

The Book of Jude (Part 17) – Earthly Birthing Pangs; Are You Ready? July 24, 2021

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The letter of Jude. The warnings of history to the ungodly. Wolves in sheep's clothing.

[Video montage]

David Wilkerson, 1973—I saw a vision this past April so frightening it staggered my mind, and for the past three months, I've tried to shake it off, but I can't do it. I've only had two in my life, and one of the clearest messages I've ever received from God in my life was this: Use the next few good years left to prepare for financial crises; get your house in order because hard times are coming.

Number two, I saw nature having labor pains, supernatural signs, and changes that can't be explained by men. Worldwide disasters that we're witnessing right now I see as labor pains in nature, which are going to become more and more frequent and more intense the closer we get to the birth of the Kingdom of God.

I saw major earthquakes coming to the United States. I saw worldwide famine, especially in China, India, and Russia. I saw the world's food supplies completely dwindled and millions starving. I saw coming, a new kind of cosmic storm appearing as a raging fire in the sky, leaving a kind of vapor trail. Tornadoes, hailstorms, floods, and hurricanes are going to pound the earth with such intensity and violence that all of mankind is going to have to admit the world is under supernatural siege.

Video clips of world calamities and protests.

- Flooding in Theux, Belgium, July 14, 2021
- Flooding in Zhengzhou, China, July 20, 2021
- Flooding in Japan, July 3, 2021 - Massive landslide ripped through a Japanese seaside resort town. Mud crashed into rows of houses in Atami after several days of heavy rains. At least 20 people missing and at least 3 people killed, as per reports.
- Flooding in Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands—Severe flooding has caused devastation in parts of Europe.
- The Guardian—German towns were hit by catastrophic floods after record rainfall in parts of the country. In Schuld, houses have collapsed from the heavy rain. In Erftstadt, severe flooding has

caused landslides. More than 1,000 soldiers have been deployed to help with rescue and clear-up operations. The Netherlands has also been badly affected by flash floods.

- Flooding in Sochi, Russia, July 5, 2021
- Wion—Protests in France: [French police clash with Pro-Palestinian protesters.](#)
- Wion—Protests in Belgium: [Pro-Palestinian protests held in Brussels.](#)
- Wion—Protests in Germany: [Palestinians demonstrate on the streets of Berlin.](#)
- Wion—Protests in Spain: [Thousands of protesters crowd Madrid streets.](#)
- Wion—Protests in Iraq: [Iraqis hold anti-Israel protests in Baghdad.](#)
- Wion—Protests in Qatar
- Wion—Protests in Jordan: [Jordanians protest in support of Palestinians.](#)

Slide—[THE END OF ALL THINGS IS AT HAND](#)

[Daniel Joseph]

Shabbat Shalom, everyone. There's a little update on what's going on, just a fragment of what's going on. In light of this, we're going to do something a little different than I actually wanted to do today. You know, this is something where you get into wrestling with the Spirit, and we're going to open up today by going to the 24th chapter of Matthew. Honestly, it's not something I want to do. I've taught this several times in the last year, a couple of years actually, but the Spirit is so heavy right now that we're going to go to Matthew Chapter 24, and this correlates perfectly with what we're covering in Jude right now. The message that Jude is conveying and the importance of that message, man, that's going to come out today.

Let's break into Matthew Chapter 24 and the first couple of verses. I didn't put them up here, but you have the apostles admiring the glory of the temple, and they bring Yeshua in on this to admire the glory of the temple and look at the precious stones. It says in Matthew 24:2—**And Jesus said to them, Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.** It's all coming down. The disciples are excited; they're in that moment of glory in the stuff that the psalmist talks about, you know, the righteous would do this. They would take special care, and they would love the very dust of *Yerushalayim*. Here, Yeshua comes back; He responds and says, All of it is coming down; it's going to be destroyed, leveled to the ground. Well, obviously, this is going to prompt some questions as you would expect.

This is what we read in Matthew 24:3—**Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives**, this is kind of an interesting side note: we know this is at night. Yeshua would go to the Mount of Olives at night. He would teach in the temple in the day, and He retreated to the Mount of Olives at night. I only bring that up to kind of be tongue-in-cheek here for a moment. When people go camping as kids, if you're into that kind of thing, people pride themselves on being able to tell the scariest stories imaginable, so you don't get to sleep the rest of the night in a tent. You're worried about the wolves, you're worried about whatever, you're worried about all these things happening. Well, I kid you not, Yeshua is going to tell a story that can keep you up for the rest of your life because He's going to get into the apocalypse. He's going to get into what's going to happen at the end of the age. Oh, by the way, the very age that we see unfolding right in front of our eyes. So, He sits on the Mount of Olives, and **the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be?"** We want to know when the destruction of the temple is going to happen, but that's not all they ask. Then they say this: **And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"** (Emphasis added).

