

The Last Days as Seen by the Prophets

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David Wilkerson's sermon emphasizes the blessings and responsibilities of living in the last days as foretold by the prophets.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of coming out of a certain entity, referred to as 'her.' He mentions the historical context of the United States' involvement in wars, highlighting the losses in Korea and Vietnam. The preacher expresses concern about the state of the country and its potential downfall, referencing biblical verses about hunger, thirst, and shame. He also draws attention to the dominance of foreign influences in Times Square, specifically Japanese and German, and relates it to a biblical prophecy about strangers rising above and lending to the nation.

Transcript

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None of these messages are copyrighted, and you are welcome to make copies for free distribution to your friends. Hey, what, if you'll turn to 1 Peter, the first chapter, and just leave it open right there, and we'll, we'll pick it up. We're going to go to a number of scriptures tonight.

You do have your Bible, don't you? Did you? Do you? If you come to Times Square Church, you do. You know, you know, it's an amazing thing. We see people come to this church occasionally, and they're so used to going to church where there's nothing but, you know, singing all the time and not much preaching, maybe 10 minutes or 15 minutes of preaching, and they get a little bored because they don't bring their Bibles.

If you're going to come here, please bring your Bibles. All right? You're so welcome to bring your Bible. Let's pray.

Heavenly Father, I need you tonight in such a very special way. Lord, I pray for an unction from heaven. Lord, we are living in the last days.

We know it. There's a sense to it. Everybody that's walking with you, the Holy Spirit's been saying it to their hearts.

They know it. Oh, Holy Spirit, help me tonight to proclaim the word that you put in my heart all this week. Bring it forth.

Let nothing of the enemy hinder. In fact, Lord, we take your authority and dominion over every demonic spirit, every wild spirit in this neighborhood that would walk into this church to try to take over, Lord, a wild spirit. We bind every spirit, and we release tonight, we release tonight the word of the living God, and we pray for the authority and the unction in Jesus' name.

Amen. Now, we Christians look back today at the rebellion and the ingratitude of the children of Israel, and we say, how could the children of Israel have been so blind? Why, those people provoked God so many times. They had everything going for them.

Remember the story in the Old Testament? They had a cloud they could see by day. They had a fire they could see by night. Their clothes never wore out.

They wanted to eat. They just went out in the wilderness and bred. A man was laying right on the ground.

Can you imagine for 40 years their clothes never wore out? I don't know if the shoes grew with them or if they changed, exchanged shoes, but their shoes never wore out. Can you imagine walking 40 years and your shoes never wore out? I can't even get a three or four months out of mine here in New York City. And the sea opens miraculously.

The poisoned waters are healed by throwing in a tree. So many, many miracles, and yet they murmured, they complained, they hardened their hearts, they accused God of forsaking them in a dry wilderness. But beloved, we have no right, we have no right to talk about the ingratitude of the children of Israel, because we've got a bigger problem here today.

Because God has given us so many better promises than the children of Israel had. We have a better covenant. We've got a salvation that's so beyond theirs, it can't even be compared.

And yet we seem to take it for granted what Jesus has done for us. We really don't know what we have. I'll say it again, we really don't know what we've had.

We have what the prophets have been longing for all through the ages, from Moses to Malachi. These prophets of God saw a day coming in the future, a salvation that would be like heaven on earth. They saw a generation to whom the Lord would be especially merciful.

They all talked about a savior was going to come to earth, he would suffer, he would die, especially Isaiah talked about it, to bring forth a generation into a kingdom of peace and joy and love in the Holy Ghost. In fact, let me read to you, 1 Peter, turn there, 1 Peter, the first chapter, 1 Peter, first chapter, verse 10, beginning to read, of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you. Now, beloved, look at that, the prophets are talking, Peter's saying all the prophets were talking about you, about this last generation, the grace that should come unto

you, searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow.

See, they didn't see the glory, they said there's a generation comes going to have glory, they're going to have grace, we don't know anything about it, they said we see it in the future. They were talking about our day right now, unto whom it was revealed that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things which are now reported unto you by them that preach the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven, which things the angels desire to look into. Now, look this way, if you will, please.

We have an idea that the Old Testament prophets were isolated men who lived out in wildernesses alone, and they had nothing but a hairy coat and a staff or rod, and that's all they had. They just lived like hermits. Now, they did go to the wilderness to pray, they did have a staff, they did occasionally or often perhaps wear the hairy coats or the camel skin coat, but these were not idle dreamers out in a wilderness just contemplating.

No, they had the Word of God. In fact, Isaiah and the others had Moses, Elijah had Moses, they carried parchments around. In fact, Paul, when he's in prison, the one thing he wanted more than anything else were the parchments to be brought to him.

I see Paul walking all over the then known world that he preached, just protecting those parchments, the law, the Moses, the prophets that he had. These prophets were students, they had the law of Moses, they had that which was revealed up to that time, and these men were students. They went out into the wilderness and they studied, they knew every word, they lived with it, they searched diligently, and when they were in those wildernesses, when they were studying, when they were searching out the scripture, they saw a day coming that was so glorious, and they'd say, well, we live to see it.

And the Lord, through the Spirit of Christ that was in them, said, no, you will not live to see it. There'll be a last generation that will see what you're talking about. In fact, it was so glorious, the hope of that day gave them joy, just the hope of a day coming when there would be a Messiah.

