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Good morning everyone. It is always encouraging to know that you are back here listening to the messages again. You know, it's funny in a way, but so not so funny really, I guess - but through the years Teresa and I have had a lot of people in our lives - people that come and go - and years ago - I was doing a lot of radio broadcasts regarding "off-grid" living - as in producing your own electricity - water pumping - all that kind of stuff and we had people that would contact us and ask if they could come see what we were doing and we would always try to be accommodating. We would actually have people from all over the world come to see what we were up to.

Well, the interesting thing is, almost everyone that came to visit was religious, in some form or another and being that we were trying to live "off-the-grid", that tends to attract people who were usually pretty zealous about their beliefs. They weren't what you might call - main-stream. Almost all of them were involved in quote "church" - but they tended to be more serious than most about their belief systems. And, of course, without exception, every single one of them that came for a visit - were futurists.

Back in the late 1990s, we attracted the ones who believed that Y2K was going to be the quote "end of the world." Well, I know today - I've got lots of people listening to me every single week - and you know what - they probably don't even know what Y2K means. Which is pretty funny. Since there were so many quote "prophets" who had convinced so many people that the world would end at the beginning of the year 2,000. Well, we're here, 20 years later, and those so-called "prophets" just continually move on to the next prophecy and claim - and amazingly - people keep following them. Wow. But for those of you who do not know, back in the 1990s, there were false prophets saying that computers were not programmed to go past 1999 - and it was going to cause all sorts of massive failures that was going to end in a major cataclysmic event - and some religious people jumped on the bandwagon and called it the quote "end of the world." Didn't happen.

Well, anyway, we did attract a lot of those type of people to the "off-grid" ideology. When these people came to visit, invariably, the conversation would always turn to things of a spiritual nature. Mainly because our guests would bring up either, the quote "rapture", the quote "coming tribulation period", the quote "second coming of Christ" etc. Fine. But here's the deal. If you come to my house, and you want to talk about the Bible - I'm all for it - but rest assured - by the time we're finished - you are going to hear

Fulfilled Bible Prophecy preached - and a Biblical answer to everything the futurist has to say - is forthcoming. That's only fair.

Well, the running joke with Teresa and I was - as soon as we closed the door behind the folks leaving - we'd look at each other and say - "That's the last time we'll see them." And what's interesting about it, is that every visit - with the exception of one time - every visit was nice, it was enjoyable, and we were happy that people came to see what we were doing. But then when they heard, either that the Bible doesn't teach a "rapture" or a "second coming" or - oh my - no "devil" - well - that was usually about it.

The one visit that didn't go well - was interesting. Usually it was the men who sometimes would bring their wives - sometimes you could just tell - the women were kicking and screaming - "I'm not living 'off-the-grid. I'm not living in a cave....." which was actually pretty silly - but it was usually the men who were excited to see the solar panels, and the generator running off used cooking oil, or the wood furnace, etc., and the women just weren't all that excited about it - but this one time - it was a woman that had made the initial contact with us - and she was excited about everything - but her husband was the one who came along kicking and screaming. They walked in the front door and the woman was just amazed. She was oohing and ahhing and just tickled pink to be in a house that was not connected to the electric grid.

But her husband, bless his heart, all he did was look around - then basically just proceed to tear apart every single thing we were doing. She'd say something really nice - then he'd just blurt out whatever was on his mind and just do everything he could to be as unkind as possible. That was, to my best recollection, the only time we had an uncomfortable visit.

Even when the conversation turned to all things spiritual, we never had another visit, where we felt like everyone left on a very amicable basis and attitude. But, you could just tell, "That would be the last time we saw that couple."

So, to preach every week, and just see the same ones - and then new ones - just keep coming back over and over - well - it's just such a beautiful thing to Teresa and I. There's hardly a week go by where Teresa doesn't ask me about the numbers of people listening or downloading. It's such a refreshing change for us.

Michael has posted another Michael's Minutes to the website. He called this one quote "a little off the norm" and said this is probably the last quote "nice piece" for a while.

And speaking of Michael, he along with Teresa and Chris from Wisconsin and Edward from Washington, Jeff from Missouri and others have been pretty consistent contributors to the fake Corona virus page on the website. I am hearing from more and more people who are saying it has become a valuable tool for them. Feel free to take anything from there that you want to. Also, watch for some new things this week in regards to whether even such things as quote "viruses" even exist. I've had my doubts for quite a while and Michael and some others have been sending in some things that need a close look.