They were looking forward. They wanted to know, when is the restoration of Israel going to come? When are we going to receive comfort? When are You going to take Your rightful place as ruler of heaven and earth? When is this going to happen? What do we look for? Give us a marker. Now, here's the thing: Yeshua doesn't tell them to bugger off. He actually tells them, He accommodates them, and He's going to go through and give them signs.

We continue in Matthew 24:6-7—⁶ **And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.** ⁷ **For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.** (Emphasis added). All you need to do is turn on your television right now, and you will see this is literally happening at an exponential rate. Go to center stage; go to Israel. Israel is just coming off a very intense war with Hamas. Well guess what, that war is not done, but now there's another one they're worried about in the north with Hezbollah. Hezbollah has some 150,000 rockets ready to go to strike every square inch of Israel, but that's not all they're worried about. There's even something more pressing than that, and that's Iran. Iran wants to blow them off the map. It's not a matter of if, and people in Israel know this. It's not a matter of if; it's just a matter of when. When is this war going to happen? It's escalating, and the other countries do not want to see this because they know other countries are going to get sucked into this. Russia will be pulled into this. Most likely, China will be pulled into this. The Middle East is being destabilized as we speak. These things are happening.

Russia moved over 100,000 troops to the border of Ukraine not that long ago. Tensions are mounting. You have China and Taiwan; tensions are mounting. You have other countries telling the United States right now, Hey, you guys need to be aware: the Chinese are preparing for war against the US. It happened; all of this stuff happened. This is what you would expect as you're coming into the end days. You would expect a World War III-type of scenario, and we're literally seeing; we're witnessing these things unfold.

Now, I want to draw your attention to one particular thing that is so important today, and that is this:—Matthew 24:6—... **See that you are not troubled**,... What does that mean? Yeshua starts off before He gets into this litany of hell being unleashed on the earth; He starts by saying, **See that you are not troubled**. Does that mean Okay, so everything I'm about to say, don't even listen to it; in fact, don't worry about it; none of it really matters. Is that what it means when He says, **See that you're not troubled**? Well, here's the thing: this is going to be so critical for you right now, and I know this is why I'm wrestling with the Spirit of God. I wanted to do something else, but this needs to be understood, and this corresponds perfectly with Jude, so I can see what the Spirit's doing. We need to understand this perfectly. It is not a one-dimensional statement; there's depth to this statement. It has a boatload of meaning, and we're going to get to the bottom. I want to go all the way to the basement so we can see this.

The way to do this is we're going to 2 Chronicles Chapter 15. This is not the first time this statement that Yeshua makes is made in the Bible; it's made back in the Hebrew Bible. It's made back in 2 Chronicles, and when we go there, you're going to see that the context is identical. The context that we see Yeshua drawing upon is, Hey, I'm talking about the end of the age; here's the deal: 2 Chronicles Chapter 15 is prophecy about the end of the age. The context, interestingly enough, is that in the New Testament Yeshua is talking to His disciples, and in the Old Testament we find the prophet Azariah, anointed with the Holy Spirit, is talking to Asa. This is where we're going to pick this up; now follow me on this.

II Chronicles 15:1-2—¹ Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded. ² And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. **If you seek Him**, that's the preposition. If you seek Him, as in seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. If you seek Him, **He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.** (Emphasis added). Now, pay attention because the first thing the Holy Spirit conveys to Asa is this. One of the most critical and fundamental principles of the faith, a principle that the devil is going to try to get you not to believe in, a principle that I've, unfortunately, even engaged in conversations with some other Christians who don't believe in, and that even includes, in the Messianic arena, and it blows your mind. Where Satan brings this complacency upon people, and they really don't take this seriously, or they really don't even believe it. If you forsake the LORD, He will forsake you. If you walk away from Him, you're as good as dead. This is the first component; this is the foundation level of understanding those words—"See that you're not troubled."

Look at what he says as we continue. —II Chronicles 15:3—**For a long time Israel has been without the true God.** How is that possible? Because I read in the Torah, I will never leave you or forsake you. The Torah is crystal clear. How is this possible? Let me add this: this is not a slip-up by man. This isn't man's misinterpretation; I'm sorry, you just don't understand the Word; this is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is working through the Prophet Azariah. These are the words of the Holy Spirit. If anyone should understand what he's saying, it's the Holy Spirit, and he just said, for a long time, Israel has been without God. Why is that? They forsook Him. Do you understand? This goes back to what we've been talking about in Jude, and this is Jude's point; this is what he's concerned about. You better believe it; if you jump ship, you're going down, no question about it. Just look at the history, look at Scripture, look at all the times this happens; you need to believe it.