And the Bible makes it very clear here, unto whom it was revealed that not to themselves, the revelations were not given to them, all the revelations in these Old Testaments, it was not for them, it's for us, upon whom the ends of the world have come. But unto us they did minister these things that are now being reported. The Gospels being preached to you now is the fulfillment of what these prophets saw.

They saw our day, yes, they saw the plagues that are coming, the apostasy, the wars and pestilence, they saw the rise and fall of the spiritual Babylon. In fact, they saw a generation upon whom all the curses of God are going to come upon, and we'll talk about those curses tonight. It's going to be a generation, they said, of violence, of greed, self-centeredness and pleasure madness.

But they also knew that the last generation was going to have in it a people blessed beyond every other generation. They saw it was going to be a day of grace and glory when God would come down in the flesh, not to dwell in a tabernacle in the wilderness where he came down once a year and his glory was manifest, not just to one or two like to Moses or to the priest, but that he would have a temple right here in this body and God who came only occasionally would come and live in his people. That was mind-boggling.

They couldn't comprehend it, but it brought joy to their heart. Abraham, Bible said, saw this day and he rejoiced. He saw 1989, 88, 89.

He saw this day and he rejoiced. Jesus said in Matthew 13, but blessed are your eyes for they see and your ears for they hear. Verily I say unto you that, listen now, many prophets and righteous men have desired to see the things that you're seeing and they've not seen them and to hear the things that you hear and have not heard them.

Could you imagine the incredible joy it would be if tonight God would resurrect into this our day, Joshua, Caleb, Elijah, Isaiah, and Zadok the priest, Jeremiah, Daniel, and they'd sit in this church and they'd pick up a Bible and they'd see it from cover to cover, a full revelation, a full revelation and to hear songs like redeemed by the blood. And all they could talk about was we had a little lamb and you have him. You have him who we saw coming.

You said, how can you sit here? Can you imagine what it'd be like for these men who saw these things to be sitting in this church tonight to hear a song redeemed by the blood. They could dream about it. They could talk about it.

We've experienced it. You could bring tonight to this pulpit for the most righteous men to testify. You could bring here Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham.

And you know what they'd say to us? They'd say, they'd stand here while I stand tonight and say, we all died in faith, not having received the promises, but we saw them afar off. We were persuaded of them. We embraced them.

You know, he's talking about, they're talking about the very things that we are supposed to have and enjoy. Said we didn't have them. You have them.

We saw them in the future. You have them now. We embrace them.

Do you embrace them? We lived as strangers and pilgrims on this earth. But those righteous men, I'm afraid would cry out, but you, you live in the very day that we look for. You've received every one of the promises.

The Holy Spirit used to come upon us at times and seasons, but he's baptized you. He lives in you. We would have longed in our day to have one day like you have every day.

If we could have entered in to having him abide in us, if we could have had the full revelation that you have, if we had a full revealed book like you have here, what a day it would have been for us if we could have had one day. But we modern Christians, they would say, you have heaven on earth and you don't know it. We had hope just for the very thought of his coming down to man.

The very thought that he would come down to man gave us hope, but you have him and yet you take him for granted. Can you imagine what must be going on in heaven now as the angels? The Bible said the angels, which things the angels, the dire to look into. You know what makes the angels? The angels look at all of their own fallen creatures, all the angels that were cast into prison and they're being held in chains of darkness right now.

And they never had redemption. They're beyond hope. And these angels say, what kind of grace have you given this generation that all of our kind will never be redeemed? All of our kind will never receive a gospel.

And yet all that the prophets see, these people have. And what to the, what must be the amazement of heaven? How amazed heaven must be the angels that say, what kind of glorious gospel is that? What kind of redemption? They can't understand it. They desire to look into the very things that we have.

They say, what, what gift? How could you, what is it about man that you loved above angels? It's not that he loved them above angels, but what kind of incredible mercy is this? Why does not mankind enter into it? Oh, there's going to be a host of witnesses, prophets and righteous men of hundreds of ages. They're going to marvel at the spiritual laziness of this generation. And you, we can't say, how did Israel turn back to idols? How could they be so blind and stupid about God? Because we have a greater guilt on judgment day.

All those witnesses are going to rise up and condemn this day. And they're going to say, you know what they're going to say? In fact, the Bible says the men of Sodom are going to rise up. The men of Nineveh are going to rise up.

The queen of Sheba is going to rise up because they repented in their day. Or they would have repented if they have what you have. That's what Jesus said.

They would have repented if they had anything. The Bible suggests that if there was one evangelist preaching one message in Sodom, Sodom would have repented. Can you imagine what it'd be like if they had sat week after week after week under the gospel? Sodom would have remained to this day.

You know what they're going to say on the judgment day? How could you people have been ravished by foolish things, by materialism? How could you have been so blind to what you had? How could you trifle away your precious time when you had such a revelation of Christ available to you? We didn't have it, yet we studied. We yearned. We sought it out.

We hoped and we prayed for the very things that you have. We embraced it. We preached it.

But you have it all and you don't highly esteem it. You don't regard it. And I believe that most of us are going to be utterly shocked when we get to heaven and stand before the throne of God, when we discover what was available to us in Christ and what was unused and unclaimed of the revelation of Jesus.

You know what it is? Instead, we've got to cry, Lord, where's your power? Where are your wonders of past centuries? Why aren't you answering like you did in olden days? In fact, it's the cry of David. David once said, God, we've heard with our ears what our fathers have told us, the great work that you did in their days, in their times of old. Oh God, command deliverance for Jacob now.

