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I know when that high, that high pitch went up, I went down. Amen. Well, if you have your Bibles, if you could please turn to the Gospel Luke, the Gospel Luke and Luke chapter 21 and junior church could be discharged.

They already left. It's all good. I want to thank those who are watching by internet.

What a blessing. And if you're here, if you could please stand, if you found your place, Luke chapter 21, beginning in verse 25. And I think I forgot to put the number.

Did I put the number in the, okay. And the pew pew Bibles. So here in Luke chapter 21, verse 25, the Bible says, and there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars and upon the earth, distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring men's heart, failing them for fear for the looking after those things, which are come coming on the earth for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the son of man coming in the clouds with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads for your redemption, draweth nigh. Let's pray.

Father, we thank you. We thank you for your word. And father, you did not leave us not knowing what is coming upon this earth and what's coming.

And father, I ask you now that your people would be prepared, that we would study your word, that we would strengthen each other and encourage each other. And father, I pray that this message would speak to each and every one of us here and those listening. And father, may we, as we look around, may we recognize that we might be living in those last days.

So father, again, I just ask you to use this message to strengthen your people in Jesus name. Amen. You can be seated at this time, Barney.

So we are living, if you look around, we're living in some frightening and uncertain times. She usually gets a cold one, but thank you. You know, people are anxious today.

I think more than ever of the uncertainty of what's going on in the world. You look around and you see terrorism and crime and natural disasters. And I believe fear seems to be everywhere.

And yet Jesus never intended his people to live in panic and worry. He did give us a clear signs so that we would recognize when the time is near. In fact, the New Testament contains, thank you, contains 300, think of this, 300 references of Jesus coming back, his second coming back to earth to rule and reign.

But we know that this before that happened, there's going to be a lot of things happening in this world. And while he did not give us the day or the hour of his return, he did give us some clear signs that we would recognize when the time is near. In fact, the New Testament contains, again, I'll say it, 300 references of his second coming.

And here in Luke chapter 21, Jesus began to prepare his disciples and I believe us also for future events. His purpose is not to scare us, but to prepare us. Amen.

And today you find people that they're just going in life. I believe like they're crawling in the dark. They don't know what's going on, what's happening.

But I know that Jesus wants his people to react with a calm and deliberate faith as we begin to see things unravel. Amen. And it's so true as we look around, we see so much division, so much going on.

And when we look at scripture, we see that the church age right here, which happened after Jesus' death and resurrection, 50 days after was Pentecost. When what happened, the disciples and those believers in Jesus, they were given what? The Holy Spirit came upon them. And we see in Acts how the disciples began to speak in different tongues because it was so many nations of Jews that were from all different nations that came back and they had to hear the message in their language, even though they were Jews.

So we find today that the church age was once a mystery. The Old Testament, you couldn't find that God would bring Jew and Gentile together and form the church and fill his people with the spirit of God when they find Christ, when they turn and receive him as Lord and Savior. That's the church today, those who would come and be changed by the Holy Spirit.

And we find that, look with me, turn to Colossians. And if you can't, if you're not too good with moving around in the Bible, don't worry. I will read it.

But here in Colossians chapter one, look what it says in verse 26. Again, the church. And when I say churches, those who put their faith and trust in Jesus.

Now we have religion church all over, all different denominations. But the church he's speaking of are those who have been given the Holy Spirit because of their faith in Jesus. And we see it here in Colossians chapter one.

Look what it says in verse 26. It says, even the mystery which had been hid from ages, from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints, to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Isn't that amazing? Christ in you.

Also, we notice that there's another mystery that is a part of the church, and that's called the rapture. How many people heard of the rapture? How many people know of the catching away before the second coming of Christ? And if you are, if you turn back, well, if you turn to first Corinthians chapter 15, first Corinthians chapter 15, and this is amazing, verse 51. And again, we see that word mystery.

And here in first Corinthians 1551, look what it says. It says, behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for

the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall rise incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. You know, years ago, I'm talking back in the, I believe in the 90s, was a series on left behind. How many remember that series? Left behind, that was what it was talking about.

This mystery that you could not see in the Old Testament. We saw a glimpse with Enoch, didn't we? When he was not, because he walked with God, and he was not. But today, think of this.

You know, a lot of people don't understand. A lot of people never heard this, but it's in the scriptures. And here we find in first Corinthians 1551, the Bible says it's a mystery what's going to happen.