Every single day, I get emails - from all over the world - from people who are listening every week - some people tell me they listen to the messages - the same ones - several times a week. And, yeah, I get it. When you've heard something for so long - then another perspective comes along and fills in the missing pieces - yeah - it may take a message to get someone thinking - then you might have to listen again because so many more pieces of the puzzle start coming together.

Even though I tell you every single week how humbled and encouraged I am that you continually come back - I mean it with my whole heart - and maybe now you know a little bit more as to why. I will tell you - the last 30+ years or so has been pretty lonely at times. You preach and preach and teach and teach - and witness and witness - and it just seems like more people run away than those that run to. But, and I'm not totally sure why - that seems to be changing quite a bit. And I am really glad about that.

Yeah, I know that the world seems to be changing rapidly right now and maybe that's causing more people to wake up and look for better answers than what they've been given - and - like I've said a thousand times - if a man's answers have been coming from someone or someplace that is an advocate for something called quote "church" - that man or woman is doing very well if they are going back and reexamining every single thing they ever believed about the Bible - if their faith - their system of belief - has been shaped or molded by someone or something who does not teach that the word "church" should not be in our Bibles.

This is not the topic of today's message - and I may not even get there today - but I want to tell you something that's been on my heart for a long time and I need to get it out there. And, yes, again, it has to do with quote "church."

For as long as I can remember, and that would be back to the 1960s, from 62 to 69, I would have been, according to my mother, at the most 7 years old. But, I remember a

lot of things from the 60s. And, almost every memory that I have from the 60s is quote "church" related. The quote "church" that I was brought to - every single time the doors were open - and I mean that - every time the doors were open - my parents were there. That quote "church" was once called "Beaver Street Baptist Church." Then, in the middle 60s, they built a new building - still there today - but today it's buildings are occupied by a black quote "church" called Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ. I've gone on youtube and looked at their quote "services" and the inside of that place looks basically the same today. Same red seats. I've even seen the same seat that I sat in glued to the quote "pastor" while he preached - me - sitting there in my blue plaid suit and tie.

And, as a little kid, I can remember sitting there wondering why, when the new building was built in the middle 60s - why did they change the name of the place from Beaver Street Baptist Church, to Jacksonville Baptist Temple.

No, I did not know how sinister - and I mean that - how evil - and I mean that - how deceptive - and I mean that - I did not know the problems with the word "church" - but you know what I did know - and brethren, yes, I know this is weird - because I'm telling you I had these thoughts before the age of 7 years old - but I could not understand why the quote "leadership" changed the name of the place from "church" to "temple."

I didn't know about the word "church" but I somehow I knew about the word "temple." The "temple" was for Old Covenant Israel. There seemed to be something really wrong with so-called "Christians" calling their quote "place of worship" - a temple.

Don't ask me how I knew that was wrong. I do not have an answer. But I can tell you - as a little kid - having no clue about "church" - why I had a problem with people calling quote "the Lord's house" - a temple in 1967.

The temple in Jerusalem - the temple that was part of the Old Covenant - the temple that was the centerpiece of the Old Covenant World - the Old Covenant Age - was destroyed - it was destroyed by God said it would be - it was destroyed because that Old system - that old way of doing things was just a temporary system - the sacrifices and all that were involved with it - the system of the priesthood and all that went with it - was a temporary system that was going to be replaced by a new and better way. The Old World prophets prophesied the end of physical Jerusalem and the end of the physical temple - Christ prophesied the end of physical Jerusalem and the end of the physical temple. It was destroyed and it was replaced. Not with just a new version of

the same old thing - but with something entirely different.

And because the jews never accepted Christ - they never accepted Him as Messiah - I'm telling you that quote "church" is man's attempt to bring back the temple - bring back the synagogue - they have been trying to resurrect something that God Himself caused to be destroyed and they do so because ultimately - they still do not believe that Jesus, that Yeshua, was the Messiah.

There are so many things in the quote "church" building that are carry-overs from the temple. How about this one? Have you ever wondered why "churches" have quote "altars?" In the New Covenant world - what reason could there ever be for an altar? All through my days of quote "church" I never could understand why they always had a quote "altar call." "Come meet us down here at this holy altar."

Friends, the "altar" was a place for the Old Covenant sacrifice wasn't it?

There are other things inside the quote "church" building today that are carry-overs from the Old World temple. Lord willing, at some point, we'll get into them later.