And what David was saying, oh God, I don't want to read about miracles in the Bible alone. I don't want to hear stories of olden days. Our fathers tell us this, but I want to see it again.

I want to see it in my day. Almost every young preacher knows what it's like to walk into a hospital, into a children's ward. Every young minister here shares what I'm about to say.

They walk in and say, God, where is your power? Why can't we just go in and lay hands on them? Why, why don't we see, why, why does our day seem less miraculous than the days of old? When the lame were leaping, the paralytics walked, and the dead were raised. Why do we seem to have a less miraculous time? There's a brother in this church who told me last week, he was so enraged at a problem he was having. He hated this sin in his life, and he fasted and prayed, and he was so angry, and this thing was coming back on him.

He slammed his Bible down on the table and hit it with his fist and said, oh God, where are you? Where's your power? When are you ever going to deliver me? There's a sense in, in our day-to-day that this generation has been short-changed in the, the area of miracles. They say, well, Moses talked to God, Elijah called fire down out of heaven, host of angels appeared for our fathers, and even in the New Testament times, people were healed by the very shadow of Peter falling on them. They sent handkerchiefs out, and people had miracles.

Prison doors flew open, angels came and went, the dead were raised, Philip was miraculously transported from one place to another, and you read all these miracles and say, oh God, why isn't it happening today? Didn't he say it's the same yesterday, today, and forever? Doesn't it say that it's written that God never changes? I, listen to me close now. No, I don't believe the days of miracles are over, not at all. I believe Jesus can still shake the very foundation of prisons.

God can send angels. God can do anything he chooses to do. There's no question about that.

No, he's not short-changed this generation. The prophets were right. This generation is the most blessed.

We do have a heaven on earth, but don't know it. Now, I'll tell you what, and here's the, here's the heart of my message. We have been giving something greater than all the host of angels that came and went, even in apostolic times.

Even though I believe angels still come and go, we've been given something greater than all the miracles of the Old Testament, greater than this Red Sea opening, greater than that axe head that Elisha caused to float to top of the water, greater than the manna that fell from heaven. We don't need manna on the ground. We've got the true bread of life.

We've got Christ. Brother, sister, the sea doesn't have to open up to us because we have him who opened the sea. He lives and abides in it.

That's the miracle of all ages, that the very son of God, the miracle worker himself lives and abides in these mortal bodies. But you know, there's something very wrong. Multitudes of Christians today are living in spiritual despair.

They're growing cold, dull. Some are lazy and unconcerned, fear and anxiety and confusion. Yet the word said the prophets spoke longingly of this very day.

And you look around, you say, well, what is there to do? The prophets rejoiced in. You look around, you see so many Christians trying to fight lust. You see so many battles.

You see so many people not entering into the fullness of Jesus. And then you say the prophets were looking this day. This was the day.

I'll tell you, if the prophets went to some churches that I've been in, they'd say, this doesn't look like the day I saw. You know, John the Baptist sent a messenger from prison to ask Jesus. He said, are you really the fulfillment of prophecy? Are you the one that I saw coming? Or so I look for another.

And you know, I really believe that if Isaiah the prophet could send a messenger from this generation and say, go and see what's happening and bring me back a report. And this messenger was allowed to visit this day. And he goes back to paradise and he's talking to Isaiah.

And Isaiah is so anxious. And he takes him by the lapel of his jacket. And Isaiah said, is there really a generation like I saw rejoicing in the one who made his soul an offering for sin? Do they really trust that his stripes will heal them? Is there a people who are poor, who are hearing the gospel of freedom? Are the brokenhearted accepting the liberty that he's offered? Are the people bound with chains walking out of their prisons of despair? He'd say, tell me, that generation that I saw, that last generation, are they receiving beauty for asses? And I'm quoting all of his prophecies here.

Are they receiving the oil of gladness instead of mourning? Have they been putting on garments of praise and putting off the spirit of heaviness? And Isaiah would say, please, is there really on earth today a people of God who are like unto him? Are they righteous? Are they planted by the Lord? Are they truly saints or priests unto the Lord? Not just a select few, but is there an entire body of priests like I saw? Do they walk in robes of righteousness? Tell me, is there truly a highway of holiness? Is there heaps of a people who are holy unto God? Are there really watchmen standing on the wall who give him no rest? Is there really a holy remnant like I saw, a people not forsaken of God? Are they righteous? Are there a latter-day people to whom the Lord rejoices? Are there people who tremble at his word? Does the Lord really answer them before they call? Has the spirit really been not poured on all people, on all flesh? Do they really have peace like a river? Are they really sanctifying themselves, purifying their hearts? Did the Redeemer come to Zion like he said he would? Did the light rise and shine on this people? Are they flowing together, all speaking the same language? Are they walking in his fear? And I believe Isaiah with his eyes ablaze would cry out, please tell me that all I saw was true. Is it a glorious church without spot or wrinkle? Is my vision coming to pass? Do God's people live in victory? How can they contain their joy if it's happened? How do they stand before such glory? How do they stand such fulfillment of prophecy? What spiritual giants must be alive in that day? They must all be giants in God. I wouldn't want to be the one to tell them the truth.

I wouldn't want to be the messenger who'd have to say, brother Isaiah, only a despised few have entered into the victory of the Messiah, and they've had to leave their church as often to do it. Who wants to tell Isaiah, the love of many grows cold now. Multitudes are following a gospel of prosperity and getting rich.

