# The Book of Jude (Part 20) - Are You Ready? August 14, 2021

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[Video montage]

MPR News, Connect the Dots—

News Anchor 1—There are new concerns about a possible resurgence of COVID-19.

News Anchor 2—This is due to a massive number of unvaccinated people in certain parts of the country.

C-SPAN, White House Lawn, July 16, 2021—

Interviewer—What's your message to platforms like Facebook?

President Biden— They're killing people. I mean, they're really—they're—look, the only pandemic we have is among the unvaccinated.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey, Jul 23, 2021—

Gov. Kay Ivey—The new cases in COVID are because of unvaccinated folks. Almost 100% of the new hospitalizations are of unvaccinated folks, and the deaths are certainly occurring with unvaccinated folks. These folks are choosing a horrible lifestyle of self-inflicted pain.

Interviewer—Besides, you know, the emotional plea you just gave us, what is it going to take to get people to get shots?

Gov. Kay Ivey—I don't know; you tell me. Folks are supposed to have common sense. But it's time to start blaming the unvaccinated folks, not the regular folks. It's the unvaccinated folks that are letting us down.

NBC News, CDC Director, Rochelle Walensky warns of risks for those not vaccinated against COVID— There is a clear message that is coming through. This is becoming a pandemic of the unvaccinated. We are seeing outbreaks of cases in parts of the country that have low vaccination coverage because unvaccinated people are at risk, and communities that are fully vaccinated are generally faring well.

[Daniel Joseph]

It is getting real, and if you were ever going to fall asleep in a message, this would not be the one. I'm just going to tell you that up front. Do you notice how the narrative is starting to change in light of what you just saw? It used to be we had this deadly disease, this virus going around; it's going to wipe out the planet, though it's 99% plus survival rate, but it's going around, and all the focus is on this; this is the

pandemic; it's all about the virus. The narrative is changing to where now we have a pandemic of what? The unvaccinated. Are you paying attention to what is going on? This is absolutely incredible, unprecedented on every level. If you're one of those that are going to choose, and it's your choice, you're going to choose to remain unvaccinated; you are going to be targeted; it is going to happen. They are going to come after you; you're going to be singled out because you are considered to be a danger to yourself and a danger to the rest of humanity. They are absolutely coming.



Look at headlines like this: Check this out.

Dear Unvaxxed Federal Employees: Find a

New Job or Prepare to Be Oppressed at

Work. Prepare. In other words, if you don't
do what we say, we're going to make you
pay. If you don't yield to this vaccination, it's
going to be very hard for you; we're going to
make it so difficult. You're not going to have
all those privileges that you used to have.

You're going to be ostracized; you'll be
mocked; you'll be separated from the

vaccinated. We'll slap a mask on your face. You're not going to be able to go to certain areas because you're unvaccinated. You may not be able to go to grocery stores very soon or fly and do all those sorts of travel, enter federal government buildings, or even perhaps even receive government funds if you're one of those on some government program. All of this stuff is being talked about right now. I mean, we're dealing with end-of-the-world-type stuff.

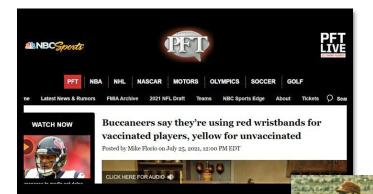
Look at this: The headline reads, "Time to penalize those who won't get vaccinated against COVID-19." They're done playing. They've been dangling the carrot on the stick for so long. The carrot's not working, so they're going to use the stick, and they're going to use it well. Why? Because you're a biological threat to humanity if you're not going to get vaccinated. What scares me about this is this type of behavior



has existed in history; we've seen this before; it is eerie. What am I talking about? I'm saying this is what Hitler did; this is what the Third Reich did. Do you remember what they did? Through science, it was science that led the charge for Jews to be put in the gas chamber, to be led to Auschwitz, and to be put in the ghetto. It was science that showed that Jews are subhuman and they're a biological threat to the Germans. They need to be exterminated. How in the world, I mean, even today?

I went through the Holocaust Museum; I literally spent all day in the Holocaust Museum, and one of the coolest things that you'll experience when you get there is story after story after story, entire sections dedicated to the propaganda of Nazism rising up. How did this atrocity happen? How could something so diabolical take place? How could so many Germans be taken in? Open up your eyes. Open up your eyes and see what's going on.