As we continue, there are two characteristics that are going to be on the screen here that will help you understand how do you get to this environment where God and Israel are not joined because they're married. Why is this fractured? As we continue, there are two specific elements that cultivate this environment of fracture, that cultivate this environment of divorce, if you will. What are they? We read that Israel is—II Chronicles 15:3—**... without a teaching priest, and without Torah, law;**

Isn't that mind-blowing? Here's the deal: the whole point of the shepherd's is to shepherd the flock. Everywhere you look as you start combing through Scripture, when the shepherds do not do their job, when they do not speak the Word of the LORD, when they are not proclaiming the Torah, when they're not teaching the people to know their right hand from their left, what happens to them? All hell breaks loose every time. You could go through Scripture; let's start with the Kohen Gadol, start with Aaron. The people came to him and said, We don't know what happened to Moses. Listen to me, their hearts were troubled, they felt abandoned, and Israel panicked. Their hearts became troubled, and what did they do? Aaron, we don't know what's going on; we need to make some gods, and we need to make them now. We need help. What did Aaron do? The shepherd, the one that was supposed to train them, the right hand from their left. The one that was supposed to divide the holy from the unholy and the clean from the unclean. He consents, and the text in Exodus Chapter 32 says he didn't restrain them. He did not restrain them. This is what happens when the shepherds abandon their job. They'll still hold the position. Aaron is holding the position as Kohen Gadol, but he didn't do his job as a shepherd.

When the shepherds don't govern, watch out. How does the LORD look at this? Just read Ezekiel Chapter 22. The LORD does not look favorably upon this. He gets angry when they don't make the distinction between holy and unholy. They're supposed to be communicating and teaching them. —

Malachi 2:7—... And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

So, when the shepherds start governing the flock, everything falls apart. Do you know what they're called? Do you know what these broken shepherds are called in Ezekiel Chapter 22? They are literally called wolves; you can go read it. They're **like wolves**; that's what the text says in Ezekiel 22:27. This is exactly the point Jude is trying to get across. It's unbelievable; they're without law. You know, I look at the church today, and I see broken shepherds. I see shepherds that have abandoned their posts. I see so many communities rejecting the Torah, rejecting the law. That cultivates the environment of a fractured relationship, a broken relationship. You do not want to be there when all hell is unleashed on this earth; that is not where you want to be, and this is what's being conveyed here.

But look at this: we've got good news. —II Chronicles 15:4—**but when in their trouble they turned to the LORD God of Israel**, in other words, they repented **and sought Him, He was found by them**. He was found. Again, I tell you one of the most critical, important principles you will ever see in Scripture, one that you have to believe, and that is exactly what we read. If you forsake Him, He'll forsake you, but if you seek Him, He will be found, and that talks about true repentance.

You have to believe the promises. You can't believe the lies of the enemy that keeps telling you, Well, you've gone too far; you're a hopeless case. You've been in bondage so long there's no hope for you; don't worry about it. Some of you have been years without healing, and so you do what the enemy does best: get you to give up; you stop praying about it. Maybe whatever addiction you're dealing with, well, I've been dealing with this for so many years, there's no point in trying. Yes, there is; there's a promise at the end of this. When you turn and give everything to the LORD, watch out, because no matter what sin you have committed, do you know what happens? God forgets it. This is the beauty: when you turn to Him, instead of looking at all the sin, do you know what He sees? He sees the blood of Yeshua. He looks to His Son and His righteousness, and that righteousness covers you, and you no longer look like an unclean thing. That's the beautiful promise of the Word, but again, it does you no good if you don't believe it. It does you no good if you don't act upon it. You've got to turn back.

II Chronicles 15:5—**And in those times there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in**; oh, **but great turmoil was on all the inhabitants of the lands**. (Emphasis added). All—tribulation. This is prophecy; this is prophecy about the end of the age. Great tribulation fell on them. Why was there not peace as they were going out and they were coming in, do you understand? Because all the safety is removed. Anxiety is on every side, fears on every side. It's not safe to go out anymore; it's dangerous. These are days that we are getting into.

It's amazing the conversations you can have as you're standing in the line at whatever store you go to. As you're talking to people that you haven't met before and listening to them, I mean, my eyes are as big as they can get. You can hear them commentate, Man, we're not living in a country that I even recognized; we're not living like we used to. People would go on and say, you know, I used to not lock my doors, and now they're afraid to go to the car. Do you understand where we're at right now in Bible prophecy and what is happening? It is unreal.