The teachings of the quote "church" are equally bad as the physical things - futurism - a coming messiah, a coming kingdom.

It was written that one of the major things the temple was for - and this was certainly a good thing - but it was the place where the Law of God was read. In contrast to the quote "church" this, of course, since it was a good thing in the temple - was not carried over into the imposter that quote "church" is. "Church" might have a little redeeming value - if they would at least read the Law of God. Instead, "church" has been at the forefront - in not just the U.S. - but all over the world - "church" and the "churchmen" have been the leading proponents that the Law of God has been done away with.

And, if the Law of God has been done away with - then what's left? The only thing that is left is man's law. You know it, I know it, "church" has been the leading advocate for man's quote "laws" in all of society. "Church" has been the most flag-waving, military supporting, CONstitution worshipping, politician worshipping aspect in all of society.

"Church" is man's attempt to revive the temple - but not for any good aspects of the temple - but for the reasons in which the temple was destroyed. In Christ's day, the temple had become a den of thieves. It had become a place where man's traditions and

man's doctrines had replaced the Laws of God and the commandments of God. It had become a place where Yahweh, God of Israel, had been replaced. Many times Christ - the very Son of God - ministered in the temple - and by the time He was finished - the high priests had gathered conspirators together to find ways to murder the very Son of God.

In that great John chapter 11, the story of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead. What a story! What a great story the Bible tells of how Lazarus, the one whom Jesus loved - had been quote "dead" for several days - yet when Jesus got there the Scriptures say that when they took Him to the gravesite, He cried with a loud voice saying, "Lazarus come forth."

[44] And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

[45] Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

Wow. Many of them believed? If it were for the fact that we know from the Scripture that during this time period - some were called - and some were not. Some were chosen and some were not. Some believed on Christ -

[46] But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done.

[47] Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles.

Seems like it should have been an easy choice. But for the Old Covenant fact that Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated - it was the Pharisees - it was the chief priests - which were the unbelievers. Why not the people as the unbelievers and the priests as the believers? That seems like it would have been a better way to do this. I mean, shouldn't the preachers be the ones leading the way to Christ? And the people be the rebellious ones? No. Not here. And sadly, it seems like it's a tradition that's carried on into the New Covenant World, also. Look what the preachers said.

[48] If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him:

Well great. Isn't that what we want? Isn't that the goal? Wouldn't that please Yahweh? But no,

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and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

It never ceases to amaze me at how the modern religious world has so convinced most of their serious proponents - that Christ - His Kingdom - His message - the Gospel - is not political.

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How could believing on Christ be such a threat to Rome that Rome would come down and take away - watch both our place -

What place? Our place - that's the chief priests saying that they had quote "place" - they had standing - they had position - recognition - from Rome. But if the people who were under their watch believed on Jesus - the Romans would take away their tax exempt status - and would even declare war on those people.

Little g "governments" use the quote "religious leaders" to accomplish their purpose. I had told you several weeks ago to watch, you would see quote "churches" being talked about as quote "vaccination centers." And it's happening. And it isn't happening because it was a prophetic statement - it's happening because that's what quote "churches" do - they are the religious arm of the state. If the state wants people to be injected with experimental gene therapy - then the quote "churches" and the "churchmen" will be the most patriotic front runners for their masters. They are always trying to please their masters so their masters won't take away their place or their nation.

I'm telling you that quote "church" is man's attempt to resurrect the Old Covenant temple that God destroyed and replaced with something totally different.

Turn with me to Isaiah chapter 66 please this morning. A couple weeks ago, I had read a passage from this chapter and asked for you to make a note for me and someone remind me that I need to go back here and make some comments.

Quite frankly, when I read it a couple of weeks ago, it hit me like it never had before and I was a little stunned and actually unprepared to make a comment - so I decided to come back to it.

It was very timely because I had been a little bit engaged with a man who had written to me this week and had told me he did not believe in Fulfilled Bible Prophecy. And, one of the reasons he didn't believe, was because quote "the Gospel had not been preached to the whole world."

I would expect that any of you who have listened to this preacher for any amount of time at all, could have pointed this man to the several passages that say that the Gospel was, in fact, preached to every creature which is under heaven. Colossians 1:6 and 23. And of course, I steered this fellow to those same passages. To which I received a response that Paul was wrong about what he said. Paul may have thought what he said was true, but there was simply no way Paul could have made that statement as the truth.