It's interesting; you have to pay attention to the headlines that are coming out, and this one wasn't too long ago. NBC Sports, look at the headline. Buccaneers say they're using wristbands for vaccinated



players, yellow for unvaccinated. That is just a really bizarre coincidence; do you understand? Back in the day in Nazism, they slapped the yellow band on the Jews, and of course, the Nazis, who were free to roam in society, free to partake, free to travel, and free to own businesses, yeah, they had the red band. Now, again, maybe that's just a really bizarre coincidence.

Let's look at some other headlines. Fauci warns there may soon be "two Americas" as divide widens, not between Democrat and Republican or between conservative and liberal. He is literally saying two

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Americas are coming, and it's going to be between the vaccinated and unvaccinated areas. Again, I tell you, I saw that very attribute rise in Nazi Germany, where they separated through science the Jews from the rest of society. You cannot make this stuff up that we're actually seeing right now.

Let me take this statement that you need to take extremely seriously. Right now, the CDC has released a report, and I got it this week, and in that report, it talks about literally creating operating concentration camps, and that's the term used, by the way, "camps." I'm not making this up; check this out. This is a headline news report on this. —Natural News, the world's top news source on natural health— CDC announces COVID internment camps for every U.S. city, will separate families. A

# Natural News

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Think about this: the inhumanity of it to begin with, okay? So, who is high risk? That's the interesting part. They'll be doing the defining of who's high risk. The elderly, maybe with some comorbidities,

grandma and grandpa living with their children, their children are taking care of them; they love Mom and Dad. Well, I'm sorry, Grandma and Grandpa have comorbidities; we're taking them out. We're going to rip you apart from your families. Maybe some disabled family members. Maybe you have people that are immunocompromised; we're coming to get them; they're high risk. This is the one you really want to pay attention to. By the way, something that I just said: when the Nazis did what they did to the Jews, they took the disabled with them. Do you not remember this stuff? Those who we would call today high risk. Well now here's the thing: you'll notice headlines coming out from CNN, for example, and do you know what they're saying? They're saying, the unvaccinated are high risk. The terminology is already coming up. They're laying the platform; pay attention; these things are happening.

We go to this: Natural News, the world's top news source on natural health— Among other horrors, the CDC document openly calls for separating couples and families, then admits—and they do, I've read the paper—they admit this action will cause extreme psychological trauma among Americans who are targeted and ripped from their homes to be placed in COVID concentration camps. I wish I could stand here and tell you that at some time in the future this could possibly happen; this stuff

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is unfolding right now, and I don't have the luxury to tell you that anymore. How are they going to get there? Do you know that right now the National Guard is actually recruiting internment relocation specialists? Do you know what a relocation specialist is? Go back, study Lenin, study Communism, study Nazism. The Jews were relocated, but they're looking to fill these positions again. When you go back to World War II, the Jews could not wrap their heads around this, and many of the Jews stayed because they thought it would be fine. They didn't give in to all the conspiracy theories; they didn't get too worked up about it. This too shall pass. The same environment is happening right now.



I want to introduce you to this website; it's known as *Dear Vaccine*, and this is a global thing. Basically, what it is, and I'll put this up here, we'll just describe it this way. Dear Vaccine is a global community poem, inviting all to share their voices to promote COVID-19 vaccination through the imaginative language of poetry. This is a call for all the gifted poets throughout the world. Come and pay homage to the vaccine; write your poem in regard to the vaccine. I'll give you a couple of examples.

Dear Vaccine...
Thank you for letting my little boy know his grandparents
Not just as faces on a screen
But as beings filled with love
Wrapping him in hugs and kisses

### Holding him oh so tightly, warmly Never, ever letting go

Dear Vaccine, it's literally being personified. A thing is being personified. May I say this is deified; thank you for this salvation. Thank you for restoring me to my family.

# Dear Vaccine You promise so much: concerts, movies, travel, ball games. Yes, we want all the worldly things. But it is the prospect of hugging my grown daughter after fourteen months apart that fills my eyes with grateful tears.

Now, you have to understand what this website is. It's all dedicated so you do this, but here's the thing: it's all based off the poem called Dear Vaccine. All these poets are supposed to fall into line under the primary poem; it's the theme.



I want to show you what this says; this will blow your mind. This is by Naomi Shihab Nye— Save us, dear vaccine. Take us seriously. We had plans. Salvation, give us salvation. Tiny gleaming vials, enter our cities and towns shining your light. Restore us to each other. Bring us salvation, oh dear vaccine; it's the bringer of light.

