

Understanding the times, Part 1

Discerning the “Tipping point” we’re in.



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Summary: A very important sermon topic. *Though we’re not a part of this age or this world, our God does want his children to understand the times in which we live. Too many don’t care and say, “What will be, will be” and go on their merry way. So we’re starting a 2-part sermon. **Part 1** – Seeing how we’re at a definite “**a tipping point**” time in our countries, and some examples of that. **Part 2** will be what we are to do about it. It’s essential we not just be bystanders.*

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NOTE: These notes are close, but more is said in the video. I recommend both – have notes in hand as you watch the video.

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Please turn to 1 Chronicles 12. This is about the very early months of King David’s reign over all of Israel. In Chapter 10, King Saul and his son Jonathan had been slain in battle. In Chapter 11, much of Israel has come over to David, including mighty men of Judah and Benjamin, the core of Saul’s support. In 1 Chronicles 12, we see that multiple thousands of men of war from each tribe came to pledge their support and allegiance to David.

This was a “tipping point” time back then in Israel. The former king Saul is dead, and the new young king David needed support. Let’s pick it up at verse 30, 1 Chron 12, and get a running start to verse 32, where something very pertinent to this sermon is said.

1 Chronicles 12:30-32

“of the sons of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men throughout their father's house; 31 of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were designated by name to come and make David king;

32 of the sons of **Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do**, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command...”

These men “**had understanding of the times.**” But they also knew what the country should do in this pivotal time, this “tipping point” time, when their king (Saul) had been killed in battle and people needed to stand up, speak up, and do the right thing. The men of

Issachar are singled out as understanding the crucial time they were in – and men who knew what they should do. They showed up. They didn't just become silent bystanders.

Today we'll be talking about how important it is to be people of God who see and understand what's happening in our country and around the world – and understand then what we are supposed to be DOING about what we discern.

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I think sermons I've given over the past 6-8 months have been setting up for this sermon today. Sermons about our Wedding to the Lamb of God, about being HOLY, plus the sermons about demonism. We're going to see a rash of demonic-led activity as never before.

Many of you see what's going on but think we're all supposed to just sit back and watch, and pray of course, and just wait for the return of Messiah. Is that what Scripture actually teaches us? You might be surprised. Some of you may strongly disagree with me on what I'm about to say, but I hope you search the scriptures on this and if you agree or disagree, I'd love to hear from you. A lot of prayer and thought certainly has gone into this sermon.

This will be a 2-part sermon.

- **Part 1 -- God's children must discern some of the key big pillar points of what's going on around the world** and why we must understand them.
- **Part 2 -- what we are TO DO with that understanding** of discerning what's going on. What actions does God want us to take?

Understanding the Times is IMPORTANT TO THE SON OF GOD

But first we have to do more than just see what's going on; but understand and discern the times we live in. And that's what we're talking about today. This topic was very important to the Son of God and he had much to say about it:

Luke 12:54-56

Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is.

56- Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, **but how is it you do not discern this time?"**

Those Jesus (Yeshua) was speaking to were not like the ancient men of Issachar, who had an understanding of the times and knew what to do. How about you and me?

Matthew 24:32-33

"Now LEARN this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

33 So you also, when you see all these things, KNOW that it is near — at the doors!"

Remember Christ is right there, knocking at the door, of the Laodicean type believers.

Revelation 3:20

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

Yeshua added something else. Days before his crucifixion, he WEPT over Jerusalem. Notice some amazing words from God's son. I'll emphasize the last phrase:

Luke 19:41-44

Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "IF you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another,

BECAUSE you did not know the time of your visitation."

Christ clearly wants us to understand the TIMES in which we live.

Here's how other translations have it for verse 44:

Young's Literal Trans: "because thou didst not know the time of thy INSPECTION."

CJB: "...and all because you did not recognize your opportunity when God offered it!"

Christian Standard Bible: "... because you did not recognize the time when God visited you."

Would we have done any better than they? Are we recognizing the times we're in?

We know Yeshua had to die for sins of the world – including yours and mine. But he says the people of his day in Jerusalem did not understand that GOD HIMSELF was there with them, in his SON, and missed some opportunities. Different responses from them could have changed the timing and events that happened to Israel, especially in 70 AD.

What does that last phrase mean? He's saying, "you MISSED IT. You didn't recognize what God was doing for you. God came to visit you – through me – and because you did not discern that, this city is going to be pulverized and everyone in it will be brutally killed or taken captive", as in fact happened 40 years later, in 70 A.D.