The Holy Ghost, yes, it was outpoured. Multitudes receive power, but it's been little use because not many are going to the highways anymore to compel them to come to Christ. Instead, millions of them waste uncountable hours, pleasure, sport, sitting before their idols.

They're blocking out their spiritual channels with the filth of the devil. Who's going to tell Isaiah, for so many of the people, there's only a partial freedom from sin? Yes, you did prophesy that he came to set people free from their prison houses, but so many of them just walk away and go back. They're not students of the word like you prophets were.

They didn't earnestly seek out the truth of Christ. They're seeking formulas and easy ways and effortless deliverances. They almost hope that their lusts are demons so they can be cast out of them.

They won't have to labor in prayer and search the scriptures to find their life. Yes, the Lord of Righteousness is among us. Yes, he set up a spiritual unseen kingdom, but that kingdom has been neglected by multitudes.

It's taken very lightly. Can you picture a meeting of the prophets in paradise and God allows the veil to be low, open and they're able to, the Bible said there's a host of witnesses and suddenly the Holy Ghost allows them to witness. And in this meeting, I picture a meeting in paradise.

There's Abraham. I just wrote these names down, came to my mind, Abraham and Moses and Jocelyn, Caleb and Abel, Samuel, Hannah, David, Job, Nehemiah, Isaac, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, David, Enoch, Joel, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Malachi, Zechariah, all the prophets, all the righteous men who searched out this day, who longed for it, who hoped for it, who would have loved to live one day in it. In their meeting, and suddenly they're given a picture.

Do you know there's not one of these men could understand the unbelief, the bondage, the hypocrisy, the apathy, the lightness and foolishness they'd see? I can hear them say, how could a people so rich in revelation be so poor? How could a people with such promises live with such fear? They have the King and they have his kingdom. He's translated them out of a kingdom of darkness into a kingdom of light. All we had were little glimpses of that light.

They've been flooded with light. We slew little lambs, but they have the Lamb of God himself. We saw only the back parts of God.

We saw a glory that soon faded away. They see Christ in the mirror every day, and they have the privilege of being changed from glory to glory in his own image, and they won't do it. We fought enemy after enemy with sword and spear.

They've got a King of glory who put his foot on Satan's head and crossed it. They've even got the key of the devil, and they don't know it. We were visited by angels, but these people, they have God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost coming to live in them.

All we had was a tent in the wilderness where God came, and we had to go outside the camp to meet him, but their own bodies are the temple of God now. I hear the prophets saying, incredible, Christ lives in them. All the forces of Godhead is in Christ.

They've been given everything they need to walk in holiness. They've got God's power working for them. There's a well of living water that's supposed to spring up in them.

The Holy Ghost is there to teach them. They have a completed scripture. They have forgiveness.

They've got a gospel of reconciliation. They've got promises of deliverance out of all temptation. He said he'd never leave them nor forsake them.

There's a fountain been opened for them in the house of David. Why are they so blind? But I want to tell you something, beloved. The prophets can rejoice.

Hear me. The prophets can rejoice because God is going to have, before he comes, a glorious, victorious church. Zion is even now shaking itself and rising up a glorious Holy remnant, living and moving in the power of the Holy Ghost.

What did the prophets see in the day? First of all, the prophets foretold that there'd come a time of chaos and violence and trouble such as the world has never seen in its history. And the clearest vision of it, remember, Moses said, there's going to be a prophet raised up like to me. So Moses acknowledged himself as a prophet.

I want you to see how this prophet Moses saw our day in which we're living right now. I want you to go to Deuteronomy 31. We're going to talk about the curse that's on America.

And these scriptures, you need to mark them and have them if anybody wonders what's happened this generation. Deuteronomy, once you go to chapter 31, I'm going to take you through quite a bit of verses here in Deuteronomy. Now, I told you my message was about the last days seen by the prophets.

Let's see what Moses saw. Deuteronomy 31, verse 28, beginning to read. Verse 28.

31, 28 and 29. Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to record against them. For I know that after my death, you will utterly corrupt yourselves and turn aside from the way which I've commanded you.

And listen to this, and evil will befall you in the what? In the latter days. Those are our days right now, because you will do evil in the sight of the Lord to provoke him, to anger him to the work of your hands. He said, now look at me, please.

He said there's going to come a people, and if you look at chapter 29, go back to Deuteronomy 29, and I want you to look at verse 14. Neither with you, and he's trying to tell us who he's talking to, who's Moses talking to. Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath, but with him that standeth here with us this day before the Lord, our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day.

Do you understand? He's describing two people, those to whom he's talking and those all the way to the latter days. He's talking about Bible principles. He's talking about principles that God will not change.

God is saying when a people reach a certain point, what I did to Israel, I'll do to every generation. When I judge this generation, I'm going to judge this generation on the same principles, and it happened. The curse has all happened to the children of Israel, and they're going to happen.

There are happening the United States of America right now. I looked at verse 19. This is going to come.

There's going to be a false peace come to people on the brink of judgment. Just when people ought to be wide awake, there's going to be a false peace. Verse 19, it came to, it'll come to pass when he hears the word of this curse, and I'm going to give you the words of that curse tonight.

He will bless himself in his heart saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of stubbornness in my own heart to add drunkenness to thirst. How many see that? Here's a people walking in stubbornness and rebellion, and yet they have peace. I used to think that the way to win souls to go out and say, come to Jesus, he'll give you peace.

Well, 95% of all the sinners now say, I've got peace. What kind of peace is it? It's a blind peace. You can go to the deadest church in America or the deadest churches here in Manhattan.