As we continue, we're going to get to the quote that Yeshua quotes in Matthew Chapter 24. —II Chronicles 15:6-7—⁶ **So nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city, for God troubled them with every adversity**. It's exactly what Yeshua communicates in Matthew Chapter 24; it's absolutely incredible. This is what to expect at the end of the age, but listen to what follows. ⁷ **"But you, be strong,**

you be strong, **and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!"** (Emphasis added). Does that sound familiar? See that you're not troubled; the very thing Yeshua is telling His disciples and that He's telling us today is exactly what the Spirit of God was telling Asa and all the inhabitants. He was telling them to be strong: Don't let your hands be weak.

Here's where we really start to dig into the more depth of what it means to see that your heart is not troubled. A part of that and a part of understanding that is looking toward the future. You will receive a reward. Yeshua says in Revelation 22:12—**"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.** The apostles stop looking at things that are temporary, and they look at the eternal. They didn't invest in anything temporary. They (Luke 21:28) **... lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.** They were waiting for the reward.

The Apostle Paul does a masterful job of bringing this to the table. In fact, you'll notice many of his epistles spent a good amount of time telling us to focus on the reward, focus on the reward. Why? Because I need that. If I don't have that, I'm not going to have strength. What strength are you going to go on? What strength are you going to receive if you say this is all in vain? None of it means anything. I'm just going to suffer and die, and that's going to be it anyways. You have to focus on the reward, that there is good. I mean, help me out here, women; this is why you give birth to the children. The labor is hellish; who looks forward to that? You're not looking forward to that; you're looking for the life that follows that's indescribable. That whole episode is prophetic; it's prophetic of the very days we are now embarking on. So that you understand, look at a woman who labors in pain and suffers and rejoices minutes later. I mean, that's a mystery of God; it's unbelievable.

Asa is going to respond to the words of the Holy Spirit, and you want to pay close attention because this is how we need to respond. This gets into the concept of what it means to see that you're not troubled. We read this in II Chronicles 15:8— **And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, oh, he took courage;** (emphasis added) he took courage. He believed every word of it. The reward is coming; okay, I'm focused on the reward. I'm getting strength. When we hear Yeshua's words, before He goes into this litany of hell that is being unleashed, He says, **See that you are not troubled,** and that's understanding; we're focused on the reward; we need to be focused on that; it's a huge component.

Now, we're going to see a practical response. In other words, if in fact every one of you leaves today and says, You know what, I'm going to take heart; I'm going to take courage. What would that look like? Is that simply an idea? Oh, this is where it gets good. It goes on and says in II Chronicles 15:8—**... and removed the abominable idols from all the land of Judah and Benjamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephraim.** (Emphasis added). When the Spirit of the LORD had spoken to Asa, saying, Take, heart, take heart; see that your heart is not troubled, he responded by casting down the idols. Every single idol that you have lifted up in your heart, I'm telling you, it's got to come down today. That's got to come down now.

We all meet certain people, and it's interesting; you get to know them sometimes quicker than others, but you see some people, they're 60, 70% sold out for Christ. You see the really, really good ones, 85%, maybe 90%, they're sold out. The exceptional ones are 95% to 99% where they're just sold out, but here's the thing: there are little fragments that they withhold. A little percent, a half a percent, a tenth of a percent—they withhold from committing their life and everything of who they are to Christ. They withhold. I'm going to tell you something. Do you want to know the differences between someone who gives 99.9% of their heart to the LORD and someone who gives the full 100%? This person over here will

only learn about the LORD in knowledge. While this person who gives everything will experience God. I'm not kidding you; I tell you the truth. Do you want to experience God? You've got to let go; you've got to cast down all the idols; you've got to cast down all the distractions, all the things that you give stupid time to. It's just senseless. When you do that, you will move from, Oh, I'm just reading the Word; I'm studying man; I just really know the Word; this is great. You will move from that to, I know Yeshua. Where people will meet you and say, He's been with Yeshua. There's such an anointing on him; there's so much power on him. When he speaks, my heart burns. That's the difference between 99.9% and 100%. You will experience the LORD firsthand.

Look at what else he did; this is awesome. —II Chronicles 15:8—... **and he restored the altar of the LORD that was before the vestibule of the LORD.** (Emphasis added). He is moved; he has taken it to heart; he's seeing that his heart will not be troubled, and there is true repentance. He is now repairing the temple. You will have to repair the altar of your heart. Do you know why this is so significant, the altar? What is that the symbol of? It's a symbol of relationship with God. No altar, no relationship with God. No covering for sin, you're separated from God. You need the altar; that's the very vehicle to keep you intact with the LORD. Now is the time to rebuild that altar. Now is the time to cleanse that altar, to cleanse the altar of your heart, and you need to start offering sacrifices on it. The sacrifices of your lips, as Hosea and the writer of Hebrews talk about. —Hebrews 13:15—**Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.** Give the sacrifice of praise to the LORD; we need to make that offering.