Well, friends, the only thing you can say in response to something like that is that Paul only wrote what God, through the Holy Spirit, inspired him to write. There was an occasion where Paul said that he was giving his opinion - but I don't know how we could take the rest of what he wrote and just arbitrarily decide what was Holy Spirit inspired and what wasn't. It's like the times we read about "false accusations" in the Scriptures. When the accusations were false - the Scriptures say so. When an accusation is not said to be false - we have no business just arbitrarily saying an accusation was false - when the text doesn't say so.

There are two really good examples of this. The first is in Luke 23 - when the official charges against Christ were read in open court.

[1] And the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto Pilate.

[2] And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this fellow perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he himself is Christ a King.

[3] And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest it.

Far and away the majority of quote "preachers" today - say this accusation against Christ was false. The text does not say so.

The next example is Acts 17:5-7

[5] But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

[6] And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

[7] Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

Once again, the majority of quote “preachers” today say this was false accusations. The text does not say so. This is exactly what these followers of Christ were preaching. And it's the same thing we should be preaching today.

When Paul wrote - two times in Colossians chapter 1 - the Gospel was in all the world - and the Gospel was preached to every creature which is under heaven;

There is absolutely no reason why we should cast doubt on what he said. If that had been his opinion, or if there was a reason to doubt what he said, then, sure let's discuss it. But, no, some people cannot have this to be a true statement, because then they'd have to admit that Matthew 24:14 *could* have had fulfillment in the first century. Of course, we know that it had fulfillment in the first century because Christ said so.

Even if Paul had not written what he wrote in Colossians 1:6 and 23, we would still believe that Christ's Words from Matthew 24:14 were fulfilled because He said, “This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.” Matthew 24:14 was a thing - as in “all these things.”

Here's something that is particularly bothersome about this. Many people that I have heard from through the years concerning objections on Fulfilled Bible Prophecy - continually point to Matthew 24:14 and say that it is unfulfilled Bible prophecy. And, if you mention C.I. Scofield to them, they'll puff up and get indignant and say they don't believe C.I. Scofield. Yet, it's the Scofield notes on Matthew 24 where the whole concept of Matthew 24:14 being unfulfilled originated from - at least in the last 100 years.

Isaiah 66, verse 22.

[22] For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith Yahweh, so shall your seed and your name remain.

These same words were also stated in Isaiah 65 if you recall. Now, if you have not been convinced that the new heavens and the new earth represents the New Covenant World - then you need to go back and read Revelation 21 and Hebrews 12 - and do it over and over again until you understand that the new heavens and the new earth and the new Jerusalem - those words - that is what the Bible uses to describe the New Covenant Age. If you don't get this, read Revelation 21 then read Hebrews 12. The words are almost identical. That is the New Covenant World - the endless - timeless - age - that began "officially" with the destruction of the temple and the destruction of Jerusalem, that took place in AD70. The Old Covenant World - the Old Covenant Age - began the process of fading away with the declaration of the birth of John the Baptist. John the Baptist was prophesied by the Old Covenant prophets. Then, of course, John's ministry. The birth of Christ, the ministry of Christ. The death, burial and resurrection of Christ. The resurrection of Christ was a major fulfillment of Bible prophecy and a major milestone in the passing of the Old Covenant World - the Old Covenant Age.

The ascension of Christ accelerated the vanishing period. The Day of Pentecost accelerated the vanishing away. That day was called - this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel - it shall come to pass - in the last days....

The Old Covenant World - the Old Covenant Age vanished away finally and completely at AD70 with the annihilation of the temple and Jerusalem - and the New Covenant was fully, completely and officially instituted at that time as well. This is why the sacrifices are no more. No temple, no sacrifice. All the rest of the ceremonial aspects of the Old World - gone - no physical Jerusalem. No temple, no tabernacle.

We have to understand the new heavens and the new earth as meaning the New Covenant World in which we now live.

In Isaiah 66, the prophecy of the new heavens and the new earth are at the end of Isaiah's book. But go up earlier, go up to verse 18. This is where I told you I was stunned that I had not seen the importance of this until I read this two weeks ago in my message. Verse 18:

[18] For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

There is no doubt in my mind, this is a prophecy concerning the revealing of the Messiah in the first century when He was physically born, He physically walked this earth, He was here. And He showed the world the glory of His Father. Verse 19:

[19] And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the [Gentiles] nations.