You can go to any one of these dead churches, no matter what denomination may be. And you talk to people living in absolute sin, talk to them about it. They say curses.

Well, I don't know anything about curses. Judgment. I don't think about judgment.

Peace. I've got peace. Everybody's got peace.

Drug addicts have peace. Alcoholics have peace. Prostitutes have peace.

Now everybody's got a phony peace, except the Christians who have the real peace. So there's going to be a day of absolute false peace. Look at verse 27, down to verse 27.

Not 29, 37. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book. All the curses written in this book.

All right, now look at me if you will. Is America under a curse right now? Are the promises of, are the prophecies of Moses about to be revealed in fullness right now? I want you to go to Deuteronomy 28 now. Go left to 28 verse 15.

28 verse 15. You watch how the word of God comes to life tonight on this. And by the way, when you go home tonight before you go to bed, you start reading the first verse of chapter 28, Deuteronomy, and you'll see how God blessed America when it was founded.

How He blessed its, its fruit of the ground, its basket, its store. How He blessed in the city. He blessed in the country.

He established the holy people in their midst. And they kept the commandments of the Lord. He blessed their going out, their coming in.

The blessing of God overtook this nation, didn't it? So it became the most blessed and prospered nation in the history of the earth. Oh, but there's a curse. He said, all these curses will come upon the people.

And I'm going to, I would take you through these curses and you tell me if you see them in America right now. You tell me if there's evidence. All right.

The first curse, first part of the curse is a curse upon the fruit of the body. Verse 18, 28, 18. Look at verse 18.

Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body. Now what is the fruit of the body? That's a children. We had the children up here tonight.

Cursed shall be. Have you ever heard of juvenile delinquency? Have you heard of the 10,000 children? They just announced this past week in Florida that are in hospitals being treated because of their crack addicted mothers. Did you realize there are over 5,000 children right here in New York City, born as drug addicts through the bloodstream of their mothers, 5,000, 12,500 children in welfare hotels.

I just got a letter handed to me before the service from a father who's in the service tonight. And his four, five-year-old, five-year-old girl was sexually abused in a welfare hotel right here down the street. Five-years-old girl.

And he's talking about all the abuse these little children taking in these hotels here. 12,500 of them in welfare hotels. Do you know anything about the homeless children now that roam? Their parents, maybe a mother or father somewhere.

15-year-old boy out in Long Island that kills his mom and dad. Apparently, at least it's reported that he did it because his parents wouldn't let him run the four-wheel recreational vehicle while down the street. He shot them both.

Have you ever in your lifetime heard about the, don't you tremble at the thought of teachers here in New York City afraid to go to class? They're afraid of being beaten. I mean, every day now teachers are being beaten. We talked to one teacher just recently.

There's real fear in her. Fear. Terrible, terrible fear.

They just did a survey. It was released today, in fact, in the news about five o'clock today. New survey.

The great concern of young people today. Last year, drug addiction was 20 percent. Now it's gone up to almost 40 percent.

And that's the number one fear of young people now in school. Even seventh and eighth graders. Drugs.

A curse upon the fruit of the womb. Number two, verse 23 and 24. Droughts and depleted storehouses of grain.

Do you know that most of our grain is gone now? Our storehouses are depleted. But I want you to look at verse 20. I'll tell you what.

Look at verse 20. Verse 17 first. 28, 17.

Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Look at verse 23. And thy heaven shall be over thy head, shall be as brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.

The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust. From heaven shall it come down upon thee until thou be destroyed. Now, look at me, please.

New York Times. Get the New York Times today or get the New York Daily News. There's a big story about a crisis of water coming even here to New York City.

An absolutely incredible crisis nobody wants to talk about. San Francisco's in a crisis now of water that is incredible proportions. The droughts that used, I believe, 50 years ago in the early 30s when we had what was called the Dust Bowl in the United States.

God was warning America. God warned America then, let me show you what will happen. I'm going to give you 50 years to repent.

I'll give you 50 years to get this thing straight. And after 50 years, we have not repented in this nation. And now the droughts are just beginning.

And now they're not just in the Midwest. They're here in New York. New Jersey this past summer, everything was brown.

You watch what happens. It's just the beginning. It's just the beginning.

And now it's in Alabama. It's in Georgia. There are dry spots every one city.

It rains the next city. It doesn't just as the Bible prophesied. It's just the beginning.

In fact, look at chapter, look at verse 28. Look at 28. The Lord shall smite thee.

Well, no, let's go on to the next one. Number three, you will no longer win your wars, but you'll lose them. Your enemies will put you to chase.

Now, before I read that, well, let me read it. It's verse 25. Look at verse 25, chapter 28, verse 25.

The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies. Thou shall go out one way against them and flee seven times before them. Now you see that flee seven times before them.

Now look at me, please look clearly. Up to 40 years ago, United States never lost a war. Never.

And then came Korea. No win situation. Then came Vietnam.

We went in one way. That's back when I had television. And I remember seeing newscasts.

They weren't fleeing seven ways. They were fleeing a hundred ways. I mean, we just fled.

They came in. They left billions of dollars with the buildings and supplies and ammunition and tanks, airplanes. They left it and fled.

It was the most pitiful moment in American history. Fleeing from the enemy. You'll flee seven ways.

The only war we've won was one little tiny grenada. And there was no enemy to speak of. There was nobody down there.

A couple little fishing boats. We came in with our big army. And everybody talking about the great power of America for Grenada.