I wonder how Paul would look at this today in light of what he wrote in 2 Corinthians 11:14—And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

Vaccine, please, make the air clean! How do

you not laugh at this? This is absolutely insane, but this is what you're expecting your god, little g, to do. We went to yoga classes, deep collective breathing, in small rooms in the cities where we did not even live! I don't want to get into that aspect. How brave we were. Vaccine, please. Restore our lives. Believe they were beautiful. This is only part of the poem. Do you understand we now have entire websites dedicated to paying homage to this bringer of light that brings salvation and deliverance? Yeah, we're in trouble.

That leads me to this: that's why the message is titled, "Are you ready?" Are you ready for what is coming? Are you prepared? Because it is coming, and I'm going to tell you this: if you're not ready for this stuff that we're talking about for just a couple of minutes in this sermon, I promise you, you are not ready for the coming of the Lord. You need to go home and ponder that. If you're struggling at home just with the thought that, oh, you may, and you may or may not, we'll see. If you struggle with the thought of being put in a concentration camp, being ripped away from your loved ones, and having people die in your life, and you can't handle that, I kid you not, you are not ready for the coming of the Messiah. You're not ready for the main event. This is the warmup; this is as you get into the days of

tribulation; this is where the church is tested. Will you hold fast to the Messiah Yeshua? Will you not compromise His commandments?

We have a lot to do today, and so I'm going to get going. Last week we looked at Jude verses 17, 18, and 19. Jude 1:18—how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts (emphasis added). Basically, Jude comes out and says that there are going to be mockers; we're dealing with the people in the church. They're going to rise up in the church, and there's going to be scoffing in the last days. What we did is we went to Peter's version of this exact same sermon, but we go to Peter's version of this, and Peter isolates something that these mockers do. They say something in particular, and this is what they say: II Peter 3:4—and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." (Emphasis added). These scoffers are using history to their advantage to justify their doubt and to sow doubt, to sing that unholy lullaby.

Well, the beauty of this is Peter is going to continue, and he's going to lay some stuff out; he's going to respond to the scoffer mentality. He says this in II Peter 3:5—For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water (emphasis added). Look at what he does here. I love Peter; do you see the brilliance? Peter's like, "Oh, the scoffers want to give us a history lesson, and they want us to look at history and everything that's happened to justify He's really not coming." He's probably not coming; He doesn't even care. We could go a thousand different ways on that. Peter says, "Do you want a history lesson?" I'll give you a history lesson. Go back to creation and remember what God did. Remember what He said. This is a side note, but the first words ever spoken by God that are recorded in Scripture are not Bereshit bara Elohim ( אֵרֹ הֵי בִּרֵ אֵיֶיׁרְת בָּרֵרֶ אַיִּרְר, ווֹ וְהַרִי אַרְר, ווֹ וְהַרִי אַרְר, ווֹ וְהַרִי אַרְר, ווֹ וְהַרְי אַרְר, ווֹ וְהַרְי אַרְר, ווֹ וְהַרְי אַרְר, Let there be light, and vayhi owr (וְיְהֵרִי אָר), and there was light; see, this is what Peter is doing. God created a firmament; He divided the waters from the waters, and then He commanded on the third day that the waters be gathered so there could be dry land. Peter goes back to history and says, "That's history; you have forgotten." You have forgotten the maker of heaven and earth.

Then he says this in II Peter 3:6—by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water (emphasis added). Peter moves from the Lord creating heaven and earth, and he goes into now—you forgot the judgment. Why did judgment happen? It happened because God said, "I'm sorry that I made man on the earth." I will destroy him from the earth. Exactly what the Lord communicated to Noah. Guess what happened? He fulfilled every single word of it, every word of it. Do you want a little history lesson, scoffers? There it is; we can't forget that.

He goes on in II Peter 3:7—But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, in other words, the very word that created it, says, *Yehi owr*, Let there be light, and there was light. The very word that said, "You know what? I'm going to destroy all flesh from the earth" is the very same word that is holding heaven and earth together right now because he goes on and says, This heaven and earth are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men (emphasis added). They're not thinking clearly.