Had there been some discernment, I believe Yeshua is telling them and us in verse 42 that though HE still would have had to die, God Almighty may have given them more time of

peace, as he often did before – with King Ahab, king Hezekiah, etc., and as he did with Nineveh. In fact, God is in no hurry to bring about the terrible times of the end. Remember we are told by Yeshua himself in the parable of the 10 virgins of **Matthew 25:5**, that the Bridegroom WAS delayed! But we're also assured there's coming a time when there will be delay no longer (**Revelation 10:6; Hebrews 10:37**).

Too many are unaware. Too many of you are not involved in an all-out battle, with battle gear on, with full armor of God on –no, they're out there in their underwear! In fact he tells the Laodicean-type brethren they are NAKED. ARE you conscious of the huge fight you should be in?

Revelation 3:17

Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' – and **do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and NAKED...**"

Please tell your friends and family about this message and spread the word. We need to wake up the children of God especially, as you will see. Too many slumber and are lethargic and have their minds somewhere else! Remember all 10 virgins of Matthew 25 slept when it appeared the groom was not coming when expected.

There ARE things to do, when we wake up and become aware! If we learn a **hurricane** is coming – we don't just sit there, neither do we just pray. No, you protect your property from the storm, you board up the windows and bring in the outside stuff and buy emergency supplies – even as you pray – and you might even leave town.

Even Yeshua said that if a man knew when a thief was going to break in, he would have stayed up and done whatever was needed to keep his home from being broken into:

Matthew 24:42-44

"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do NOT expect."

So when people say they know Christ must be returning "any time now" – when everyone is expecting the return to be imminent, I feel Yeshua is telling us, "Nope, that's not the right time yet because I told you, I will return at a time you don't expect."

When we understand the times we're in, there should be a whole of praying going on, a LOT – and there should also be things even beyond prayer you and I should be doing. More on that in Part 2.

Before Messiah returns, there will be a lot of things that have to play out. And just like watching the darkening skies or seeing the fig tree is putting forth leaves – we are to WAKE UP that each day passing now is another day closer to the incredible, indescribable horror

show that precedes the return of Christ – when you combine Satan's wrath (the Great Tribulation) and God's wrath (the Year of the LORD) together.

Yeshua (Jesus) says in Luke 21:25 that there will be fearful signs and “distress among nations” as well as signs in the sky. This month there's a new comet (Neowise) visible mid July-August in America. On July 4, all the planets lined up in a row, which I saw – straight line that ended at the moon. So? When God begins to SHAKE the heavens, you'll know.

Luke 21:25-26

*"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and **on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**"*

God's HEDGE about us to protect us from Satan's attacks

Are you witnessing and experiencing the angst going on around the world?

Hopefully you and I are learning how to have peace in the storm by keeping our eyes and focusing on things above, and on our Messiah.

And remember we do have a HEDGE around us, put there by God. You can see that in Job 1 – when Satan tells God “Of course your man Job will be good. You've put a hedge of protection around him.”

Job 1:9-10

So Satan answered YHVH and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing?
10 Have You not made a HEDGE around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.”

I think a big part of discerning the times we live in right now is realizing when we are in a TIPPING POINT time, a CRUCIAL time when so many pillars of our existence, of what we've always known, are being challenged and toppled. Knock down enough pillars supporting the edifice, or in this case the country, collapses. The far left knows that – and that's their aim. Satan knows that too, and that's *his* aim.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, **we need to discern the times that we ARE at a tipping point time of history!** We are in a unique moment in history so far in our USA – and also in Canada, Britain, Australia and in so many other countries. You in Venezuela have experienced your own tipping point. I'm sure you would warn Americans about Marxists.

I believe if God's children all fervently understand this and all do the right thing, we could YET see the most amazing intervention by God in our countries. Remember Nineveh and more (see the book of Jonah). If we don't do anything, then for sure what is written in Revelation and Daniel will come to pass. But God is willing to revise his plans when he sees us active. See my sermon on “Should we Pray for our Nation?”

I believe God wants to see his children very, very concerned for, and very GRATEFUL to be able to live in this country God has blessed you with.

But there's AN EVIL SPIRIT flowing in the land now more than ever. Is it possible the prophesied attack by Satan against God in heaven has occurred already?

Revelation 12:7-9

“And WAR broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon [Satan]; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.