I'm not mocking America. I love my country. In fact, Jesus said, the reason I tell you these things is so when they come to pass, you'll not be upset.

You won't be confused. Jeremiah, they accused him of being turned over the enemy, that he wasn't a good citizen. He said, no, I weep over this nation.

I get letters now from my mailing list, all of America, and they say, Brother Dave, take me off your mailing list. I've heard enough of your gloom and doom. I, I, one, one preacher wrote me the other day.

I think he's a preacher. He sounded like one. No, what I'm saying, you know, when he, when they talk about their church and so forth, you presume it.

But he said, Brother Wilkerson, I feel sad for you. Don't you know, we've entered into the feast of the tabernacles. Everything's praise and worship and happy.

Oh, I'd like him to come to New York and rub his nose in the gutter. And I say that lovingly, let him go down to 41st street here. Look at all the people sleeping on the streets.

We've got a Pollyanna Christianity out there in the Midwest somewhere. I don't know where it is. They're everything's rosy.

Everything's all right. It's not all right. The judgment of God's on America.

Number four, incredible plagues and new diseases that were never before known. Is that getting familiar? Look at verse 59, 28, 59. Now let's see if you believe everything's roses 59.

Then the Lord will make thy plagues. Wonderful means tremendous or awesome. And the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues and of long continuance.

Do you know that we've, we've, we've had, we've buried some of our young staff members that have carried the AIDS virus for seven years, seven years. They claim me now it can be up to 10 or 12 years that this thing has been carried. Even great plagues of long continuance and sore sicknesses and of long continuance.

Moreover, he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou was afraid of. They shall cleave unto thee also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, unknown diseases. In other words, then will the Lord bring upon thee until they'll be destroyed until they'll be destroyed.

All those, it looks like it's going to be an awesome, incredible time of panic of the heart. Verse 27 and 28. Look at that.

Go back now to verse 27 and 28. The Lord shall smite thee with madness and blindness and astonishment of heart. That means panic of heart.

Is there a panic or isn't there about these diseases? Verse 29. Thou shall grope, thou shall grope at noonday as the blind gropeth in darkness. Thou shall not prosper in thy ways.

Thou shall not, thou shall be oppressed and spoiled everyone and no man shall save thee. No, there's not going to be a cure. No man can save you.

Incurable disease is not even known. Every disease in Egypt, every disease in this book, it's not even known. In fact, you'll find in one of those warnings about a terrible consumption that's coming.

Verse 22. And this has to do with TB. In verse 22, the Lord shall smite thee with a consumption, with a fever and inflammation and extreme burning.

This describes tuberculosis to the letter and with a sword. And some people don't know it. Look at me now, please.

There's been an outbreak of tuberculosis right down here, two blocks. It's right from here on down to the welfare hotels. In fact, they're giving tests now and it's an absolute outbreak of tuberculosis.

And the reason for it is because the immune systems now are being broken down and they're not going to be a cure. Can you imagine all these immune systems being broken down because of drugs, because of the sexual immorality among homosexuals and others and their bodies now are prey to all these diseases, including tuberculosis now. In fact, that it didn't look like it was ever.

How did that apply today? But it applies now. Number five, your enemies are going to be raised up in your midst and you'll become the tail and not the head. You'll become a borrower and not a lender.

Now listen closely to me, please. You'll see it in verse 43 and 44. I hope you'll follow me very closely on this now.

Because you don't have to go more than one block to see what I'm going to tell you right now. I want you to tonight, if you can go right over here to Times Square and look up, just look up, best thing go about 43rd street and Broadway. Just look up, look at all the signs up there.

Look at all the signs high and lifted up. They're all Japanese. They're all German.

And the only thing you see there is Pepsi and Coke that are American and they're down below everything high and lifted up at the head is Japanese. It's all foreign. Well, look at first 43, the stranger that is it in.

They shall get up above the very high and also come down very low. He shall lend to thee and thou shall not lend to him. He shall be the head.

Thou shall be the tail. Do you know that this past year, the United States for the first time in its entire history has become a borrowing nation. We owe more money than the rest of the world combined.

Up to a year ago, we were lending money. We're a borrowing nation now that has come to pass right now to the letter. Don't tell me we're on, we're not under a curse.

He shall lend to you. You shall not lend to him. He shall be the head.

Thou shall be the tail. By the way, we think about high lift up. Any of you see the blimp out here today, Fuji, Phil? Oh, you said, well, that's a good year blimp up there.

Yeah, it's there twice a year. Fuji's up for every day. Fuji, if I remember, not American.

All right. One more. Moses, Isaiah, and all the prophets talked about a sudden destruction coming in this last day to the last generation.

Just let me read you this. Well, why don't you go to Deuteronomy 34 and see it for yourself? This is the end of side one. You may now turn the tape over to side two.

You might not believe it. Deuteronomy 32, verse 24. Do I believe there's going to be a hijack in the Holocaust? Oh, yes, I do.

32, chapter 32, verse 23, beginning to read. Well, let's go to verse 22, in fact. For a fire has kindled mine anger.

He shall burn and it shall burn in the lowest hell and shall consume the earth with her increase and set on fire the foundation of the mountains. I will heap mischief upon them. I will spend my arrows upon them.

They shall be burnt with hunger and devoured with burning heat and with bitter destruction. I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them with the poison of serpents of the dust. All right.

Now, Isaiah. I'm reading Isaiah, the prophet. Listen close.