II Peter 3:8— But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. What is Peter getting at here? The primary point that he wants to make—we could talk about some other things, but we're not going to, prophetically. The primary

point he's making is that this is quick. You don't understand time and timetables in the mind of God. Peter's actually drawing from Psalms 90:4—... for a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past; I mean, yesterday, come and gone, is a thousand years of time, and like a watch in the night. So, Peter's trying to give some perspective here in regard to the matter and to understanding that this is how quick it is. You are not making good judgment; you are not assessing the situation properly.

II Peter 3:9— The Lord is not what? **slack**, which is to say slow, **concerning His promise**, as some count **slackness**, or slowness. In other words, Peter is coming on the scene saying, "Don't you dare think that Yeshua is dragging His feet. Don't think He is delaying. Don't think He changed His mind." What are we to think? This is what we're to think—**but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance** (emphasis added). God's heart is that He doesn't want one person to die. We read in Ezekiel 33:11—... 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live...

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II Peter 3:10—But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up (emphasis added).

Matthew 24:37—But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Matthew 24:38-39— <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, (emphasis added).

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This entire world, all these people going to and fro, and this is important: put this on the shelf. They were living life, eating and drinking; they were married; they were going about their ways. They were given in marriage; everything was good until it wasn't. It was too late when they got called to account; it came upon them immediately. You don't get to say at that time, as I mentioned before, the world doesn't get to say, "Whoa, we had no idea; we are so sorry. Can we reschedule this event? We need more time; I need time to go back and repent now." There aren't going to be any second chances at that time. There are no second chances. If you die tonight, there is no second chance to make it right with Yeshua, to make Him the Lord of your life; you don't have it. He goes on in Matthew 24:39—... so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. (Emphasis added). Study the days of Noah; see how quickly destruction came upon them; so it will be at the end of the age.

Matthew 24:42-43—<sup>42</sup> "Watch therefore, now He's giving us instructions on how to deal with the end of days, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> 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 (emphasis added). He would have been standing guard. He would have been protecting it; he was ready. Yeshua is making this very clear in this illustration. If someone were to walk up to you and say, "Hey, between the hours of two in the morning and three in the morning, people are coming to take your family and pillage everything you own; everything will be destroyed." You'd be preparing; you would be moving like you never moved before because your life and the life of your family depend on it. You would be watching.

Take what He just said and then listen to what He says next in Matthew 24:44—Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect (emphasis added). Did you catch what just happened? Because it's powerful. He just got done saying in His illustration, if the master of the house would know the hour—I'm going to give you the hour, I'm going to tell you the time—he would have prepared and not allowed his house to be broken into. You don't get any of that luxury. Yeshua says you don't know the hour. What does that mean? That means literally 24/7, morning, noon, and night, you will devote your life to Him. Not for a second will you compromise. Not for a second will you walk off the true path. You will stay on your knees. You will stay with a pure heart and a pure mind. (2 Corinthians 10:5) You will bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and you will not stop because you do not know when you're going to take your last breath, and you do not know the hour He's going to return. This means you don't give 90 or 99.9% of your heart to the Lord because that's not going to cut it. You give 100% to Him. 100%, this is where you need to be. This is where we all need to be. This is where I need to be, and nothing else will do.

Matthew 24:45-46—<sup>45</sup> "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? <sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. See, Yeshua wants to come back, and He wants to see you busy about the Father's business, actively walking in His commandments, walking in His love, showing His love, walking in His power, and receiving His truth; this is His desire.

Then He says this in Matthew 24:48—But if that evil servant says in his heart, and I want to stop because this is the part where you can't blow past a passage like this and not get the proper context, which is the identical context, mind you, of Jude. Jude is dealing with imposters, wolves in sheep's clothing, the people in the church, and those who turn the grace of God into lewdness; Peter is doing the same, and now here we see Yeshua doing the same. Notice what He calls these people; He calls them a servant. They are His servant, but the problem is, he's not a good one; he is an evil servant.

This is significant, and all you have to do is keep reading. This is Matthew Chapter 24. When you get into Matthew Chapter 25, what do you read about? The Parable of the Ten Virgins, right after this. In the parable they all have lamps; they're all called virgins because they're all part of the church, but five are wise. Psalm 119:105—Your word is a lamp to my feet... They all have the Word; they were all given the Gospel, but only five of them had oil. Only five of them were (James 1:22) doers of the word, and not hearers only... They were actually walking in His commandments. This is all relevant. When you read this in its proper context, it's way scarier because we typically think, "Oh, the world." It gets much scarier when you have believers, professing believers, walking around being called evil servants.