Do you see this. Funny thing, the guy that was writing to me and telling me that Paul was wrong about the Gospel being preached throughout the world - specifically mentioned quote "the isles" and he was saying that it was a known fact that the Gospel did not reach the quote "isles" until well after AD70.

Well, many of you would know my response again. You can't talk about history books. I had a dear brother say to me this week about tracing his family tree back over a 1,000 years. And this guy knows I love him and care about him - but I just don't know how we could possibly be sure about such a statement. My mother has told me a little about her grandmother and grandfather. But I never met them. When my mother passes away - there will be no longer any eye-witnesses to my great-grandparents. The people telling the quote "history" cannot get yesterday's "history" correct. How could we possibly trust them to tell us history from a 1,000 years ago? Two thousand years ago? Three thousand years ago?

I don't care about a secular history book. I do care about the Bible. I have to trust the fact that God said He would preserve His Word. If we don't have that promise to lean on - we don't have much - in fact - we don't have anything. Look, surely you've seen where quote "historians" say that Jesus, Yeshua, never existed. I've seen it. And it goes in one ear and right out the other. The Word of God is sure, it's true. Yes, I know, I know, men have tried to pervert it. They've tried to completely destroy it. They have actually successfully altered it - but when led by the Spirit of God - from the perspective that Christ is King right now - we can see - in fact quite easily really - we can see where men have tried to alter the Word. And we can know assuredly, what they've done, why they did it - and we can warn others. And we can be confident that we are led and are walking in the truth.

From Isaiah 66, we see that before the New Covenant World, the new heavens and the new earth were instituted - God caused His fame - His Gospel - His Good news - to be preached in far off places where His fame had never been heard of.

And this was before the new heavens and the new earth. This was before the institution of the New Covenant. This had to be - forget the history books - they are not to be trusted - the new heavens - the new earth - clearly names for the New Covenant - Revelation 21, Hebrews 12 - instituted at the destruction of the temple - AD70 - why? - because the history books say that Jerusalem was destroyed in AD70? No. Because Christ said THAT generation would not pass away until there was not one stone standing upon another that would not be thrown down. Why? Because of history books? No. Because the time of the Messiah came in the first century. The Fulfillment of the Old Covenant prophets took place in that time period - the Old Covenant passed away and we are now - have been now since the first century - in the New Covenant World.

Why are the quote "jews" not sacrificing lambs today? Because their religion was destroyed when the temple was destroyed in the first century - and by their own admission - they have no temple to sacrifice lambs in. And this was the work an plan of God. This is great, great proof that the Messiah did come in the first century - and it's the reason why the whole world - Godly and pagan - has their calendar set to the first century - because it was the century that began a New World.

Wycliffe translated these verses an interesting way. Listen to this:

And I shall set a sign in them, and I shall send of them that be saved to heathen men, into the sea, into Africa, and into Lydia, and to them that hold [an] arrow, into Italy, and (into) Greek land, to isles far (off), (and) to them that heard not of me, and saw not my glory. And they shall tell (of) my glory to heathen men,

This is a prophecy that was to occur prior to the New Covenant World being established in AD70.

The original prophecy of Christ was that the Gospel need only to be preached throughout the Roman Empire - then the end would come - the end of the Old Covenant World - the Old Covenant Age - but Paul - and my guess - I'll tell you it's a guess - said the Gospel was preached to every creature which is under heaven.

Do you think Paul knew Isaiah 66? For some who would even entertain the thought - I won't - but for some who would even entertain the thought that Paul wrote according to his own thoughts and ideas - and not under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit of God - do you think the influence of Isaiah 66 could have had anything to do with what Paul wrote? Either way - Fulfilled Bible Prophecy wins.

The truth is, and this has to be part of our faith - our system of belief - when Christ said that the Gospel of the Kingdom would be preached in all the world, as a witness to all nations - then the end would come - and it would come before that generation passed away - look - the easiest thing to do is just believe what Christ said. I'm not going to listen to "churchmen." I'm not going to listen to quote "historians." They all have an agenda - and it is not the agenda of the present day reality of the Kingdom - now.

If we let Him thus alone - all men will believe on Him - and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.

Do you not see that as an agenda? If we preach that this Jesus, this Yeshua, if we preach that He is Christ, He is King, His Kingdom is now and we are to bow to no others - we are going to lose our tax-exempt status and the tax-deductible gift.