Evil shall come upon you. You shall not know from when it comes, where it comes. It shall fall upon you.

I'm reading from Isaiah. Don't turn, but you can mark it down. Isaiah 47, 11.

It shall fall upon you. You will not be able to put it off. Desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which will take you unaware.

And all the prophets say the same thing. Suddenly, suddenly there's coming a destruction is going to fall upon you. It's going to be a fiery destruction.

Now, beloved, look, if you will look at this way, please give me your good ear. It's all here now. The pestilence, the droughts, the humiliating defeats, the AIDS, the loss of the fruit of the womb, uncontrollable national debt, the weakening of our morals and our economy and the threat of a hydrogen Holocaust hanging overhead.

And you say, oh, how depressing. What a doomsday scene you're painting. Well, there's another side to the story, beloved.

There's another side. Yes, the prophets all solve that. And any preacher who doesn't preach it is robbing his people of something that they must have.

And I'm not going to spare it. I'm going to keep prophesying every time God's spirit moves on me. And all week he's been moving on me to prophecy.

We need to be wide awake. You need to be aware so that when these things start coming, you'll know what it's all about. Now, I'm going to give you the good part now.

You said it's about time, isn't it? He says, Amen. The prophets saw something else. Hallelujah.

The prophets, yes, they can rejoice because what they saw coming is coming and it's already here. Hallelujah. And here's what they saw in an age of perplexity and men's hearts, failing them with fear.

God, in the midst of that same generation that's under the threat of a Holocaust, that's gone violent, lost its morals. That same age of a spiritual Babylon, God's going to raise up a people so anchored in Jesus. They will see all these things coming to pass and they'll say, this is heaven on earth.

Well, everyone around them, their hearts are failing them for fear. They're going to be a people who say I have the earnest of my inheritance right now. I want you to go to Isaiah 65.

We're going to restart getting happy in the Lord now. Isaiah 65. Beloved, I will show you the prophet Isaiah saw two streams.

He saw this stream of wickedness and violence. He saw the people headed for the fire. He saw people depressed, but he also saw something else.

Hallelujah. Isaiah 65 verse 13 beginning to read. Isaiah 65 verse 13.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God, behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry. How many C2 classes of people there? I said, how many C2 classes of people? My servants, they're going to eat that spiritual food, but you shall be hungry. Behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty.

My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed. Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart. How do you sing when there's a Holocaust hanging over your head? How do you sing when the economy may fall apart? How do you think? Well, he said, my servants are going to sing for joy, but you shall cry for

sorrow of heart and you shall howl, howl, whatever that means for a vexation of spirit.

You shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen. For the Lord God shall slay thee and call his servants by another name, that he that blessed himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth. And he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth because the former troubles are forgotten and because they are hid from my eyes.

Behold, I create a new heaven, a new earth. Then the former should not be remembered, nor come into mind, but be you glad and rejoice for even in that day that I will create. I behold, I create in Jerusalem a rejoicing.

I create Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem. I'll joy in my people.

The voice of weeping shall no more be heard in her nor the voice of crying. Now he's speaking about this culminating in redemption and talking about our tears being wiped away. But all I'll tell you what, folks, he's starting to wipe the tears right now.

He's beginning to wipe the tears. He's going to cause a great rejoicing. Also, listen, in this last day, the prophets saw that it would be the most fruitful for the people of God.

There would be a harvest of holiness. There would rise up a vine of strength overflowing with oil and wine. Go to Joel.

Prophet Joel. Joel. And I want you to go to Joel, the second chapter.

Joel. J-O-E-L. If you find Daniel, go right just a little further past Hosea.

If you get to Amos, you're too far right. Go back to Joel. Joel, the second chapter.

I'm saying it for all our young converts here. Joel. I have to say that to cover for the people who don't know where it's at.

Joel, the second chapter. Hallelujah. Do you love the word of God? Joel 2, verse 21.

Now, wait a minute. Don't, don't, don't look. Don't peek.

Don't peek yet. Remember all the curses I told you about? And they're here. You know it.

All sides. Man's heart's failing for fear. You go on the job.

Have you ever seen a day of such fear and anxiety in your lifetime? Oh my. But what's God saying to us? What's he saying to his people? Fear not, O land. Verse 21.

Fear not, O land. Be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree bareth her fruit.

The fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God, for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause for you to come down rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month. For the floor shall be full of wheat, and the vats will overflow with wine and oil.

A type of the Holy Ghost and the word of God flowing in these last days in his church. Hallelujah. You know what David said? He prophesied, my people should not be afraid of evil tidings.

That means bad news. Their heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. Listen to what in Proverbs it reads.

Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked when it comes, for the Lord shall be your confidence, and he shall keep your foot from being taken. Glory be to God. You know, I'm going to close in a minute, but I get the idea some people feel the church is just going to whimper out and die, and Jesus is just going to come for a sick dead church, and even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly before it's all over, before we're all dead and gone.

I, people get up and testify, pray for me, I can hold out to the end. That's not what the prophet saw. The prophet saw the people that were happy and rejoicing.

He saw people living in victory of the glory of Jesus Christ. Now folks, I preach on the coming of Jesus, and I believe he could come at any time, and I preach it strongly, but we've got some people want Jesus to come just because they don't want to endure the battle anymore. They're tired of the battle.

They don't even know what it's like to have entered India. I pray that Jesus carry just long enough for you to taste the victory before you get there, to enjoy the victory. Oh, there's a victory in Christ over lust, over demons, over everything satanic.