What do these evil servants do? This will blow your mind. Matthew 24:48— But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming' (emphasis added). It is exactly what Peter just said. The scoffers will come on the scene; they're rising up in the church, asking, "Where's the promise of his coming?" Where do you think Peter got that from? He got it from his master, Yeshua. Yeshua taught this, and He says it is evil, it is diabolical, and it is pure evil for you not to believe this Word. It is pure evil for us to not believe in the promises of the Living God. Again, and we've already covered so much of this, do you want to know how the Lord responds to that kind of unbelief? Read the Torah; go read the first five books of Moses; you'll find out. It doesn't work out so well for them. It's evil; unbelief is evil; disobedience is evil.

Look at the fruit that comes from these men; the fruit is this: Matthew 24:49—and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards (emphasis added). See, if somebody thinks I have time, I don't believe, number one, my life is going to be required of me today. I don't see Yeshua coming back anytime soon; I have time. I'm going to let my hair down a little bit. I'm going to have a little bit of wine and a little bit more; it's all good. I'm going to flirt with the world; I'm going to commit adultery against the Lord. I'm going to engage in worldly things; I'm going to celebrate what the world celebrates. I'm going to give my heart, a little portion of my heart, to the world. It's okay because you know what? He's not coming anytime soon. I guarantee you, exactly as Yeshua says here, the teaching He's saying is if you don't believe He is coming soon and that your life may be required of you today, you will go and sin. It's your fleshly nature. You have unbelief in your heart, you have doubt, you're not radical, you're not on fire, and you're not pushing in the faith.

I want to take you to the Torah to shed some light on the reality of what this looks like. Again, how many times have I said this in this series? Israel, in Egypt, experienced—they saw with their own eyes—how God rained plagues down upon Egypt while at the same time separating them, sparing them, and protecting them, only to come to that crescendo where the lamb is killed, and they are spared death and delivered out of the land by the blood of the lamb. Then they get to the Red Sea, and we're told in the Torah that the Red Sea parted, and the waters were a wall on the left and on the right; they saw a supernatural miracle. That wasn't enough because as soon as they crossed over, magically the sea came back down together again, and they saw their enemies routed. Exodus 15:1—... "I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! These were men who knew the power of God; they sang victory songs to Him.

There's no debate, but that isn't enough; the best is for the last. They are now going to be brought to the mountain to meet with God, and they're going to literally hear the voice of God speak to them face to face, and it was so awesome that they said, "Please make it stop, Moses." Exodus 20:19— "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." Let not God speak with us, because we won't be around; it was that awesome. God audibly spoke the Aseret ha-Devarim ( תַּוֹבְיּבְּיִרִּים), the Ten Commandments, to them. Men, women, children, and infants—every single one of them heard it. You want to talk about some history here with the Lord. You want to talk about coming into covenant; they said in Exodus 24:3, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do." They're in covenant with God; this is as fresh as it gets. So, what does Moshe do? He's going to intercede on their behalf; he's going to go up to meet with God to get the Aseret ha-Devarim on the stone tablets. Right?

Look at what happens; this is what we read in Exodus 32:1—Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain (emphasis added). Yeshua is the prophet like unto Moses. That means when we look at the life of Moshe, of Moses, there are all these prophetic inferences that point to Him, that teach us about Him, and that teach us about prophecy. Isn't it interesting? Here Israel is; they're mindful; Moses is gone. Yeah, we know he went up to the mountain, but day after day after day has gone by. Okay, what's going on here? Moses did not tell them the day or the hour he would return. So, what happened? They fell into fear, doubt, and distress, and in their minds, he was delaying.

How do people in covenant with God, who know God, respond? We read the rest of this verse. Exodus 32:1— ...the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." (Emphasis added). Unreal, because as hell is about to be unleashed, as tribulation is, we're about to experience some serious tribulation. How many Christians are going to fall

into this? Like, where's God? We're in distress! Fear on every side, people are ready to kill us. They're out in the middle of their wilderness asking, "What do we do?" Do you know what they're going to do? They're going to compromise. They want something they can see with their eyes of flesh. I need to be able to touch it; I need to be able to see it, and guess what they did? Listen to me, this is a Dear Vaccine moment. This is a Dear Vaccine moment; they needed this, so they created this golden calf, and what did they do? They ascribed to that golden calf made with hands; this is the God that took us out of Egypt. This delivered us; this saved us. Oh, this will restore our families; this will do it.

