and a one world religion. This movement we see happening before our very eyes. Since when have you seen a pandemic affect the whole world like the Covid 19 pandemic? The end time church is going to go corrupt.

Paul received revelation about the falling away and warned the churches about it:

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

Little by little we are seeing wholesale falling away amongst the churches. It is very subtle right now but soon it will not be so subtle.

Before Hitler was able to take over Germany, there had to be a falling away of the greater part of the Church in Germany.

There was a falling away of the church theologically, and biblically. The **Catholic church in 1933 signed a concordant** saying they would not oppose Hitler, in return they were supposed to be able to continue ecclesiastical services without interruption. The German protestant

churches were under pressure to change their theology completely. They fell for these new measures. Just like Hitler signed peace treaties with England, Russia, and other countries, so he signed an agreement with the pope, never intending to keep his agreement. After he won his objectives he would deal with the church.

<u>The Protest churches became know as the "German Church"</u> a left over from the Lutheran church. By and large these churches were liberal in their theology and just bent to the will of Hitler. There were a few exceptions. Dietrich Bonhoeffer tried to resist and ultimately was imprisoned and hung for treason.

Martin Niemöller at first supported Hitler, but started seeing how many of Hitler's tenets opposed the doctrine of the church. Hitler wanted the church to abandon all mentions in the Bible that spoke favorably about the Jews. This was the Aryan doctrine which at it's core was against Scripture and Christian doctrine. He wanted them to take down crosses and put swastikas in the church. He set up a puppet head of the German Church a fellow by the name of Mueller, who went along with all these things, who at the end of it all committed suicide just like Judas Iscariot did.

Niemoller and others broke away from the main line German Church and established what they called the "Confessing Church" Which believed in the Bible and Orthodox positions. But it was too late. Hitler had over 800 pastor's arrested. Bonhoeffer was later arrested for treason and then killed.

We read in the book of Revelation that the Antichrist, like Hitler, will turn on the end time Church just like Hitler did on the German Church. Hitler hated Christianity and even the apostate church.

REV 17:16 the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

Niemoller, who supported Hitler, was later imprisoned and many of the Pastors were imprisoned. When they woke up it was too late to do anything. Niemoller later wrote:

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out-Because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out-Because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out-Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me-and there was no one left to speak for me.

I give that bit of history to shed light on what happens when there is no biblical restraint on a society. But today I believe there is still restraint because it is almost impossible at this time to remove the influence of Christianity in every segment of society around the world. God will do that in the resurrection of the dead.

We read this:

II Thessalonians 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

II Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

In Strong's concordance the word letteth means the to hold down or restrain:

katecho, kat-ekh'-o; from 2596 and 2192; <u>to hold down</u> (fast), in various applications (lit. or fig.):-have, hold (fast), keep (in memory), let, X make toward, possess, retain, seize on, stay, take, withhold.

This is talking about the restrainer. Who or what is this restrainer?

The Bible says that there is a restrainer right now that is holding back the Antichrist from emerging and doing what he wants to do.

I believe the falling away is going to pave the way for the removal of the restrainer. The falling away is phase one. The restrainer is therefore the Holy Spirit filled people of the church.

The falling away weakens he restrainer, but the restrainer is still here:

Does not the Bible say this,

I John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

So great is the power of the Holy Spirit that Rome itself could not resist the power of the church. They even admitted the church turned the world upside down. In fact the worst thing done to the church was the ungodly Roman leaders conjuring up this plan which is the doctrine of Balaam. In a nutshell, if you can't beat the church, Rome decided to join the church and make it the religion of the state.

For evil to prevail completely, the power of the church must be extinguished.

Even Hitler ultimately was defeated by the combined power of two Christian nations.

Nazi Germany is a foretaste of the rising up of the Anti Christ. The German church lost its salt and was trampled under foot. Ultimately, the Third Reich was not able to prevail against the United States and England.

3. WE CAN KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE A REMOVAL OF THE RESTRAINER.

NO MAN CAN DO IT. GOD WILL DO IT. The church will be taken out. Imagine a world with no moral restraint whatsoever.

I do not look at the rapture of the church as so much a triumphant exit from this world as a rescue mission by the Lord. I have shown that in every circumstance man has blown it and failed. However, God always intervenes when it is necessary. When the Bible says there will be a falling away, I believe that means that the church is going to go astray and the Lord in the end of days is going to come and rescue out of this planet His remnant. As it were in the days of Noah so shall it be in the end. As Noah was rescued from the flood, the Church will be rescued from God's day of wrath and the restrainer will leave with the church. Il Thessalonians 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Il Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

II Thessalonians 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

II Thessalonians 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

Before this happens the restrainer will be removed from this world.