And the signs of his coming is not a mystery. As I said before, 300 references in the New Testament of Jesus coming back to rule and reign is second coming. So as we look, if you turn back to Luke chapter 21, Luke chapter 21, we find here, we see first of all, the signs that have come to pass.

Yes, these are signs that, prophecies that were said, signs in history. And here in Luke chapter 21, again, Luke chapter 21, look what it says in verse 6. And again, if you have a red-leaded edition, that's Jesus speaking. And here in verse 6, Jesus says, as for these things which ye beheld, the days will come in which there shall not be left one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

What's he talking about? He's talking about when the temple was taken out, destroyed. Jesus foretold the destruction of Jerusalem. He's speaking of it here, that the prophecy was fulfilled in 70 AD.

This is a little while after Jesus, what, was crucified, died, buried, three days he rose again, and then he went, what, bodily back to heaven. 40 days later, after walking, the Bible says that over 500 people seen him at once in his resurrected body. But here, before he was crucified, he gave this prophecy.

And in 70 AD, when the Roman general Titus leveled the city, many of the signs Jesus gave have already come true in history since that time. Now, remember, the Jews had been scattered by Rome all over, taken out of their land. But one of the most remarkable fulfillments is the rebirth of Israel.

The rebirth of Israel. How many of you were alive and remember that? Yes, that's right. See, I wasn't.

I wasn't even a twinkling the eye. Amen. But some remember, some were alive when that happened.

And God promised that though he would scatter Israel, he would gather them again in the last days. Now, this was the second time that they've been scattered. The first time was with Nebuchadnezzar.

But they came back and how history was, Rome was in control of Jerusalem. And then Titus leveled everything down and scattered God's people out of their land. Changed the name of Israel to what? Palestine.

But God promised he would bring them back. Turn with me to Amos. This is in your Old Testament, Amos.

Just a small little book, Amos. Let me find it. Very small.

And if you have a Bible like mine, it's on page 1275. But not a few Bibles. But here we find in Amos,

we find this great prophecy.

Amos chapter 9, verse 14. And it's amazing. God's people were in the land at this time.

They had already come back. But yet God gives this prophecy. And in verse 14 of Amos chapter 9, the Bible says, and I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel.

And they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them. And they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine thereof. And they shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them.

In verse 15. And I will plant them upon their land and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land, which I have given them, sayeth the Lord thy God. Isn't that amazing? We've seen it.

We've seen it happen in 1948. May 14th, 1948. After nearly 2000 years, Israel became a nation again.

Until that moment, countless end time prophecies were impossible to fulfill until they were in their land. But now every prophecy concerning Israel stands ready. Isn't that amazing? For the second coming.

And if you look, if you look at pictures in 1948, everything was barren. But yet if you take a modern picture of Israel today, you see beautiful green. When my wife and I went there, we saw so much fruit and vegetables being grown.

It was amazing. Israel's restoration is one of the clearest signs that we're living in the final days before Christ's return. Also, we see the signs that are coming to pass in our day.

Look what it says back in Luke, Luke 21. Look what it says in verse 9, Luke 21. And isn't it amazing that we have the word of God today and we can know that his word is true by history, by archaeology.

It's amazing when we look at it, but here in Luke chapter 21, we see the signs that are coming to pass. Look what it says in verse 9. It says, but when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not afraid, for these things must first come to pass, but the end is not by and by. Jesus told us that wars and unrest and global instability would increase.

We're seeing that in our own life. Look what's going on in France right now, but today the world is filled with conflict. Nations rising against nations, terrorist groups, and yes, violence spreading.

He also told us to watch for natural disasters like famines and pestilence. Boy, did we see a pestilence. Amen.

Look at verse, if you're in Luke 21, look what it says in verse 10. Then he then said he unto them, nations shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom and great earthquakes shall be in diverse places and famines and pestilence and fearful sites of great signs shall there be from heaven. Boy, so many things happening.

Do you know not too long ago there were so many earthquakes just recently. I heard something about the ring of fire. How many know what I'm talking about? Yeah, these things are happening, but they were foretold in the Bible.

And yes, we know wars happen all the time, but when we see all these things coming together, we need to kind of look at what's going on. We need to be alert. Also look at Luke 21 verses 25.