9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

Later in Rev 12, we're told Satan is very angry.

Revelation 12:12

“Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! *For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath*, because he knows that he has a short time.”

This battle in heaven could very well have happened already. But even if not, I know there is a very evil “spirit” flowing in the world right now and in our country **that is** more vicious and evil than I've ever seen.

What I'm talking about right now goes WAY beyond politics. We're past that. In the USA, we're WAY past this being just between Republicans and Democrats. It's more about Satan's evil spirit flowing through the land now.

Remember this: our war is not against humans or people who believe differently from us. There's a spirit that is possessing a lot of people right now.

Our fight is not against people but against the spirit that is being set up to – to what? To fight God's children in the end. Millions are marching to Satan's spirit right now. And Paul says we are supposed to be in a FIGHT – but not against humans, but against the spirit behind their attitudes and conduct. We need full battle gear on. OK I'm getting ahead of myself. The “WHAT we are to do” will be in part 2. But let's read what it says in Eph. 6.

Ephesians 6:11-13

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Paul wrote this while experiencing the Roman empire. He had gone through many beatings, scourgings, lashings and stonings. He probably had been chained to a dead man in one of his imprisonments.

The Roman empire was not always so helpful to Paul, but he still says “PEOPLE aren’t my enemy. The Jews, Romans, Greeks – none of those are my enemies.” He knew our battle is not against humans. Paul understood who was calling the shots in this evil world. Satan is the god of this age. Perhaps his desperate attack on heaven itself has already happened. Perhaps he has already been thrown down.

SO my main point in this part 1 is to make sure you GRASP we are in very perilous last days and it’s not going to be business as usual all the time. *There will be PERIODS of peace and safety* – *and then what? “Sudden destruction”* (1 Thessalonians 5:3). That was the point of the Noah sermon I gave recently: ***how suddenly everything can change!***

Some of you are OK with that, feeling everything is all laid out and chiseled in stone. I’ve been telling you for a long time now that God is more merciful than that. He shows us what WILL happen if not enough *of GOD’S PEOPLE do the right thing*—but in the lessons of Nineveh and so many other examples, *God changed his mind for whole city-states, whole nations, and for many people* he had already pronounced curses on – I mean wicked people at that! People like Ahab and King Manasseh of the Bible.

If you wonder if what is going on around us is important or not, **just ask Venezuelans.** Their country was once the leading nation of the Central and South American nations, wealthiest, most comfortable – but look how quickly they went downhill when socialists and a Marxist dictator took over! They would warn us to WAKE UP -- *or what happened to them will be our story too.* So I hope we can all wake up and recognize the times we’re in.

Venezuelans: God has not forgotten you, especially if you diligently pray for his mercy, protection, and blessing on you and your family. And I will be praying for you there too.

Here's a summary of what's going on already!

2 Timothy 3:1-6

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

You’ll have a part in helping heal the nation and the world, but FIRST, WAKE UP TO BECOME ZEALOUS AND DISCERN THE TIMES.

So what are we to do?

First, I want to list some of the many, many big events and situations happening that we need to be aware of, and to be discerning.

Then in part 2, we’ll talk about what we, God’s children, are supposed to be doing as we discern the times.

Some of the PILLARS being torn down – which makes this a TIPPING POINT TIME

**** GOD has been kicked out of our society and government.**

Starting 50-60 years ago in the USA, GOD was systematically thrown out of the government and schools, including teaching creation vs evolution, and forbidding prayer in schools and government, etc.

- **The “God is dead” movement.** Time magazine article on April 8, 1966 asked, “Is God Dead?” on its cover.

God was thrown out of the schools and universities. You couldn't bring in a Bible to work or have the girls' soccer team pray together first. Even in some mega-churches that say they were Christian, their sermons turned more into feel-good pop psychology and motivational talks rather than preaching the Bible. In the FAKE discussion of separation of church and state, God has been largely eliminated. Oh, our universities opened the door wide to the Dalai Lama, but not to leaders of Christianity or their meetings.

10 Commandments monuments were taken down from Oklahoma City's capitol building in 2015. Then again in 2017 at Bloomfield city hall, New Mexico – backed up by the Supreme Court of the land.

And then we wonder why things have started roaring downhill?
And now God's name is cursed, used in profanity and disrespect.

