

Topical | Revelation: The Time is Near

Times of Trouble

Psalm 9

I don't usually do topical

Nothing wrong with them, other than a constant diet of them

My opinion: can leave you not knowing how to cook for yourself

Dependent on someone else's opinion and knowledge

[Heb 4:12 NKJV] 12 For the word of God [is] living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

But today I wonder...is topical all we want?

- Do we just want to "live quote better lives"
- Those 10 rules for better relationships
- Those 5 points on how to be a better Christian worker
- Celebrate Reformation Sunday

Or are we soldiers?

[2Ti 2:3-4 NKJV] 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of [this] life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

Is the word of God enough for us?

IT ITSELF, Knowing it will lead us to be Godly

Titus 1:1

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth which leads to godliness,

I can't teach you to be Godly. Being Godly is a matter of the heart!

If you want to be Godly, you must wash yourselves with the water of the word (Eph 5)

Want a better marriage? Read that chapter.

PAUL DOES NOT GIVE 10 WAYS TO BE A BETTER HUSBAND

HE SAYS BE LIKE CHRIST. DIE FOR HER.

See, but we don't like that. We don't want to do that. So we want some vain answer about getting her flowers or going shopping with her. THAT IS NOT DYING FOR HER.

WANT TO BE A BETTER COWORKER?

Do everything as unto the Lord (Col 3:23)

Servants obey your masters (Col 3:22)

Pretty simple.

Besides, I Don't know how to be a "good" person.

If you knew me like the Lord does, you wouldn't ask me for relationship advice. You'd ask the court for a restraining order.

But what I can offer is - I KNOW THE ULTIMATE PERSON. JESUS.

I can point you to him. You don't need me to teach you any of that. You have the holy spirit (1 John 2:27). I can help you find him. I can help you learn the scriptures. I can help you take out the trash.

And that's what we need. We need to be the church. Not a club. Not a self-help seminar. Not a satanic self-love prescription. We need Jesus. The Bible. And each other.

I say all this to set up today's message - because you may not like it.

You may not like what i have to say.

You may not agree.

It might not even be worth your time.

And Perhaps I'm way off the mark here.

But the problem is, I don't think so. (maybe that's a bigger problem than i realize)

I can't wrap up revelation until we do some practical application of it today.

Revelation shouldn't feel far away. It literally is what happens next (meta taute)

The world is being set up as we speak, not many or even any pieces left to place, other than the rapture

What I'm about to share I don't claim to be a prophecy.

I don't even know what I'm doing this afternoon let alone what is going to happen in the world next week.

But, I do know this. God's word IS prophecy. Jesus IS the Spirit of prophecy.

What he says is happening and will continue to happen. Always. Forever. So when he says some of what we'll read in a minute. Know this, it will happen. It is prophecy.

The big question is - where do we fit in?

And with that,I hope to touch on some of that for the immediate future.

[1Th 5:16-22 NKJV] 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form [appearance] of evil.

[Pray]

Do you feel that?

That's the feeling of being robbed

Taxation, freedom, inflation, cost of goods, living, interest rates.

Life liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Who's the ultimate thief, liar, come to steal, kill and destroy?

If you're paying attention at all these days, YOU SHOULD BE TROUBLED

I was the other night

I told the Lord I was scared. Is this all hype? Will there be calamity, problems, will these things happen? And during my normal reading - reading Psalms at night for a change. Psalm 9 and 10 were on the menu.

Read Psalm 9-10:1

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,

a refuge in times of trouble.

10 Those who know Your name will put their trust in You,

for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Like I asked the kids the other night...does this say God will keep us out of bad times, troubling times? No.

What does it say then? He will be our REFUGE *IN THE TIMES* of trouble

Make no mistake...trouble is coming

Read Matthew 24 if you haven't

The Lord says not to be troubled.

that Psalm took away my dread. My panic. My extreme worry.

I know God will get me through. I know I can trust him and cling to him.

But you know what it hasn't taken away? My sense of responsibility.

To talk about it. To prepare and do everything in my power to be wise and see the trouble coming.

[Pro 22:3 NKJV] 3 A prudent [man] foresees evil and hides himself, But the simple pass on and are punished.

So what is this trouble I keep talking about?