I've said this before, maybe you'll remember. It was many years ago, probably the summer after Bill Clinton was first selected as the quote "president" of the U.S. I was listening to the radio and James Dobson was on. He was talking about the proliferation of pornography in the U.S. and it had come about because Clinton became quote "president." He went on to say that he wanted so badly to tell people not to vote for Clinton because he knew that there would be an explosion of pornography with Clinton - he wanted to warn people about this - but he could not because he would be in violation of quote "election laws".

I just couldn't believe that he would have actually made a statement like that and could not comprehend what he was saying.

If we let Him thus alone - all men will believe on Him - and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.

Stand for Christ. Stand for the Kingdom. Absolutely. Let's take our - and I hate to use the word - but I'll go on just for colloquialism' sake - let's take our chances - let's take our

chances that all men will believe on Him - and let's just see if the Romans can come and take our place and our nation. Our King said the gates of hell will not prevail against His Ecclesia.

Let's try this for a change. Let's see what will happen if we believe on Him. Look, we've tried just about everything else there is to try. We've all played quote "church." Many have played with the CONstitution. Some have even tried with the military. Look where it's gotten us.

Isn't it time we try the Ecclesia? Isn't it time we try the called out Christian community of believers? Isn't it time we try being citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel? Isn't it time we try the Kingdom of God? The world has told us for long enough that Christ's Kingdom is not political. It's just a pie-in-the-sky spiritual application confined to what you eat (that's debatable), what you drink, what you smoke, what five or six words you aren't allowed to say. And of course, if the little g "government" tells you to take an experimental gene therapy drug - well - that's out of the spiritual realm - and Jesus would take the quote "vaccine" so - you should, too.

As you look at the quote "news" or watch what the world is doing out there today - are you sitting there like someone who is standing outside a building maybe looking in through a window to see what's going on? Do you understand what I mean?

I look at the quote "politicians" and here they say things like "All Americans will be vaccinated by the summer of 2021" and it's like they're talking about a lot of people other than me. Sad thing is, they probably would look at me and think I'm one of them, mainly because we share the same soil, share the same skin color in most instances - but I'm not one of them. I don't want to be one of them. I don't want their politicians. I don't want their "scientists" their "doctors" - I don't want their religion. I don't want their military. I don't want their flags. I don't want their songs. I can't help but look in the window - but I don't want to go inside.

I long for having neighbors who believe like I do. I long for having neighbors that claim citizenship in the commonwealth of Israel. We have the same beliefs, we have the same politics - because we have the same King and we're citizens of the same Kingdom. I long to be on the inside with people of like faith - like systems of belief - and have the world looking through the window trying to see what those people are doing.

Teresa sent me one of those cartoons the other day for the Funny Pages. It was a

collage of the faces of some of the quote “health leaders in men's governments” today. It was a clown show. It was hilarious. I don't want to be led by - I don't want people to even think I am led by those people. I want to be part of a flock of people who have committed themselves to the Voice of the Good Shepherd.

But I'm going to just tell you right now. I don't know how to do this. Brethren, and I'm talking to the men that I know right here, right now, on what is called American soil. There are others in other places around the world right now - who are contacting me saying - “Hey, will you guys hurry up and start leading so we can see what we're supposed to be doing?” Wow. How humbling. Or maybe I should say, “How humiliating?”

When we get together for our Conference in just a little more than a month and a half right now, we've got to convene ourselves in the spirit of Ecclesia and begin to take some real steps in moving towards Ecclesia. You might say to me - and go ahead and do it - because I say it to myself all the time - just start right there where you are. And yeah, I get it. And, Lord knows I've tried. For years I've tried. I talk to people all the time about Ecclesia, about the commonwealth of Israel. On a local level here, I've not seen much fruit.

Changing gears for a minute, I'm pretty sure I told you I wanted to go back and take a look at Deuteronomy 18 in regards to the statement I made regarding prophets. Sometimes while I'm preaching, something will pop into my head and I make a statement or quote a verse and tell you where it was - then I find out later that I gave the wrong verse. That aggravates me because I'm a bit of a perfectionist I guess, and I want to make sure I give the right passages when I am quoting, or whatever.

But, when I say something from memory - without checking to make sure it wasn't a carry-over from the “church days” ooh - that's particularly aggravating. But I am really grateful that I now have some very Godly men that I consider to be overseers of this ministry - and on Deuteronomy 18 - they had my back - so to speak - and I'm glad about that. I heard from 3 of them this past week and we need to go back for a few minutes this morning to Deuteronomy 18. Before we do, I'll say a couple things. First, the Levitical priesthood from the Old World has ended. There is no need for that office in the New Covenant World. The sacrifices ended. That system ended and there will never be another sacrifice offered that is pleasing to Yahweh. It's over.