** **Isaiah 5:5, 7** tells us that there's a HEDGE around the house of Israel, which I believe truly includes America and Britain and others today. We'll read more of it in Part 2. But it appears God is letting the hedge be torn down, and when that happens, there is no protection on our country. But you, individually, still have a hedge around you, as did Job, that protects you from Satan's direct full-frontal assault –

Psalm 34:7

“The angel of YHVH (the LORD) encamps around those who fear Him, and he delivers them.”

This verse reminds me of the pillar of cloud that camped in front or behind the camp of Israel, and above at night – depending on the help God wanted to give.

THIS is the #1 pillar that has been attacked over and over: That this nation was founded on Judeo-Christian principles and the Bible. So now the vocal activists want to kick God out of our society.

When God was in the culture, we at least grew up learning the Golden Rule – to do to others what you'd wish them do to you. We at least heard about the 10 commandments and that GOD made rules to live by to keep law and order – including honoring God's name, honoring our parents, not stealing, not killing, not lying – and being faithful to our mate. Plus the first 4 commandments to love and honor God and not worship pagan idols.

In many places, school even started with a recitation of the Lord's Prayer. My wife says that's how it was in her school in England.

Our presidents were men known for reading the Bible. Ditto many of our military leaders. None of us is perfect, but it didn't hurt any to read the Bible.

With GOD at the core, we grew up knowing we are all made in God's image – all men, all women, of all nations, of all tribes – we're ALL in God's image. With the Bible we learned in the New Testament that it didn't matter if you were Greek or Jew – God loves all! It didn't matter what race or ethnic group you are a part of, or what your language is – for God's Son died for EVERYONE, of all races and groups, all of them, even you! We knew that, we heard that – when God and his word was a part of our daily and weekly pattern.

God settled once and for all the question of whose lives matter. He died for us all. All lives.

We were all created equal – ALL life mattered, from before birth in the womb till the day we die. George Floyd's life mattered. He couldn't breathe.

And now several police officers who were killed by the protesters and rioters – their lives also mattered, but where's the protests about how they were killed? And some of them were black too, like David Dorn 77 or so. Like Dave Patrick Underwood in Oakland. And others, shot in the head or ambushed. And now those officers can't breathe either! When God was in the picture, we would know that ALL black lives matter – even black police officers, even black conservatives, even blacks who disagree with the Left. All Hispanics matter too; all indigenous lives matter, all white lives, for we're all made in the image of GOD.

Instead, we're seeing racism fire up again – but this time it's against whites, especially white men. (Examples given in the video). Our children are being taught in NY schools reverse racism – that their white classmates automatically are somehow racist just because they are white.

When we push GOD OUT of the public discourse, and we end up deciding to do what we each think is right or wrong – instead of believing in a Creator who KNOWS what's right and wrong. We're REAPING the consequences now.

- With God at the core, we learned that God sent his Son to die for all people, all around the world, so all who would accept him could be forgiven and saved.
- With God at the core we learned that our inalienable rights came from HIM – and government was there to make sure those rights were never lost. Many scriptures speak of God's desire that we be free and healthy and have an abundant life (John 10:10 and many more).

And as the Declaration of Independence states, written by Thomas Jefferson, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal**, that they are **endowed by their Creator** with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

How long before the Declaration is taken down? You watch.

**** ANOTHER trend: SATANISM, WITCHCRAFT, DRUGS, SORCERY, DEMONISM – all on the rise.**

I see **Harry Potter movies** on the channel listings over and over. And too many of you let God's children watch Harry Potter. Will you at least sit down and watch ONE episode and see for yourself how much demonism, witchcraft and darkness fill those shows? The whole story is based on a school of witchcraft. I gave several sermons recently on demonism – and I urge you to hear those. God is not blasé about witches!

We children of God better get our lives together. Our enemies will be empowered by demons but remember He who is with us is greater than he in the world (**1 John 4:4**). God does, however, as in the case of Job, let us be tested by these evil forces at times.

In the very last days, Satan is given the key to the “Bottomless pit” and demonic forces that God has locked up seem to be released (Rev. 9) when Satan, with God's permission, let them out. Remember Christ has all the keys. Satan can do only what God allows.

We better be ready for it. We're going to start seeing some very strange things – way beyond anything we're seeing today.

Demons give supernatural power to the Beast system and False Prophet (Matt. 24:24; Thess. 2:8-9; Revelation 16:13-14).