The writer of Hebrews also talks about when you open your hand wide to the poor and you give to the poor, that is an acceptable sacrifice to the LORD; it's beautiful. Psalm 4:5 talks about **offer the sacrifices of righteousness.** Walk in holiness. —Leviticus 19:2— ***K'doshim tihiyu ki kadosh ani Adonai eloheychem, be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.*** This is what we're called to do. That is righteousness; that is a true sacrifice, and that's why you have to get this cleansed. We need to do exactly what Asa did. We need to respond to this; we need to respond to Yeshua's words; we have to hear Him. See that your heart is not troubled. It's not just a little statement of nothing; that means a lot. If you actually believe that, you're talking radical, radical repentance, 100% commitment, not 99.99%. 100%.

Yeshua is going to go on to talk about more signs that are going to herald His coming. Look at what he says. —Matthew 24:7—... **And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.** (Emphasis added). Open up your eyes. I mean, this whole COVID-19 thing, which would fall into the category of pestilence, when in the history of the world, have you heard of the world being shut down? Virtually the entire world shut down and locked down. That's insane, unprecedented, and unfortunately, the cure that they're offering is worse than the plague; don't make me go there right now.

Famines. Are you reading the headlines in regard to famines? This is nuts. —WND News Services, Published April 27, 2020—**“Meat will disappear”: Dire warning issued as food-supply chain is “breaking.”** We read this: —News.Yahoo.Com, May 5, 2020—**ROTTING FOOD. HUNGRY MASSES. CHAOTIC SUPPLY CHAINS. CORONAVIRUS UPENDS THE U.S. FOOD SYSTEM.** We go here: —NATURAL NEWS, July 21, 2021—**Collapse convergence:** ... I'm going to stop right here. Do you understand what Yeshua is talking

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about when He talks about all these things, a convergence of all of these things? This says, “Floods, droughts, famine, vaccine bio war, and global fiat currency implosion... they're “stacking” them for maximum devastation.”

Are you hearing the farmers right now? I'm hearing stuff I've never heard before in my life. Let me just play a quick clip to give you a little perspective. —FOOD WARS—[Ladies and gentlemen, the Biden administration has taken some steps over the last 48 hours through executive actions that can only really be described effectively as absolute warfare on farmers and on the food production systems of the United States. When viewed in concert with the shortage of grains around the world, a looming shortage of fertilizers, the fact that we have been selling out all of our food stocks to other countries, and we're being cut off from importing food from anywhere else. The U.S. is in a real world of hurt right now, and we need to talk about that. I'm Christian, and this is the Ice Age Farmer broadcast. And I wish I didn't have such a dark message for you tonight, but the reality is, this is happening right now.](#)

Comprehensive Attack on our Food Supply:

- Shut Down Farms.
- Fertilizer Shortage.
- Sell Out Stocks.
- Cut Off Imports.

Guest—[So, me and my coworker got talking today; something came up that I didn't really think about; my dad mentioned it to me. He's worked in the agriculture industry for over 40 years. This year, farmers are being offered 1.5 times the value of their crops to destroy them. They're also being told by the federal government they will not receive subsidies for farming if they refuse to destroy their crops. What does that mean? That means that the farmer cannot afford to provide you with food, based upon the taxes the government is levying on him if the government doesn't, in turn, give him back his tax money to provide you with food. And, well, they're not going to subsidize them if they don't destroy the crops. They'll pay him more than what it's worth, and they want them to destroy it, and they'll still get their subsidies. They're trying to create a food shortage.](#)

If they continue on the path that they're in right now, they will create a food shortage; this is exactly what is going down. Stuff that we have never heard of, we could never conceive happening in this country, is happening right now. This modus operandi, we've seen this before; this is an old playbook, right out of Communism, right out of Marxism. Just look at the history; this is what they do. When communism comes in and takes over, this is what it's going to do: it's going to destroy the food supply so that they can gain control; that's what it's about. It will cause some of the most horrific famines ever known on the planet.

Let me read you a little commentary from—[Lenin and the First Communist Revolutions, VII \(George Mason University\)— Lenin's government advanced to the next stage because he's implementing communism. He was the key figure in removing the current government, the Tsar's regime in Russia. He ordered kulaks, essentially farmers, to be deprived of not only surplus grain, but even seed grain. . . In other words, whatever crops you get, well, they're going to be ours. If you even think of trying to sell them to earn a living or trying to feed other people, that's not humanitarian, so we're going to come in and take everything because that's what it does. Then it goes on and says this: ... for after the fruit of their labor had been seized, farmers generally decided there was no point in growing a surplus. Moreover, since seed grain was often taken, many peasants were unable to grow surplus crops even if they wished.](#) They take all means for you to be able to survive; this is coming.