That restrainer is the Holy Spirit working through His church. In Acts Chapter 2 the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples and that is when they turned the world upside down. Look, when the Holy Spirit came into my life God turned my life upside down. I was going one way and after the Holy Spirit got ahold of me, the whole direction of my life changed.

Here is when the restrainer will be taken out of this world.

I Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

I Thessalonians 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

I Thessalonians 4:15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

I Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

I Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

I Thessalonians 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

This is what I believe is the restrainer of our present society. If the restrainer is weakened like it was in the day Germany and Hitler, by evil men. Men who have the spirit of the Anti Christ will completely prevail. And that nation will be ruined. I believe in every generation, every time, Satan has had a man ready to take the position of the Antichrist. It is the restrainer or Holy Spirit that prevents that from happening.

II. WE CAN KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE A RISE OF THE MAN OF SIN OR ANTICHRIST. After the restrainer is removed the man of sin will be free to do what He wants.

After the falling away then the man of sin will arise. Notice a few things need to take place before this all happens.

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Il Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

II Thessalonians 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

After the falling away, this man of sin also called the son of perdition and also called the anti Christ will arise.

This man will exalt himself and require the world to worship him.

Now things are getting pretty bad in our world today, but according to these prophecies it is going to get worse.

The Bible says this about this man of sin or antichrist.

I John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. There will always be a man ready to step into the shoes of the antichrist. Throughout history there has always been a spirit of the antichrist. present on earth. This is the evil that we see prevailing.

The Spirit of the Antichrist has been around since the Garden of Eden.

This spirit was in Hitler, and the greatest evidence that he had an antichrist spirit was that he hated Christ, Christianity, and the Jews. The Antichrist will hate Christianity and the Jews.

It is sad that people are calling Donald Trump a Hitler, it is obvious they are ignorant of history. <u>Hitler hated the Jews and Christians.</u> Just because Donald Trump tries to show strong leadership does not make him a Hitler. We equate strong leadership with evil.

I want you to note what the spirit of the Antichrist is. It is called the Mystery of Iniquity.

II Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

The word Iniquity means **LAWLESSNESS**. <u>A-without Nomia</u> meaning law. People that do not want to be ruled by laws.

And why is Donald Trump being called a Hitler, it is because he wants to enforce laws concerning immigration. Does that sound like Hitler?

anomia, an-om-ee'-ah; from 459; illegality, i.e. violation of law or (gen.) wickedness:-iniquity, X transgress (-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.

These same people who are calling Trump a Hitler are always against our police, are always putting down authority, are against a patriarchal society that seeks law and order.

In fact, check the record of those who call him a Hitler, and see what they think of Christianity, the Bible, and the Jews. Tell me who has the real Antichrist spirit.

Hitler want to expand his boarder.

Trump wants to contain his boarders. Hitler was famous for taking life and eugenics.

Trump is pro life.

Hitler Hated the Jews and Christians.

Trump loves the Jews and Christians.

Hitler controlled the News Media and purposely manipulated the news.

Trump is a victim of attacks from the news media which is being manipulated by liberals and democrats.

WHAT CONFUSION!

There are those who are of the Spirit of Christ, they confess Jesus Christ, the Bible, and are lovers of His people and His word.

Hitler falls under the category of the Antichrist, and isn't it amazing that many of the people calling Donald Trump a Hitler are of the same Spirit as Hitler himself! What a twist! Only the Devil himself could put such confusion into the minds of people.

This is the goal of Satan:

I Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

I Peter 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

EDMOND BURKE ONCE WROTE:

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

"When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

Once the church is gone Satan will seize the opportunity. There will be a short time when there is no resistance. Satan will move fast in that day!

Note even though the church will be gone, there will still be a great number of preachers going out preaching and people will be receiving the message. But they will be on their own without a church and churches will probably be outlawed. No freedom of speech. The whole world be be under martial law.

Revelation 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb

slain from the foundation of the world.

Notice the Antichrist will overcome the saints, but no mention of the church. Jesus said this about the Church.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

When Hitler saw that he could not succeed through revolt and violence, he went into politics. He did not play fair! He had the advantage because he was ruthless and would stoop to anything to get power. He drew in unscrupulous men with him. Again I refer to last weeks message about why it is that evil seems to prevail. Evil prevails because it is deceptive, and opportunistic.