Witchcraft books are plentiful in bookstores. DON'T let your children read these. Don't get involved in Halloween. Don't think witches and aliens and ghost themes are just for fun. Don't open the door to demonic powers! They're our enemy! You're going to see demonism in a big, big way like you've never seen before. We need to be ready for it.

**** ANOTHER HUGE pillar that is being attacked is that we're a nation of law and order and that most police work for our good.**

Radicals are now teaching we can't trust police; that they're systemically hunting blacks, and the whole law and order system is rotten to the core. The far Left in this country now says police have become the enemy. We must not let that lie get into our heads.

After ALL Paul went through, he was still willing to say the LAW of the land was to be respected. We'll read Romans 13 later, in part 2. Instead, we hear the lie that cops are hunting down blacks. A HUGE lie. *MOST black deaths, BY FAR, come from black -on-black crime – but few are willing to even say so!*

By the way, most whites being killed are killed by other whites; most blacks being killed are killed by blacks. In the month of June, 97% of those shot and killed in New York City were minorities, by minorities. In the first 9 days of July, 100% have been so far. In 2019, 7,500 blacks were killed last year. By far most of them were killed by other blacks, and certainly NOT by police. And the ones who were killed by police were, for the most part, engaged in crime or shooting or attacking police. Police killed more whites than they did blacks. But if you attack or shoot at police or are engaged in a crime, yes – you could end up dead.

Every police officer who gets up and gets ready to go for work realizes he may not come home this evening. You and I don't have to face those thoughts when we and where we go to work. Let's show our honor and gratitude.

In MANY cities where there've been riots, the mayor, D.A., police chief and even MANY of their police officers are often BLACK or minorities themselves. So explain the racism there. In fact, in some cities, black and minority police actually make up the majority of those cities' police forces.

If we "Defund and abolish police" – we'll see law and order disappear but we'll also experience much more ANARCHY, lawlessness, murder and violent crime. And the ones most affected will be the black community.

**** Another oft-repeated big LIE that is attacking our culture and safety – and being believed abroad – is that America is SYSTEMICALLY RACIST. That's a lie that many do believe.**

President Obama said that too. Imagine that, a black president elected twice by millions of whites as well as others, saying the whole country is systemically racist.

America is NOT systemically racist. We have racists, yes. But why would millions of minorities and blacks immigrate here if we were so racist? How could a black Obama get elected twice, to the highest office, if we were so racist? Ditto for the dozens of black mayors, legislators, attorneys, teachers, professors, and top politicians we see around the country. Blacks make up 13% of the population. So this means a lot of white folks are voting for black and minority people. How is that showing the nation is systemically racist?

These accusations are used by the far Left and Marxists to hide their real agenda. For example, **Lives Matter, period.** When a color has to be added in front of that label, then by very definition it becomes racist. We're all one race – the human race, we're all God's creation and that's that. I urge BLM to openly say "ALL black lives matter" – including black children who are being slaughtered by other blacks. Include all black cops, black justices or black conservatives, and blacks who disagree that we are a racist nation.

But they don't include conservatives or blacks who disagree with them! So if black lives matter, and they certainly DO matter, the movement should acknowledge ALL black lives who die – from whatever causes, including inner-city criminal violence, all matter. Including the many innocent children being shot by inner city crime.

By the way, I was raised with 2 adopted minority boys before I was born. I was raised as the minority in a foreign country. I have married an immigrant, who is now a US Citizen.

But there's a difference between the statement – "Black Lives Matter" – and the *movement, which is political.* I speak of this because it bears heavily on understanding our times!

In 2015, during BLM marches, throngs of marchers shouted "What do we want? Dead cops. When do we want it? Now!" Then they chanted "Pigs in a blanket, fry them like bacon." Now, in 2020, we see graffiti everywhere in NY and other cities – "ACAB" -- "all cops are ba***rds". That's the movement. We must differentiate between the true sentiment that

“black lives matter” and the very sinister *movement's* roots. Thankfully we're starting to see more prominent black people speak up – like Michael Jordan.

<https://theundefeated.com/features/michael-jordan-i-can-no-longer-stay-silent/>

Black lives – all black lives and all lives – do matter. But please, all of you, take the time to **read the *manifesto* of the MOVEMENT called Black Lives Matter**. It is a patently Marxist and socialist group and against the ideals of most black families, especially conservative black families.