We see Jesus added further signs. Look what it says in verse 25. And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars and upon the earth, distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring men's hearts failing them for fear for looking after those things which are coming on the earth for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And look, we see it today. Amen. I mean, how many things, you know, this UFO stuff, right? People are looking up.

We're seeing in the news all these things. I don't know. They changed the name from UFO to something else.

I don't know. But all I'm saying is there's a lot of things happening. And even the rise of these UFOs and you're looking up and the world is trembling, but the scriptures told us it would.

See, we're not blinded. We know what's happening. If you just read your Bible and Jesus instructs us on what to do.

He says all these things, but then he turns to his disciples and I believe you and I, and he says, and he tells us what to do. And first thing we need to do is live steadfast for Jesus. Look at verse 28 of Luke 21.
Look what it says in Luke chapter 21 verse 21 28 Says and when these things begin to come to pass then look up Lift up your heads for your redemption drawer night We need to look up We need to be record recognize the days we're living in you know Jesus doesn't tell us to panic He tells us to look up Also, look at Luke 2136 look what he says here. He says watch therefore and pray always That ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things That ye shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of Man What a what a blessing What he's saying here? Christians cannot bury their heads in the sand We must be spiritually awake and aware and then he says and pray all the time pray that these that what's happening that you could be able to be a witness to your friends and family and encourage them in Romans chapter 13 verse 11 the Bible says and that knowing the time that now is high time to awake out of sleep For now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed You know what Paul is saying? He's speaking of our ultimate Salvation that rapture I spoke about in in 1st Corinthians chapter 15 verse 51 to 53 That could happen Because before the second coming he he's gonna wrap us rapture us out of here. I Believe there is adult Sunday school Jim Jim had a good scripture about the Saints coming back with him Amen But we need to recognize That Christ doesn't want us to fear Don't know don't want us to tremble and see what's going on.

What we need to do is we need to be steadfast Turn with me to Galatians chapter 6 and Some of you already know this scripture Galatians chapter 6 Look what it says in verse 9 some of you already know this Galatians chapter 6 verse 9 it says let us not be weary and well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not and As we have therefore Opportunity let us do good unto all men Especially unto them who are of the household of faith You realize That God has got you in a place where you understand what's coming that you can Minister to those around you and I like what it says in Joshua Joshua chapter 1 and If you if if you turn there look what it says in Joshua chapter 1 and you know, this was in that movie This was in that movie Joshua and what a blessing when I heard it Joshua chapter 1 Look what it says and God says is all over the Bible But here in Joshua chapter chapter 1 verse 9 He says to Joshua Have not I commanded thee be strong and of good courage be not afraid neither be thou

dismayed For the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest do you realize that if you are a Believer in Jesus have been given the Holy Spirit. God is with you And I'm here to tell you that God wants you to walk by faith not by sight If you look around you're gonna be what filled with fear, but if your eyes are on Jesus you'll be filled with faith And today we need this more than ever Listen, I don't know what's gonna happen after November 3rd We don't know We don't know what's happening but I'm here to tell you God is in control and God says be not afraid and Because prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes Believers must live with an urgency and holiness Titus chapter 2 verse 12 and 13 The Bible says teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts that we should live soberly Righteously and godly in this present world why so we could be a light and a salt And listen when I say listen, please We see these signs about being kind Kindness is something but you listen you and I need a love on people There's too much at stake You know Christ's return is nearer today than ever before It's been 2,000 years God's people are in their land again and therefore what as We see how close we are. Therefore we must live as if he could come today Now when I say that I'm not saying the second coming what I'm saying is he could come today and you and I could be Translated out of here, you know people scoff at that But yes, it's true It's in 1st Corinthians chapter 15 and a twinkling of an eye with a trumpet guard The question is who would be left behind in this room if he came today All I say is please shut the lights off.

We must live as if he could come today We must encourage one another That's the greatest thing you and I could do is encourage one another to keep on keeping on Keep loving each other and keep encouraging each other Because we are living in those times And man, if you just got saved praise God You could have been on the last train out of here. Amen That's how I thought when I first got saved and started reading a Bible boy I made it Now it's been 20 some odd year almost 30 years. Hey, man We must stay faithful To church to studying to reading to being filled and encouraged Listen it's so good.

You're here and You're learning the Word of God Look at Hebrews chapter 10 Some of you already know this scripture Hebrews chapter 10 verse 24 Look what the Bible says in Hebrews chapter 10 verse 24 the Bible says and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works And in verse 25 he says not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together Together as the manner of some is but exhorting one another and So much the more as you see the day approaching. What's the day approaching? The days we're living in now. This was written almost 2,000 years ago and Look where we are now.