When the perverse incentives of price controls and expropriation, meaning we take your stuff, were mixed with a drought, the result was one of the great disasters of the century: the Russian famine of 1921. Official Soviet reports admitted that [a] fully 30 million Soviet citizens were in danger of death by starvation. Low estimates on the deaths from this famine are about 3 million; high estimates go up to 10 million. That's what you can expect from Communism when Communism comes into power. This is what it does. In fact, all you need to do is fast forward about 10 years under Stalin, and you will see what is known as The Great Famine that killed 9 million of their own people.

I want to give you some perspective here. If you ever wondered, like in Revelation Chapter 12, we read about the devil; there was a war that broke out in heaven. What was the devil trying to do? He was trying to take over heaven; that's what he was trying to do. He wanted the throne. What did he want to do? He wanted to impose his government; that's what he was looking to do. What does that government look like? You need not wonder; look here on earth; look at Communism; it's a Luciferian government. His idea of government is that so you don't need to wonder. This is absolutely from the pit of hell, demonic. The only thing Communism knows is oppression, pain, and how to implement pain and suffering, to take everyone's personal property, and to do everything under the sun to destroy you. This is it, and this is here; we are seeing this literally happening. We have seen it happen historically, and now they're doing it.

Let me throw this at you: who's the world's leading food exporter? The United States by a mile; we are the number one food exporter in the world. The second place is not even half of what we export. Now, let's run through this for a moment. If we create a food shortage here and they continue to do what they're doing right now, do you think it's going to affect America alone? It's going to affect the entire world. Where do you think all these people who are sending food as they're feeding Africans are getting this from? Do you understand the seriousness of what is going on right now and how what Yeshua is talking about in Matthew 24:7, that there's going to be pestilence or earthquakes, there's going to be famines? I am telling you; we're watching these unfold altogether in concert.

You can look at every one of these things, nation rising against nation; that's war. We can talk about famine, we can talk about pestilence, earthquakes—all those have happened since virtually the beginning of time. Each one of them, that's not unique, but it is when you get into the time of tribulation because they bottleneck; they're all coming together. All hell breaks loose; it is incredible, and that's what we're seeing right now with the pestilence and famines that we see. I mean, go to Revelation Chapter 6; the rider is ready to ride on the black horse; he's mounting. As our food surplus and our farms are being pillaged, this is what you can expect. Why, pray tell, riddle me this: why is Bill Gates the leading owner of farms all of a sudden? Just a question: something's coming.

Moving on to Yeshua's words in Matthew 24:8-9—⁸ **All these are the beginning of sorrows.** In other words, this is the beginning of tribulation. ⁹ **"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.** See, I need to be strong. I need to be able to take heart because the things that Yeshua is describing are horrific. I need the strength; I need repentance. I need every percent of my heart sold out and radical right now because I will never make it. I'll never make it through what's coming; I will fold.

Matthew 24:10—**And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.** Look around; all these things that Yeshua is talking about, these are the things that portend His coming; they herald His coming. Look around you: when in the history of this nation, even other parts of the world, do we see things so polarized? It is unbelievable. We now have a government that is more than

dysfunctional. Of course, we can make jokes, crack jokes that it's never been functional, but it is dysfunctional because there is no going across the aisle anymore; you recognize that, right? Where Republicans would work with Democrats, Democrats would work with Republicans; that's done; those days are done. So, the only thing left is one or the other has to totally take over. Do you understand that?

We're being polarized, where now families are being ripped apart. We're being categorized, polarized, between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated; it is unbelievable. What is happening right now is mind-blowing in the light of what Yeshua already told us would come. Have you ever seen such hatred? Never. People walk down the street, and you can feel it.

Then He goes on and says this in Matthew 24:11—**Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.** (Emphasis added). Not some—many. If you read Verse 24 and I didn't put it up here, it's such a deception that if it were possible, even the ones who were written in the Lamb's Book of Life would be deceived. We're not dealing with petty deception; we're not dealing with easily recognizable deception. No, we're dealing with the worst of the worst kind of deception that is beguiling, and where are they going? They're going to the church. This is where the false prophets and false teachers are going; this is the plan. It's going to be like a dam bursting in this generation. False prophets and teachers flooding the market, all over the churches, and what will they do? What do false prophets do? They get the people to trust in a lie; that's what they do, and they do it well.