It's amazing. What do we see happening next? They start singing and dancing. Remember what Yeshua said in regard to the days of eating and drinking? Yeah, they're doing it all. They're not sad; they conformed to the pagans; they conformed to the world. They compromised; they gave in. Oh, but here's the craziest part. Yeah, Moses came down, and they weren't expecting him. They were not expecting him; he surprised them, and let me tell you, it didn't go well. Thousands in Israel were slaughtered because they believed he delayed coming, because they doubted, because they compromised. It is absolutely demonic; the whole thing is absolutely demonic.

Moving on, going back to Yeshua's commentary in Matthew 24:48-51—<sup>48</sup> But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' <sup>49</sup> and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, and we know no wine bibber enters into the kingdom of God, <sup>50</sup> the master of that servant will come on a day, oh, when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, <sup>51</sup> and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth (emphasis added). The obvious takeaway is, are you ready? If you're not ready for tribulation, you're not ready for this; you're not even close. We need to ready ourselves.

Let's dig into this further. Revelation 3:1—"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, oh, but you are dead (emphasis added). Interesting. In other words, what Yeshua is saying is, "Yeah, I know you're walking around; you still have blood in your flesh; I know you're alive, but you are dead." You are a dead man; you are spiritually dead; you are going to hell. Now, who is He talking to, the world? He's talking to the church. He's talking to believers, as you would say.

Yeshua says something here; He says, I know your works. There are a lot of believers that have bought the lie. Well, who cares? Works have nothing to do with salvation. Let's see what Yeshua has to say about that. Revelation 3:2—"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die (emphasis added). Okay, so these people have not given 100% of their heart to the Lord. They're not in a fire-based, totally awesome relationship with the Living God. They're not driven to the Word, and they're not driven to prayer. They're having a little bit of fun. They're becoming complacent in their faith, and Yeshua says, You better start watching, and you need to strengthen the things that remain that are ready to die.

In other words, this goes back to Ezekiel 33:13—When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. What Ezekiel says is that if a righteous man begins to trust in his own righteousness, which means, Oh, look at all the good that I've done in the past; I'm good. You know what? If I do this sin, if I do a little bit of that, I'm okay. What the prophet, actually the Lord, says is that when you do that, when a righteous man trusts in his righteousness and begins to sin, all the righteousness that he did will vanish; it's all gone. Everything you labored for, every good deed you ever did—poof, gone—because of the sin that you have fallen into.

This is Scripture; this is exactly what Yeshua is communicating here, and look at how He rounds it out. Revelation 3:2—... for I have not found your works perfect before God (emphasis added). Well, who cares about works if they have nothing to do with my salvation? If it doesn't matter, if what I do in this life isn't going to have any impact on whether I go to heaven or hell, why is Yeshua making this statement? Which brings us to this point: Are your works perfect before God? This drops me to my knees. I will humble myself before the Living God. I will confess sin. I am not messing around because I believe every word of this. I know Yeshua is not playing; this is as serious as it gets; this is life and death. What you do in this life matters. Don't let anyone—I don't care if it's a pastor, teacher, friend, family, or foe; I don't care who they are in your life. If they're telling you to walk away from the words that are found in this book, run for your life; get out.

Revelation 3:3—Remember therefore how you have received and heard; I love this because this is not the only time that He says this to the churches of Revelation. You begin with the first church mentioned, Ephesus, and what do they do? They left their first love, and everyone here knows that first love. If you truly got saved at some point in your life and you truly gave your heart to Jesus, to Yeshua. When you gave it to Him, you know the fire and the passion you had, amen? How many of you can testify? No, I was on fire; I couldn't consume enough of the Word, I couldn't stop praying, and I couldn't stop singing. I would look outside at nature, and I'd give Him glory; it's crazy love; it's beautiful. Yeshua is telling the Church of Ephesus and the Church of Sardis, "You better get back there; you better find your way back." Do you know how you do that? I have had these conversations, and some people say, "Dan, I just can't get back there." Do you know why? Because you will not let go of your sin. [audience, "What?"] What? Yeah [audience laughter], and that's the response I get, brother. You won't let go of your sin. There is something you will not let go of.