(tbh I can't cover it all, so I'll hit on some things)

1 - The West pushing for nuclear war with Russia

I am not a Putin fan or sympathizer. But anyone who would doubt the narrative and not want war with Russia somehow is labeled that. That should tell you something.

It's too big to back up and talk about in detail - but the West wants the excuse. Whether the powers actively want it or would just exploit it or both.

But remember COVID? I remember it coming and said to Ash in the basement with the preps, "THIS IS IT. THIS IS REAL. THIS IS GOING TO HAPPEN"

Before our gov't said anything. When the news was denying it. When things from China were leaking (propaganda or not).

And boy was I right - but not in the way I expected.

Enjoying movies like "Outbreak" and Andromeda Strain as a kid. end of the world is worse than imagined, not fun. Not a movie.

The government turned out to be far more of a danger than any disease - even if it would have been as awful as getting ebola.

- Lockdowns, closing churches, arresting pastors
- Destroying small businesses
- Election meddling and outright cheating
- Changing definitions of words like vaccine
- Rushing this medicine into the populace - no matter the deaths
- The individual doesn't matter
- Illusion of control - measures that don't do anything - plastic barriers, porous masks, 6'
- Getting people hooked on handouts
- Passing trillion dollar bills that send money to pakistan for "gender studies" (remember this for later)
- Forcing people to inject a substance that is untested, unproven, for something with over a 98% survivability rate across all populations. OR GET FIRED. Can't get groceries.
- Control of "speech" with "approved" narratives or get banned from speaking out online

This alone should be enough to wake anyone up.

This is the system of the antichrist, just getting revved up in anticipation of the removal of the church and the revealing of the lawless one to take the helm

nuke war, even limited, would be far, far worse.

And likely whatever the government does will make it even worse (Katrina anyone?)

"The climate change agenda" - 3 UN reports say nations aren't doing enough, going fast enough Even if they believe what they're doing will make it better, IT WONT

It's going to get worse. Everyone's bought into this. You're ostracized if you don't.

Our nation, economy built on fossil fuel. Prosperity. Your clothes. Plastic comes from oil. So many things do.

They would shut it off today if they could - and they are.

- 10,000's expected to die in Europe this winter
- People LINING UP TO BUY COAL. I thought we wanted clean energy?
- Our strategic reserves (think about what that means) drained to lowest level in 40 years
- And every release that's touted to be a lifesaver only provides hours worth of consumption
- THAT'S THE FAKE NEWS
- 23? Days left of diesel.

Maybe you heard the blip in the news a while back about the georgia guidestones being bombed. This thing sounded like a conspiracy when it was erected in, get this, **1980**

Listen to what it says. Compare it to the sentiment in the mainstream news, in politics, in europe, in elite circles, in government and higher education, in movies and media

- Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance with nature.
- Guide reproduction wisely – improving fitness and diversity.
- Unite humanity with a living new language.
- Rule passion – faith – tradition – and all things with tempered reason.
- Protect people and nations with fair laws and just courts.
- Let all nations rule internally resolving external disputes in a world court.
- Avoid petty laws and useless officials.
- Balance personal rights with social duties.
- Prize truth – beauty – love – seeking harmony with the infinite.
- Be not a cancer on the Earth – Leave room for nature – Leave room for nature.

This is the spirit of the antichrist

This is the gateway to the first half of the tribulation.

The “wonderful utopia” being ushered in by the WEF

It's been said:

Data is more valuable than oil and gold - rb

The worlds most valuable resource no longer oil, but data . The economist

They're mining us

Control of humanity is the resource of this brave new world

The free market is not driving these changes

What's worse is people WANT IT

They're clamoring for it, just like they'll flock to the antichrist post rapture

It's literally the end of civilization as we've known it.

The past 2,000 years, good and bad, has been the result of the church on earth

The rapture concludes the church age

And the NEW AGE can take full root then.

The Holy Spirit and the church's influence is what has kept the enemy back

But we've reached perversion of man to the ultimate

AIDS in the 80s brought homosexuality to the forefront

"Compassion" and the media brought it into our homes in the 90's (Friends, Will & Grace, etc.)

They just wanted "equality" with marriage. Why marriage? That's a god-ordained institution. A picture of God and the church. God and man seen in man and wife.