Discernment is not a matter of telling the difference between right and wrong. Discernment is the ability to tell the difference between that which is right and that which appears right. That's not my quote; it's Charles Spurgeon's, and he was right on the money. That is a biblical understanding of what true deception is. I'm going to tell you, you'll never make it through deception unless 100% of your heart is sold out to Yeshua, and you are in the Word of God, and you are feeding on the Spirit. No one can know the things of God except the Spirit of God. If I don't have the Spirit of God and something sounds good, I'm a goner; that's just the reality; that's how it works.

Matthew 24:12—**And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.** Yeshua says, As you get into those days, right before My coming, lawlessness will be the norm. In fact, sin will be celebrated; it will be exalted. Good will become evil, evil will become good, and now look at us. Not just in this country, but all around the world, we're parading our sin. We're parading it, we're celebrating it, we legislate it, we protect it, we promote it, we shove it down people's throats. Yeshua said this would come before His return. These things that we're seeing in concert, by the way, all of these things coming together—the hatred, the lawlessness, the pestilence, the famines—all of these things working together.

Look at what Yeshua does; it's almost like He encapsulates everything we've covered. He began, Do not lose heart, and now He's going to encapsulate it with this statement: —Matthew 24:13—**But he who endures to the end shall be saved.** (Emphasis added). It's exactly what we were talking about last week. The only way you're going to get to the end is if you endure; that's the reality. You need perseverance. Without it, you're not going to make it. I think of Israel again; they were called to go up and take the land. What happened to them? They lost heart. They lost heart; they lost faith; they were terrified, and fear overtook them. They couldn't handle it, and they didn't obey God because of the fear, because of the discouragement. So, when Yeshua says, Take heart, yeah, this is what we're talking about. We're talking; your faith has got to be intact.

We read this in Revelation 14:12—**Here is the patience, and that's endurance.** Look in the Greek; it's endurance, perseverance, **of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.** (Emphasis added). The culture here is getting more and more intolerant of the beautiful name of Jesus. They hate His name, and it's not simply hating His name; what do they hate? They hate Him. They hate His character, they hate His Word, they hate His personality, they hate who He is. It's unreal; it's so blasphemous; it's so vile where we're at.

With that said, with all of that, we're going to jump back to Jude, taking the wisdom of Yeshua with us. —Jude 1:11-12—¹¹ **Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.** Now, we're going to break new ground. ¹² **These are spots,** you laugh, **in your love feasts;** (emphasis added). I want to highlight the word spots, *spilades* (σπιλάδες). These are rocks or reefs in your love feast, and in the context of hidden.

To put this into a metaphor that you can appreciate, think of the RMS Titanic. It went out on its maiden voyage, right? This glorious vessel that was supposed to reach the destination, New York, and it was going to be celebrated once it reached its destination. It was so glorious, and the people were excited. This was a ship that was unsinkable. You want to listen to me carefully, because there are many people, many Christians, who believe they're unsinkable, though they don't heed warnings. That scares me to death because this is where Jude is going. See, because what he's saying is, these *spilades*, these rocks, are in your love feasts, and you think of it, you're as a ship, and you're going, if you are not careful and you don't heed the warnings, they will take you out. These men are dangerous; Jude is really concerned about them. The whole focus of his epistle is on this: If you're not careful.

Think about what Yeshua just said: the dam is going to break. They're going to bust open, and they're going to flood the land. They're going to flood the church, all these false prophets, false shepherds, false teachers, and false pastors, but they were the mantra pastor to hold the position. They'll claim they know Jesus; that's deception. That's deceptive, so he says these are spots or rocks, reefs, hidden reefs in your love feast. Don't take that hyperliterally in the sense that it's only talking about festivals; it's not, but it can apply to that. It's talking about the union of the ecclesia; when you come together, small or big, it doesn't matter.

Then he says this in Jude 1:12—**...while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves.** (Emphasis added). How can they sit among us? How can they come over and partake of bread at our houses and not fear? What does it mean they don't fear? They don't fear God. They do not fear judgment regardless of the decisions that they're making; the choices that they're making, they have no fear. These are the men that the Apostle Paul talks about in his letters to Timothy. They desire to be teachers of the law, but they understand nothing that they say nor the things they affirm. They'll have a form of godliness, but they deny its power. They're always learning; they're always in the Word, but they're never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. They spend hours a day in the Word, but are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth because their desires are still number one, their fleshly desires, and who they are. Pride overtakes men like this. These kinds of men are unteachable; it's amazing to me.

They're unteachable, and they're not worried about community. They don't care about you; they're serving only themselves. They'll come into your midst, and they're not worried about how to serve the community better. How do I serve these people that I'm going to meet, and how can I love them? They're not worried about that; they want to know what you are going to give them. This is total corruption.