We're in those days. And what does it say? No, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together You know what he's talking about is coming together Worshipping God Encouraging each other when we come and then let in the scriptures build us up Today people are so caught up with the things in the world Everything we should do is to be done in his glory We are the salt and light of the earth. That's what he calls us and In 1st Corinthians chapter 10 verse 31.

It says whether therefore ye eat or drink or well Whatsoever ye do do all to the glory of God And we must live We must live not in fear, but in faith Amen, I Mean so many times when you read the papers you watch the TV and all of a sudden is all it's doing is filling you with fear Sometimes you need to just get in the Word of God and recognize what God is saying to us and What he's saying is what fear not For I am with thee, you know Pray for me. Now, you all know I'm gonna be going for surgery Thursday But I'm not afraid Some people ask my wife She says no Listen I'm not afraid but what I want Listen to me. What I want is I want to be a salt and a light to all those Who are gonna be working on me? When I'm under anesthesia I've done this.

I bet this is my My six Lung, I mean my six cancer surgery To in my leg and now this would be my

fourth and I've noticed one thing It's in my heart and I pray this all the time May I have an opportunity to pray with the surgical staff before they put me under? That's my my prayer So that they see that I'm in faith not in fear But yet they see that I still love them and pray for them And their families not for me Listen, I'm already set Amen, I Hate to say this, but you know, if I take my last breath here, I know where I'm going. I Know for my family, that's a tough thing But I know where I'm going and no matter how long the journey here No matter how dark the night No matter how great the obstacles are for you and I Believers still have a blessed hope Amen whether we Take our last breath on this earth or we hear the trumpet sound We're going home But listen As we see everything happening We have to recognize there's still those that we love our Family members our friends our co-workers our neighbors that don't have the same. Hope we have they might even have a religion a Christian religion, but they never given their life to Jesus They've never experienced that great peace that comes upon you and that assurance that when you die You know exactly where you're going only Christ can give you that and I'm here to tell you me you and I we need to Walk by faith and not by fear especially in these days and What a blessing 2nd Timothy chapter 1 verse 7 says this for God had not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and of a sound mind and I'm here to tell you live your faith Today more than ever before Be be confident be bold about it because there's gonna be some times that could be happening right around us and Because of your boldness and your confidence and your your steady strong faith in Christ They may come to you and say why you have all this all this peace in the midst of what's going on Don't you see what's going on? And then you can tell him You can tell him it's all about Jesus He's the name of all above all names He's the king of King.

He's the Lord of Lords and He's coming soon But praise God for the church we could hear Be God and I remember I remember Betty Taylor when my wife and I when we visited him and I don't Visited her and I don't know if said this but I'll say it again She knew she was going home She had in her heart she was actually weeping She had a major heart attack and survived it So her family could get around her in the ICU She had all her mind and she was weeping And Bonnie and I we what's the matter and she told us she was not weeping for her She was ready to go home and see her Lord and Savior. She was weeping for her family that did not know Jesus That should be the way we think today. That should be the way our hearts feel today That yes, we know Christ, but the people around us that we love don't So keep on keeping on Because it's more important not our Feelings not what we're going through not the operations that we have to face as those that don't know Jesus That's what's more important.

Amen. Why don't we stand? You know 2,000 years Jesus spoke these words To his disciples and they speak to us today And he said it not to scare you or to scare them but to put prepare you and I For his coming because the world doesn't have a clue. He's coming back to rule and reign But let us have that love.

Let us have that peace and Let us have that boldness to speak and tell others about Jesus. Amen Let's pray father. We thank you Father I thank you for your word That we can find comfort that we can find direction even in the midst of what's going on in the world Father you've given us a blessed hope You've given us peace in the midst of it all and father.

I ask you now that we Living now and seeing what's going on father that we would not be filled up with fear and worry and anxiety On what we're seeing going on around us, but yet Lord we would be filled with faith Trusting you father, thank you. I Thank you for your spirit. I thank you for your peace That's beyond all understanding that you give your people who walk in faith And father I pray for those who hear this message That they would recognize They would recognize who you are and that they would call on you and Step out in faith and receive you as Lord and Savior Father we thank you in Jesus precious name.

Amen