Understand something: the Spirit is a gentleman, and you have to prepare. Yeshua says in Revelation 3:20—Behold, I stand at the door and knock. He doesn't come kicking it in; you have to open it. That means you have to take care of business and get the filth out of your heart. You have to get the filth out of your mind. You have to get the judgmental spirit out. You must get pride and lust out. You have to go after all the heavy ones, the idolatry and unforgiveness; get it out of your heart. It's preventing the power of God from moving through you and the Spirit of God from doing great and awesome things; this is the reality.

Then He says this in Revelation 3:3—hold fast and repent (emphasis added). Hold fast. It's interesting; if you go back to the Torah, the actual words that you'll find are in Deuteronomy Chapter 4, as it talks about Israel; it talks about how they held fast. Deuteronomy 4:4—But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you. You who held fast are here today. In other words, you didn't get into the Baal Peor incident; you didn't give in to the sexual immorality, the seduction of it. You held fast, you held the line, and you're here today because of it. It's interesting; Yeshua is drawing off of this. If you know your Torah, it's amazing how the Torah comes to life because of Yeshua; He brings it to life.

Continuing in Revelation 3:3—... Therefore if you will not watch, here's the warning. Do you want to get comfortable with the world? Do you want to take the easy road? I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you (emphasis added). I'm taking you out; that's a threat. Make no mistake, the Lord will make good on that threat. It's not a threat to be mean. He's trying to save your life. He's trying to save my life. I love what Peter says in John 6:67-68—<sup>67</sup> Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" <sup>68</sup> But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of eternal life. I have nowhere else to go. He's my master. He's my teacher. He's my rabbi.

I want to go to Luke Chapter 22; we're going to round it out here. Please pay attention because this is powerful. Luke 22:31—And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. In other words, Satan wants to try you in the fires because he thinks you're weak and you're not going to instead hold steadfast with Me; you're going to abandon Me. He did the exact same thing to Job, and notice how in both situations we see Satan has to get what? Permission. The protection of the Living God is upon His anointed ones. So, Satan comes to get permission, and it seems the times we have in Scripture, God gives it, because you're going to go through testing. You might want to consider this when you're going through that. Maybe the Lord gave permission because He wants to be glorified as you're sucking wind and you have total fear on every side and everything looks hopeless. The devil wants you to turn on God and say, "Where are you?' You've abandoned me, rather than saying (Job 1:21), ... Blessed be the name of the LORD. This is what's going on in the spirit realm.

As we continue, Yeshua says this in Luke 22:32—"But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; we truly have an intercessor. We have a Messiah, a high priest that cares for us. The devil keeps trying to tell you He doesn't care; He doesn't give beans about you. Despite the fact that the devil clouds your judgment and your memory of what He already did for you, He has already proven His love; He died for us. He's actively involved in this; look at Yeshua; this is so awesome. He prayed for him that your faith should not fail, and when you have returned to Me, yeah, you're going to take a beating, and we know the story: strengthen your brethren." This is why He called him Peter; He called him a rock. The stronger are to bear with the weak.

Then we come to this, and this is what we need to highlight. Luke 22:33—But he said to Him, this is Peter talking to Yeshua, "Lord, I am ready to go with You, so I ask you, "Are you ready?" Peter's response, even after the Lord just got done telling him, Satan is going to sift you as wheat; hell is coming. And what does Peter say? I'm ready. Oh, and was he? Yes, I'll prove it. Look at the next thing that he says: I am ready to go with you. Where? both to prison and to death." (Emphasis added). He did both: Peter went to prison, and he went to death for the name of Yeshua.

Notice what it says here; this, to me, is everything. Because of what's coming, you need to remember this passage. Peter says, I am willing to go with you. Where? To prison. Do you understand when you're put on the chopping block and the devil is trying to intimidate you and tell you to compromise your faith in Christ, compromise your allegiance, and compromise your obedience to His Word? When he tries to do that and you say no, and they say, "Well, you're going to prison," know this: Yeshua is going with you because that's where He's at. He is there, and that's where you want to be. Have that mentality; get strong in your heart right now. You need to have that mentality.

If what you're asking me is like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you want us to bow down to this image? I'm not doing it. Well, you're going to be burned to death. If that is the case, we have no need to answer you in this matter; we're not going to do it. God can save us, but if He doesn't, so be it. They went into the fiery furnace. Isn't it interesting who was there? Yeshua. That's where He is, and when it's time, if you have to die, if you're being called to glorify Yeshua in death, you better go to Him in death. Do not compromise; there is no compromise; there can be no compromise right now. You need to get strong because the pressure is coming; it's heating up with each passing day, amen?

We're going to close here.