Heinrich Himmler, Hermon Goering and Hitler were an unholy trinity.

Now Paul makes mention of the Anti Christ in II Thess 2:4.

II Thessalonians 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Rev. Chapter 13 give some details about the days when the Antichrist shall rise to power:

The Antichrist is called the man of sin, the son of perdition. This Unholy Trinity will consist of the following: The Dragon which is Satan Himself, The

False Prophet, and then the Antichrist himself referred to as the Beast of Rev. 13

There are some general things we can all know that will take place during this time according to Rev. Chapter 13.

Here is an outline of the details of what Paul makes mention of in II Thess 2:4. And expounded in Revelation Chapter 13:

- 1. Rev. 13:1-2 The Anti Christ will be brutal, Blasphemous, and empowered by Satan himself, the dragon.
- 2. Rev. 13:3 He will be wounded and killed but healed and then worshipped.
- 3. Rev. 13:4 He will demand that all worship the dragon (Satan) and the whole world worship him.
- 4. Rev. 13:5-9 All this will transpire in a period of 42 months or 3.5 years. This is called the great tribulation. Matt. 24:15 Jesus says, that when the Antichrist demands to be worshipped this will mark the Great Tribulation and a time of great persecution.
- 5. Rev 13:10-15 There will arise a false prophet who will require everyone to worship the beast and set up an image of the beast. We believe that image will be set up in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem and be a warning to all the Jews that this is the Abomination of desolation mentioned in the book of Daniel and the false Christ (see Daniel 11:31). This false prophet will decree if anyone does not worship this image they should be killed. See Matt. 24:15 also.
- Rev. 13:16-18 There will be a mark everyone will be required to have on either a persons right hand or forehead in order to buy or sell. I believe the stylish fad of tattooing is preparatory for the receiving of this mark.

Revelation 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

Revelation 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Revelation 13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six hundred threescore and six.

This Antichrist will make a covenant with Israel and will break it in the middle of a the 7 year period. The man of sin, the Anti Christ, will break the covenant and desecrate the temple of God.

Now all this is what is being resisted by the Holy Spirit and His Church today. It is our duty as Christians to resist this movement.

I am greatly alarmed by people actually talking about marking out people in the name of public health and safety. We have people like Bill Gates actually saying everyone needs to be vaccinated. Isn't amazing that a man like Bill Gates who is known for making his fortune with software is now in the medical business and wants to combine computers with vaccines all in the name of public health. He couldn't even keep viruses out of his own computers. Just a few years back Bill Gates was promoting population control. Maybe he still is with these vaccines. It is a known fact that a certain percentage of people will have a bad reaction to any vaccine.

Look, I don't know what is up or what the agenda is of some of these people, but one thing I know there is a lot of confusion out there and God is not the author of confusion. I believe it is our duty as Christians to resist the spirit of the Antichrist. Part of the agenda has not changed kill murder, control and manipulate the masses.

Satan is a murderer and the father of murderers. It is the duty of Christians to resist this great evil while we can.

You know that Niemoller had to apologize to the world for the lack of diligence and resistance that the German Church had towards the Antichrist spirit of Hitler. This is what he meant when he said, "They came for this one and that one and I did not resist, last of all they came for me and there was no one left to resist. Salt that loses it's savor, Jesus said, is good for nothing but to be trodden down under the foot of men.

Look, we are seeing things working towards the Antichrist, but it says, you know what resists, that resistance is the Holy Spirit of God in God's people and church.

I take you back to my first message in this series. When I gave my heart to the Lord and became a true Christian. (by the way) A true christian is one who us a spirit filled believer in Christ, and these people are sprinkled throughout organized churches, across denominations. Jesus predicted that in he end time 1/2 of all Christians would not be true Christians.

That day I received Christ I saw a film that portrayed life as a battle between the Kingdom of Satan and the Kingdom of God. That day I saw the spiritual battle and decided to become a recruit in the Kingdom of God.

Whose side are you on?

Jesus said this:

Matthew 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

There is no neutrality in this war.

There are only two sides to in the great struggle. Which side are you on?

In the beginning of this struggle our Lord announced this battle by saying to Satan:

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Satan hates people and especially Children. This is why he promotes abortion, eugenics and population control. Satan is the enemy of mankind and to surrender to his evil kingdom is the ultimate in the suicide of mankind.