So open your eyes for yourself. The BLM *movement's practice* is anti-cop, anti-law and order, against our founding fathers, anti-church and God, though they may not say all of this so clearly in their own manifesto. *Watch what they DO*. DO read their own manifesto carefully though. The Movement is PRO abortion, anti-traditional families of dad/mom/children, pro new definitions for family and marriage, etc. etc. It's all there for you to see. Google “black lives matter what we believe”.

Listen/watch this former Navy officer discussing what's happening

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FM-w7fDuFJw> We all have to FACE UP to our reality. BLM and the Left won't face up to black-on-black crime and they'd rather blame everyone else. You suffering black citizens have to speak up for changes in your community.

Also realize that founding members of BLM have openly admitted they're trained Marxists (Communists) You can look this up yourself – “BLM Marxist”.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7C6tNjiRKY> check 40-59 seconds in.

Talk to someone from Venezuela. Find out what Marxism did to what was once a rich and wonderful country.

Hawk Newsome, chairman of BLM Greater New York, said if BLM does not get what they want, they will burn the whole system down. That was carried by several news broadcasts.

YOU – and any of your white children in school -- are being programmed to believe that – like it or not – you and they are racist, simply because of the color of their white skin. I thought MLK put us all past that, that we weren't judging each other by our skin color anymore. We should realize we're all made in God's image and race shouldn't matter.

Please realize, I put my money where my mouth is. Several of us are keeping 30 black orphans in Kenya alive by feeding, housing and educating them. We also help out a small congregation of black African brethren with food, mosquito nets, and more. You're welcome to help us, but I'm just saying, we're putting our money where our mouth is.

**** *LEFTISTS have taken over our schools, universities – and are programming and INDOCTRINATING our children from very young age.***

For example, in WA state, they're being taught sex from very early ages. The end result will be immorality, disrespect for the country... They're encouraged to experiment from a young age. And many 5th and 7th graders can't even read or do any math! We're not teaching children anymore – but indoctrinating.

**** Keep watching the dangerous rise of CHINA and its power and influence around the world.**

China's military might; economic might.... Beware of China and its growing military power – with aircraft carriers. Their jets look so much like ours; you know they took our plans somehow and copied our latest F-35 and F-22 jets. They're trying to control the south China Sea by building bases on little island atolls.

The Chinese people are fine. I'm talking about their leadership in the Chinese Communist Party. But keep looking carefully at what China's doing. It will affect you greatly – before long.

**** With the Wuhan virus we learned HOW QUICKLY CIRCUMSTANCES AND WHOLE ECONOMIES around the world could change. Overnight. This explains how Yeshua's comment about being as in the days of Noah – how suddenly things can end.**

- **We're learning new words and terms – Pandemic, social distancing, Flatten the curve, slow the spread, N-95 face masks, self-isolating, quarantine, contact tracing, the New Normal ... overnight!**
- **We also learned how QUICKLY local, state and federal governments could take away our civil liberties and rights. I mean overnight. This is huge.**

In my recent sermon about Noah's day, the main issue Yeshua brought up was how SUDDEN was the Flood. Yes, everything we know, our whole world, can be changed suddenly. We learned that, didn't we, from March 2020 onwards?

Overnight we were told to stay home and lockdown. **Businesses were closed, overnight.** Many went bankrupt – even whole chains. You weren't allowed to even leave your HOME in some places – except for real dire emergency.

You weren't allowed to even go to CHURCH – so we did church by Zoom or phone. Somehow church was not an essential business. But you were allowed to go to the Liquor stores and marijuana stores! And you WERE allowed to attend large protests and acts of arson even if not practicing social distancing. Are we insane or what? Casinos were opened up sooner than places of worship were.

You weren't allowed to go see your friend, husband or wife or dad or grandfather or mother in a nursing home. Not allowed.

When my wife's mom died, only 10 people were allowed at the gravesite. TEN. And only for 15 minutes! MANY who wanted to be there were not allowed to!

But then when the protests and riots started – who stopped them from congregating, burning, looting and destroying? Nobody.

This is a foretaste of what's coming on the whole world when the prophesied Beast power takes over and completely controls all aspects of society. It's coming.

**** Several SUPREME COURT decisions put us into a tipping point**

- **Since 1973, Abortion became legal on demand, ending the life of over 60 million babies. It was now legal throughout the land. Since then, over 60 MILLION** growing little boys and girls of all races, have been

I realize an unexpected pregnancy can be unnerving and scary and lonely. But I also realize that the womb of the mother was supposed to be the safest place for little unborns.

This Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, legalized shedding the blood of the most defenseless and innocent among us – by their mom's own request. God can forgive this horrific sin, but this Supreme Court decision changed life in America forever.

- **Another big Supreme Court decision was THE REPEAL OF the DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act – one man and one woman) was struck down in 2015, during Obama years.**

In 2015, same-sex marriage was legalized nationwide, overnight. This also is leading more and more to experiment with same-sex sex. People of all ages. You're considered to have something wrong with you if you don't feel perfectly OK around same-sex couples, even if they're kissing and fondling in front of you.

So gay-pride parades are often very sexually explicit. Whole cities are happy to put on and support gay pride month and gay pride parades. God tells us what he thinks about this in **Romans 1:26-27 and Genesis 19. Also Leviticus 18:22; Jude 1:7 and 1 Cor. 6:9.**

- **Then in June 2020, the most recent Civil Rights Act ruling about not discriminating due to "Sex" – now defined "sex" to not be limited to just being a biological male or female – but now your "sex" can be whatever sexual orientation someone wants it to be.**

So now it's official, in June 2020-- I don't believe a business will be able to discriminate for transgender, gay, or anything. How about lockers, showers, bathrooms? How about transgender males – now "female" – competing in female sports? We'll see.

The Civil Rights law now, which prohibited discrimination based on sex, is now understood to **mean sexual ORIENTATION**. "Sex" used to be determined by biology – male and female sexual parts. Now the ruling says it means your orientation, regardless of your biological parts. This includes gays, transsexuals, bisexuals, queer – or anything you wish.

The example God himself set for marriage to be between one man and one woman is quickly going by the wayside.

- **Another pillar being toppled as a result of these Supreme Court rulings: SEX CONFUSION: Are you a BOY, Girl, or gender neutral?**

Too many in our nation is going “gender neutral”. NO MALE, NO FEMALE. It’s been coming for a while with the “Unisex” movement years ago. Satan is sexless and he wants everyone to be like him. So he’s confusing what is male or what is female. Don’t buy into it!

Already many children, in some schools, are already being taught that there’s no such thing as a “boy” or “girl”, and if biologically you are a boy, it’s OK to feel like and decide you’re a girl. Confusion of the sexes will lead to much more confusion IN ALL areas of our lives and will affect all of us – men in ladies’ rooms, showers, etc. One’s “sex” is no longer biologically based – but what you FEEL it is.

WARNING: I believe the LEFT will WEAPONIZE this ruling and try to force God’s children who believe in 1 man/1 woman marriage and hetero- marriage, to comply to be jailed.

So being “gender Neutral” is the new buzz word. Millennials in Canada are finding gender neutral NAMES more and more.

Case in Canada where transgender parent wants their boy’s sex “unspecified”
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/03/canadian-baby-registered-gender-unspecified-possible-world-first/>

Some even want to remove the ability to use gender words like “him, her, his, she, he, male, female, husband, wife, brother, sister” etc. It’s going absolutely nuts – but society is trying to find gender-neutral words for the above.

What will be the end result? You watch... I believe we can expect:

- *You’ll be able to marry whoever and whatever you wish*
- *Sexual taboos will no longer exist.*
- *You’ll see movies and lifestyles of relations between family members*

- *Implied and actual sex with animals will be discussed and depicted*
- *Sexual immorality and fornication will skyrocket. See Leviticus 18.*
- *If we go much too far, Leviticus 18 warns we will be vomited out of our land as the Canaanites were. **Please read Leviticus 18:24-29**; actually read the whole chapter.*

We’ll continue next time. But right now, evil is being called good (**Isaiah 5:20**). Freedom of expression, freedom of thought – is all nice and dandy – as long as you are expressing the thoughts of the far left!

Next time we’ll pick up some more pillar concepts in recognizing the times we live in – and then we’ll get into what we should DO as children of God as we see these things happening. Yes, God’s children, as I will show you, must not just sit on the sidelines. We’ve been called to DO certain things, so don’t miss part 2.

But for now, focus on being as close as you can be with our God. You want to be sure you know him and he knows you – and don't be like the 5 foolish virgins who were told by Christ, "Depart... I've never known you." (Matt 25:10). Don't let that happen to you.

Closing prayer. We'll end it there for now – and finish in part 2 – with things we now should do. Be sure to tell others about our messages. Thank you.