There's a glorious victory in the Lord. And I'm going to look you right in the eye, and I'm going to tell you here at Times Square Church and in New York City, the day will come when the Lord tears, there'll be at least 10,000 Christians on fire as an example of the overcoming power of Jesus in this last day. Glory to God.

Oh, there's a holy stream of people that are going to be repentant. They're going to run to Jesus. They're going to long for him.

They're going to walk like him, talk like him, and look like him. They're going to suffer like him. Yes, but they're not going to worry about their suffering.

They're going to have written on their forehead, holiness unto the Lord. And while this Babylonian ship of state sinking down into water, they're going to rise up out of the dust. Hallelujah, victorious in Christ.

God's going to save and deliver his people in a day of wrath. I'll tell you what, God's given me something I hadn't seen before. I heard Sister Basilia Slink.

Now, she's a wonderful woman of God in her 80s, and many of you read some of her books from Darmstadt, Germany. I love that dear sister. She's a Mama Zion, a mother of Zion, and she's not the only prophetic voice.

I know five or six others that I trust who are walking with God. They're not in it for money. They're not into hype.

They're not self-proclaimed prophets. They're true prophets of God. I know one of them, especially in Canada, great men of God and others that really walking close to the Lord.

It comes from Australia. It comes from other places where men are walking with the Lord. And Sister Basilia Slink was saying before the Holocaust, God's going to deliver his people.

And I got to thinking, well, to me, it didn't seem to matter because if bombs fall in New York City and I'm melted down, I'm melted down right into the arms of Jesus. And so live or die, we're the Lord's. We're not to live with any fear.

But I want you to go to Revelation. I want to show you something. I want to show you something.

Boy, is it clear? There's going to be a deliverance. Revelation 18. And by the way, if you want to see what's going to happen to the United States of America, you go home tonight, read Revelation 17, 18 and 19.

You'll see it. All right. I want you to look at Revelation 18 and I'm going to read, start verse five, Revelation 18, verse five.

For her sins have reached into heaven and God has remembered her iniquities, reward her even as she rewarded you, double unto her double according to her works in the cup which she has filled, filled to double. How much she's glorified herself, live deliciously. Have we lived deliciously in this country? There are a lot of poor people who haven't.

But the majority in this nation have lived deliciously to much, so much torment and sorrow give her for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen. You know where the queen is sitting, don't you? They call her the queen. Were you here when they dedicated this statue of liberty? I sit as a queen.

I'm no widow and she'll see no sorrow. People said there's never been an enemy army in the United States. We've never had a war.

Wars never touched this land. I sit, we're safe, we're safe. Verse eight, therefore, so her plagues come in one day, death, mourning, famine.

She shall be utterly burned with fire for strong is the Lord God who judged her for the kings of the earth who've committed fornication, live deliciously with her. She'll bewail her and lament for her when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city in one hour is thy judgment come. Read on.

The merchants of the earth shall mourn and weep over her for no man buys their merchandise anymore. Or do you matter what's going to happen to the trade? Japanese and Germans and all those that we're living high on the merchandise of gold, silver, precious stone, pearls, linen, purple, silk, scarlet, wood, vessels of iron, vessels of wood, brass, iron, vessels of iron. Those are cars probably and marble.

But you see, that's all going to come down in one day. But look at verse eight. Therefore, shall her plagues come in one day.

All right. Now, hold on. I'm the Holy Ghost would have to make this real.

I can't tell you any more than what I feel in my heart right now that the Lord is saying, go back to chapter 18 and look at verse four. The Bible said her plagues are going to come. When? In one day.

Didn't it say that? All right, go back and read it again. Verse eight. Therefore, shall her plagues come, what? In one day, death, mourning, famine, and she shall be utterly burned with fire.

All right, now go to verse four. And I heard another voice from heaven saying, come out of her, my people, that she be not partakers of her sins and that she receive not of her plagues. Her plagues are coming, when? In one day.

How do you come out? We don't come out unless he brings us out. How do you come out? How could we get every Christian out of New York City? How could we get? No, you said spiritual. Yes, but you see, we've already come out.

You don't say come out till people have already come out. I really believe in my heart. Now, I'll tell you, there's a Bible principle.

Was Daniel safe from the lion's den or in it? Did he have to go in the lion's den? Was the furnace that was heated seven times hot? Did God put out the furnace or did Jesus go in the furnace with them and deliver them in the furnace? In the furnace. How about Peter? Did he have to go to jail? He was delivered out of jail, wasn't he? How about Paul when the storm was breaking up the ship? Did the Lord just calm the storm or did he let the ship break up and he's cast into the water? He was saved out of the water, wasn't he? What happened to the ship? It went down. What happened to Paul? He was saved.

I'll tell you what. We're not going to be safe from all the troubles. I mean, they're going to be troubles.

They're going to be perplexity on all side, but they're going to come a day of his wrath. Hallelujah. Do you know, I believe it could happen the very moment someone presses the buttons and they come down over the North Pole and those missiles, there'll be mushroom clouds over Manhattan.

Oh yes, there will. And it'll probably hit New York first and then spread down Washington or come up this way. I don't know, but there will be hundreds of hydrogen ballistic warheads falling on this nation.

But I'll tell you what, they could be on the way. And the Lord blinks his eye, just the twinkling of an eye. And he says, come out of her, my people.

Come out of her. Glory be to God. Hallelujah.

You know, this is the conclusion of the tape.

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