He goes on in Jude 1:12—... **They are wells without water or clouds without water.** I say wells because in Peter's version, he uses the metaphor of wells, and Jude uses clouds. They're saying the exact same thing when you think about it because the anticipation is when you see a big, puffy, black cloud, you're expecting rain. When you're living in the first century and you're in the arid Middle East and rain is coming, you need the rain in the rainy season. It is life; it is sustenance; that's what it is. They rejoice over it, and that's why rain is considered the blessing of God; God blesses His people through that. What Jude is saying is that you have people that look Christian. They're walking around, but they don't have any blessings, none for you, no life to give you.

He continues in Jude 1:12—they are...**carried about by the winds.** Think of the way Paul uses the metaphor; it's the same way. Paul uses the metaphor that there are certain people who are carried about by every wind of doctrine; every wind of doctrine. See, these people are unteachable when it comes to the Word, but they can go to YouTube, and they can be buried in all sorts of kooky teachings all over the place. They can take this on like nobody's business, but when it comes to the Word, they can't receive it. I've met these people, and they scare the daylight out of me. It is unreal; these people exist.

Jude 1:12—... **late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead pulled up by the roots.** I think of that, and you know, it didn't work out so well when Yeshua saw the fig tree without fruit; He cursed it, and His disciples were in awe. Let no fruit ever grow in you again. He was done; that's jarring. That's what's going to happen in Matthew Chapter 7 when all those professing Christians are standing in front of Yeshua and say, LORD, You don't get it; I did all these things; I was for You; I lived for You. He's going to curse them, you know; let no fruit ever grow for you again, you will cease to exist, you're done, you're going to be cast into the fire. Trees that are supposed to bear fruit and don't bear fruit are worthless. It's a salt without saltiness.

Jude 1:13—**raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.** Jude is going through this litany of imagery; he has rocks, clouds, trees, and stars. He's utilizing God's beautiful nature, what He created, to bring us understanding of who these men are. They all look the part, but they don't follow up. They don't provide what is needed, whether they are trees not having fruit or clouds without water.

As we continue, the writer is going to hit his crescendo; this is the crescendo of the epistle. —Jude 1:14—**Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men.** (Emphasis added). Our writer is consumed with the Book of Enoch, and here we see evidence of it again. He's going to the Book of Enoch, quoting Enoch 1:9; this is his crescendo. This is where Jude wants to land his plane. All the things that we've learned in the Book of Jude, He's going to bring it down to the finest point. What does Jude and Enoch 1:9 say? It begins by saying this: "**Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,** which is to say His angels. You can read Matthew Chapters 16, 24, and 13. He's coming with His angels, the host of Heaven, and they're going to take care of business.

Now, this sounds pretty good; the LORD's coming. This sounds good until you read this: —Jude 1:15—**to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.**" (Emphasis added). This is where Jude goes; he goes to the end. Do you know this is exactly where Yeshua goes in Matthew Chapter 24? He goes to the end. Jude takes it and says, Listen, do you want to sin? You're going to end up in hell; you will be destroyed. You will experience the most

unimaginable death you could possibly conceive. That is coming to you. See, but this is the part of the Gospel that nobody wants to believe anymore. This is the part of the Gospel that's getting left out, that's getting swept under the rug. Yet I tell you, because I've seen it firsthand, this is the part of the Gospel that brings more people to the altar in repentance to cry out to Yeshua because they need Him. Now they understand they need Him because I'm going to hell if I am not saved. If I don't commit 100% of my heart to the LORD Yeshua, I'm not going to make it.

I can remember growing up, my wife and I, we've talked about this, but we grew up in the Assemblies of God, and the Assemblies put on this production called Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames. To this day, I will tell you that it brought more people to the altar than I've ever seen any other production do; it is unreal. It was a production kind of off the heels of the Jesus movement. There's a little gap in time, but this production started coming out, and it was in and of itself like a revival. The whole concept of it was, you need to think about the reality of hell. They would show different people in this little skit, and different people would die, and then they had to come to the judgment, but they weren't ready. They were begging and pleading, Oh God, please no, I don't want to go to hell; I don't want to do this. It was story after story, and it was so powerful because this is what's going to happen. You would see the moment the pastor went up to give an altar call; man, it would flood with people getting out of their seats. They got out of the pews and they went forward because every one of them had a perspective that hell is coming, hell is real, and if I don't get right, I'm going to be there. This is what we need today: we need the whole Gospel, and this is where Jude lands this plane.

We're going to close here for today, and we're going to spend some time in prayer. I'm just going to encourage you (Joshua 24:15) to choose you this day, whom you're going to serve. You've got to get 100%. If you can tell yourself right now, I have not given my heart 100% to Yeshua, you've got to do it now because we are embarking at the end of the age, and these things are starting to happen. With that said, let's go into prayer.