Look, do you ever hear people making statements like,

<u>They</u> are trying to destroy us. <u>They</u> are out to take away our freedoms. <u>They</u> are looking to do this or that.

My question is **who are the they?** Give me names. Most of the time you can't. But we all refer to an invisible crowd of people though we do not know who they are as "THE THEY".

When we do this we are admitting there are powers to be in the background that are too big for us to identify.

Let me put a name to the they.

If you are of the seed of the serpent the "THEY" are the children of God who are trying to do right. That oppose what you want to do.

If you are a child of God the <u>"THEY"</u> are the seed of the serpent who are promoting the <u>Anti-Christ</u> agenda.

<u>There are only two sides to this battle</u>, those who promote a SPIRIT OF THE ANTICHRIST, and those who are SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH.

III. WE CAN KNOW THAT THE GREAT TRIBULATION WILL TAKE PLACE TO DRAW ISRAEL TO THEIR CHRIST.

Now what is the purpose of God allowing such iniquity to abound in this time of trouble, often referred to a time of Jacob's trouble or tribulation?

I say to you it is the same purpose he has for letting evil prevail so often in our present day life. When things go bad for us we should naturally want to cry out to God. You read from Genesis to Revelation God brings trials, difficulties, in the lives of people to draw them to himself. You think the person who goes through life with no trials or difficulties is the blessed person. No, it is the person who has experienced great trials and difficulties who is often blessed because those trials will draw them closer to God.

God will bring the great tribulation into this world to draw His people close to Him.

Paul said this:

Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Jesus predicted that the nation will be duped by the antichrist and receive him.

John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

This Antichrist will be everything that the Jewish nation will be looking for. A man who will promise them peace and safety. He will look good.

The truth is Niemoller supported Hitler's rise in power at first because Hitler claimed to be a Christian and labeled their common enemy the communist, an ungodly people who were out to destroy Germany. Niemoller agreed with him and supported him. When he woke up it was too late. So too, the Jews will support the Antichrist and believe he is their Messiah. But when he desecrates the newly built temple they will know it is too late. When they are told they will have to worship his image or die they flee to the wilderness.

Matthew 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Matthew 24:16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Matthew 24:17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

Matthew 24:18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Matthew 24:19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Matthew 24:20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Many believe that these Jews will flea to Petra, a fortress in the rocks that still exists outside of Israel. The Anti Christ will send an army to destroy the remnant but we read this.

Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Revelation 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

Revelation 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

Revelation 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Has't God done great a mightily miracles for that nation? During the tribulation God is going to work to bring His people back to Him. There will be a great many preachers that will be supernaturally saved during this time. The bible mentions 144,000 in fact. God will send two prophets to bring the nation back to Himself. One will be Elijah the other some people speculate will be Moses or Enoch. They will resist the Antichrist, and he will try to have them killed and will not succeed to after the great tribulation.

IV. WE CAN KNOW THAT ARMAGEDDON AND THE RETURN OF CHRIST WILL HAPPEN WHEN HIS PEOPLE CRY OUT.

Then the Bible says that a great army will come against the remnant of Israel and the Lord Himself. There will be a manifestation of the Lord in the skies and the Antichrist will draw out his armies to fight. Then the Lord will single handedly destroy these enemies.

Revelation 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Revelation 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Revelation 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

I believe this is when the saying will come to pass that all Israel will be saved. This also will be when the Lord sets all the people of the world before Him at what the Bible refers to as the Sheep Goat judgment Matt: 25:32

Then he will say to all the children of kingdom:

Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matthew 25:35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Matthew 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

V. WE CAN KNOW THERE WILL BE A 1000 YEAR MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.

After the tribulation Jesus will set up His literal Kingdom on earth and all His resurrected saints will rule and reign with Him 1000 years. There will be resurrected saints. That Kingdom will be everything that men are clambering for. A perfect environment, a perfect economy, a one world worship, one world government with Jesus at the head. In that last thousand years of history, righteousness shall prevail on earth. There will not any evil that will be promoted or permitted. It will be a perfect Kingdom in every way.

VI. WE CAN KNOW THERE WILL BE A FINAL REBELLION AGAINST CHRIST AND THE ETERNAL KINGDOM. THIS IS WHEN ALL EVIL WILL BE PUT DOWN.

But even after all this men fail and still rebel against the Lord.

Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

Revelation 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. Revelation 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

This will be the final battle the final war to put away evil once and forever.

Now this takes me back the question that the man asked me 36 years ago (that I mentioned to introduce last weeks message). He asked me, "If God is good and so powerful why is he allowing evil to prevail?"

He is doing so because He wants to reward those who trust Him through all the heartaches and difficulties of this life. Can we trust Him even though evil prevails?

Paul said,

Il Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

To us it is a mystery, but God has a future plan to restore this planet to the paradise it once was when He said,

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Right now we see these things working out and can see how they all will shortly come to pass. Let me ask you, which side are you on?

Matthew 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Look in this last video I am going to ask this question,

INVITATION WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE TO SERVE?

Will you serve the Lord or will you serve the spirit of the Anti Christ? Will you someday receive his mark? Or will you resist unto death is necessary? We are living in a day like never before, could you imagine our very freedoms are being taken away without any resistance. Who will you serve? Today is mother's day. My wife sang a song as a tribute to my mother. In closing I am going to have my wife sing a song I recorded my years ago entitled "AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE" This is the invitation, I want you to consider who will you serve as we see the Kingdom of the Anti Christ growing stronger and stronger. We can only wonder how it was that a whole nation followed a crazy man named Hitler, but let me tell you, that in our humanistic society, our mindset is worse than the mindset of the people of Germany in the time of Hitler. Hitler pretended to have moral standards. Today we have no standards. Hitler outlawed abortion for German citizens, while through his Eugenics program, euthanized millions of people he called non humans, We abort our own children and while pretending to protect the lives of immigrants, what hypocrisy.

Our philosophy of life and ethics is worse than Hitler's. It is our job to fight against the wicked purposes of those who have no ethics. The only thing that evil understands is restraint. We need to be the restrainers and not be deceived by liars and the deceptions of the radical left wing people of this world. We need to walk in the Spirit and resist evil and wickedness.

Who will you serve in this last days, WHO'S SIDE ARE YOU ON IN THIS CAUSE?

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE

BIBLE PREDICTIONS FOR THE END OF DAYS:

I. THE REMOVAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND RESTRAINER.

II. THE RISE OF THE MAN OF SIN OR ANTICHRIST.

III. THE GREAT TRIBULATION BROUGHT IN TO DRAW ISRAEL TO THEIR CHRIST.

IV. ARMAGEDDON AND THE RETURN OF CHRIST WHEN HIS PEOPLE CALL OUT TO HIM.

V. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 1000 YEAR MILLENNIAL KINGDOM.

VI. FINAL REBELLION AGAINST CHRIST AND THE ETERNAL KINGDOM.

On January 30th 1933, two days after Hitler was made Chancellor of Germany, Dietrich Bonhoeffer gave a radio lecture entitled "The Younger Generations Altered Concept Of Leadership". In that speech he was trying to explain why the "Der Fuhrer" syndrome in his nation was misguided. He speech was cut off before he concluded it. Hitler was not even called "Der Fuhrer" officially yet, but the nation would not hear the truth. We are seeing similar things happen where YouTube videos are being removed... Face book posts are being taken down. Many times because things are being said that facebook and youtube disagrees with.

Hitler was of the spirit of the Antichrist. He was a liar and used lies and deception to gain power. The ends justified the means. His favorite philosopher was Nietzsche, who despised Christianity. Hitler pretended to be a friend to the churches only because he knew that this is what he had to do to gain power.

This is the problem with a lie and a liar, often the reason we fall prey to lies and liars is not because it is not obvious that they are evil, it is because we do not want to believe they are lying. Those who do evil are evil. Those who reject God will do evil things. They will gravitate to ethics of convenience. It is hard to resist these people because to do so creates conflict. The only thing that contained Hitler was when he knew his enemies were too powerful for him to succeed. Evil men like wild animals must be contained and restrained. To not do so is to ask for a sure death to any society that pacifies them. When Hitler was not strong enough to do what he wanted he used deception until he was strong enough to overcome his resistance. He pretended to be a friend of Christianity for a while. This was out of pragmatics.

Niemoller, who was imprisoned for 8 years as a personal prisoner of Hitler said,

First they came for the Socialist, and I did not speak out Because I was not a Socialist

Then they came for the Trade Unionist, and I did not speak out Because I was not a trade Unionist

Then they came for the Jesus and I did not speak out.

Because I was not a Jew

And then they came for me

And there was no one left to speak for me.