The same is the office of the Prophet. There are no more prophecies. All the prophecies

were fulfilled in the first century. That office is closed. That which is perfect came - He came - and He ended the office of not just prophet - but all the apostolic gifts that were demonstrated in the early Ecclesias - from the time of the ascension of Christ - until His return at AD70. Everything we need to know is in Scripture and in nature. Nature confirms Scripture. We don't need people speaking in unknown tongues. We don't need prophecies.

With that said, the fact that the Levitical priesthood and the office of Prophet from Deuteronomy 18 leaves us with whatever principles we can glean from - and help us learn the Perfect Will of God for us in the New Covenant World.

I made the statement last week, based on Deuteronomy 18:22 that in the Old Covenant World - when a prophet prophesied and his prophecy did not come true - he was discredited and not to be believed. He wasn't supposed to be killed - just discredited. Well, friends, that's just not what the text says. And that's what I get for not going to the first verse like I usually do. Verse 20 says:

[20] But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

I realize this is the Old Covenant World - but Yahweh takes this very seriously. He didn't change His mind in the New World regarding people that claim, "God told me - and God told me to tell you." This is serious business. I apologize for reading verse 22, without reading verse 20. I'll try to be more careful - and of course - you guys fire away as soon as possible if you see or hear me misstate Scripture again. I am grateful to you guys who wrote to me.

Last week I played for you a nauseating video from Pat Robertson. I realize that to you and me, he's a laughingstock. He's been one for a long long time. Forty years ago I wrote him off as a nutjob. But friends, this guy has a following - an enormous following. And in what is called October of 2020, he got on his television show and told people that God told him Trump was going to win the U.S. selection in November. Now we have this:

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/22/politics/pat-robertson-trump-2020-election/index.html>

But God told him. Yeah, right. God told him. So God is a liar. That's what that all boils down to.

Look, God does not speak to people today. There are no more prophecies. The prophecies ended because they were for the end of the Old Covenant World - the Old Covenant Age.

Our job is to build the Kingdom. Our job is to be good, faithful citizens of the Commonwealth of Israel and build His nation, the nation that was established in I Peter chapter 2 and named in Ephesians 2. We need to make sure that the Voice we are listening to is the Voice of the Good Shepherd - and His alone.

If someone is talking to us - and they are not teaching in the name of - in the Authority of the King - if they are talking in the name of - or in the authority of something called "church" - then they are speaking in the name of other gods. The principles of Deuteronomy 18 in regards to those who preach the Word or preach in the name of - or in the Authority of God - are the same.

And brethren, preaching in the name of God, or Yahweh, while holding the Bible in one hand and the CONstitution in the other is a violation of the principles contained in Deuteronomy 18.

In conclusion today, one of our longtime listeners wrote in this week and asked about Matthew 24:35 in contrast to Ecclesiastes 1:4.

Remember now, Ecclesiastes 1:4 says,

One generation cometh, another passeth away, but the earth abideth forever.

From the message on 1/10/2021, I opened that message with this passage of Scripture. If you need a refresher on this, then please refer back to that message. This is the same earth - as in -

In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

This is talking about the earth - the land. This is the earth from Genesis 1. This is the Bible's account of creation. And Ecclesiastes says that this earth - abides forever. Generations come, generations go, but God's creation continues forever. If someone wanted to challenge me on the word for ever - as it's found in the first 39 books of the Bible - I'd be open to discussion on it. For instance, in regards to lamb sacrifices in Exodus 12; Exodus 29; Leviticus 6 and other places - the lamb sacrifice is said to be an ordinance - for ever. But we know that can't be the case.

And once again, understanding the Bible from the Fulfilled Bible Prophecy position is the only way we can understand what the phrase "for ever" means as in the Old Covenant World - the Old Covenant Age - as it relates to the sacrifices being an ordinance or a statute for ever. In the instance of the sacrifice, and other ordinances in the Old Covenant World that were said to be for ever - we understand that "for ever" can only be until - what? - the "end of the world." The "end of the age." The "for ever" of those ordinances - ended with the end of the world. It's the only thing that makes sense. This is why, in reference to the New Covenant - He says,

Behold, I make all things new.

So the "for evers" of the Old Covenant World - the Old Covenant Age - ended when that world ended - and then all things were made new in the New World - the New Covenant. Look, if that isn't so, then we're missing something. We should be sacrificing. This is why there's so much confusion out there. "Well, we're pretty sure we shouldn't be sacrificing, but we'll keep doing the feasts - but of course, with our own twist on them." No. Those "for ever" ordinances that had sacrifices as a part of them - ended with the end of the world.

But Ecclesiastes 1:4 isn't talking about ordinances, it's not talking about sacrifices, it's talking about the physical land - the earth. If someone wants to insist on staying consistent with every reference to "for ever" when it's found in the first 39 books - it's still not a problem from this perspective. Because the Scriptures still do not refer to the end of the physical earth as we know it.

So, in Matthew 24:35, Christ said,

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

[36] But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

This reference of heaven and earth passing away - is not talking about the physical earth. This is still talking about the end of the Old Covenant Age. The passing of the heaven and the earth is language representing the end of the age. Remember when you are reading Matthew 24 - always go to the first three verses so you can keep the rest of it in perspective. The day where - speaking of the temple -

there would not be left one stone standing upon another

was referred to as the end of the world. When the temple came down, that was the end of their world as they knew it. Their world - everything in the Old Covenant World of Israel - revolved around that temple.

Every time we see the phrase or something similar to it, the passing of the heaven and the earth - the Scripture is talking about the passing of the Old Covenant age.

Look at Matthew 5. We'll look at verses 17-18:

[17] Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

[18] For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Of course, look at how obvious verse 17 is. Christ said - I have come to fulfil the law and the prophets. You want to hear something interesting? Listen to the way Tyndale translated verse 17:

Thinke not yt I am come to destroye the lawe or the Prophets: no I am nott come to destroye them but to fulfyll them.

He came to fulfill the prophets. Back to verse 18,

Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Jots and tittles are punctuation marks. He said punctuation marks wouldn't even pass from the Law - till heaven and earth pass. How much more important was the sacrificial system compared to punctuation marks? Well there's no comparison. In order for any part of the Law to pass - heaven and earth had to pass away. This again, is talking about

the end of the Old Covenant World - the end of the Old Covenant Age. That's what the passing of the heavens and the earth means.

It is okay to believe that the sacrificial system of the Old Covenant World ended - because the heaven and the earth - did in fact - pass away.

Once again, this is why there is so much confusion, even among people that are trying to move on from "church." Failing to understand the phrase "heaven and earth" in relation to its passing is going to cause all kinds of problems. The most notable thing that happens is futurism. Then, you'll have people talking about a physical rebuilt temple in Jerusalem. Then they'll talk about the reinstating of animal sacrifices - and ultimately what you'll have is zionism. And the crazy thing about is - some will be preaching the message of zionism on one hand - then claim they are standing against the quote "jews as God's chosen people."

I had someone write to me lately that said, "First of all, I do not believe in the end of the world like the "churches" teach - but I do believe in the end of the age."

The end of the world means the end of the Old Covenant age.

The passing of the heavens and the earth means the end of the Old Covenant age. The last days, the end times, those terms refer to the last days - the end times of the Old Covenant. And, the only end of days, end of time, that the Bible talks about - is the end of the Old Covenant Age.

We are in the New Covenant World. That time period where the entire world sets their calendar. It's a New World because the New World has a new King. It's a New World because in the Old World Yahweh yielded certain things to mere men - as in - "Here you go, you want kings like all the other nations. For a little while, Let's you have a go at this. Let's see what you can do with line of thinking." It didn't work. So God sent His Son saying, "Surely they will reverence my very own Son."

Well, those men that wanted kings like all the other nations, took His Son, and they killed and said to themselves, "We'll keep His inheritance to ourselves." But no. Those days were ending quickly. God, according to the parable His Son spoke, killed those miserable men and made sure that His Son, the rightful heir to the throne of David, took that throne. And He's been on that throne since the New World began. Blessing generations who are not ashamed to call Him Lord. And cursing generations who

continue to revive the Old World.

This is why it is so vitally important that we understand that the prophecies were fulfilled in the first century and a New World came into existence.

We don't play "church" anymore because we refuse to participate in something that's trying to revive the Old World. We don't play state anymore, because we refuse to participate in something that tries to restore having kings like all the other nations.

Let's change our minds. Let's get our minds renewed and restored in the New World - and let's get about the work of Ecclesia.