Marriage doesn't work without God in the center.

We've called it marriage for homosexuality - but it is not marriage. The argument was they're coming for your kids and that was pushed back on.

Next forcing of acceptance. Baking cakes. Doing weddings. I remember having to change wording on the website and not publicly stating we do weddings.

Don't get me wrong. I do not hate anyone who is homosexual. One of my best friends in HS/college was. We had to go separate ways in life, I couldn't condone his lifestyle. But I always tried to love him. Imperfectly I'm sure. Tried to reach him. Never hated him for it. Why should I? But that doesn't change that God says the act is an abomination.

We've reached the end, well honestly, it can go farther...but we have little boys, dressed looking like women prostitutes and makeup, writhing on the ground sexually in front of men dressed in drag, or with the organs cut off and others sewed on, throwing money at them. In public places.

Being promoted in SCHOOLS. BY THE GOVERNMENT.

And if you resist - you are a bigot. You are cut off. You are sued. You could lose your livelihood.
THIS IS IT. SOCIETY CANNOT GO ON LIKE THIS.

Romans 1:18-32 We know this, if not, re-read it

Especially when our literal enemy - China - is taking all of our money and building their military, their influence, their society with it. Teaching their kids to be strong men and women. Teaching their kids to be astronauts and want to be smart...all the while we use their apps (tik tok) which pervert our kids, push pornography, push confusion about something so obvious and simple as gender...

But how many other issues?

- Killing babies up to and after birth is somehow a privacy or choice issue?

- The person in the oval office - weekend at bernies, literally - who is in charge?
- The deep state - mocked a few years ago - but now they're the heroes
- Social media banning presidents
- Banks kicking users off (Generals, business owners, etc)
- Paypal 2500 fine
- Canadian Truckers
- European farmers -
- The rich buying up all the farmland
- Telling us to eat bugs
- Banning gas cars by 2035, appliances (now)
- Criminals going free for violent crimes
- Flood of people coming in from all over (no need for ID or vaccination)
- Bussing them everywhere

**Tell me this isn't a manufactured collapse. This is beyond inept.
But back to the Bible and us.**

what are you doing? - practical preparation

There's a balance of trust in the lord but also doing

- joseph
- noah
- israelites had to prepare for passover and flee, but god protected
- rebuilding the wall

We like to think it'll never happen,

because we're unprepared, love our ease, immature, whatever the reason

- Dust bowl
- Great depression
- Soviet bread lines
- Millions killed by their govts in 20th century

We also, as believers, like to push off all the responsibility on God.

I don't need to prepare, God will save me.

Sounds a lot like the temptation Satan gave to Jesus, throw yourself off the temple and the angels will save you

Cartoon: God help! boat shows up, no, I'm waiting for God!

**God gave you wisdom, insight, discernment, warning BEFORE the calamity
and yet you did nothing**

building house on the sand vs rock

The vain things we've grown accustomed too are being stolen, destroyed in front of our eyes. Let's look to the kingdom coming and put everything there because it won't rust or be stolen

Remember we are not here for final judgment,

but we're here right now for America's judgment - that Romans 1 abandonment judgment
Given over to our sin

people will be crying out for the AC things are going to get so bad prior to his arrival, prior to the rapture, from the rapture

Seek to save life lose it Mt 16:25

Seek first kingdom and all things added Mt 6:33

Our goal is heaven - (like we sang today) This is not our home

...But if we're oblivious and suffer we can't blame God

It's evident we can't live for this world

It's evident it's under wrongful control

And we should fight for good

Although we are going to temporarily lose it doesn't mean we don't lose without a fight

Instead it should embolden us to live for heaven

And bring as many with us as possible

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Russia is an orthodox Christian country with traditional social values and for that reason, it must be destroyed, no matter what the cost to us.

Make no mistake, this is a war of values.

Putin, evil guy for sure, and perhaps he's seizing on a base in his country

But you can't say he's wrong in saying the west is morally evil - spreading the immorality around the world

Nevermind the Ukraine is full of food, natural resources, materials for batteries, etc.

World's leaders don't care

Won't listen to our crying

It's what they want

Midterms won't save us. Politics isn't fast enough

Vote yes pray yes

But evil is winning For a time

- Christians won't accept that
- Pre.flood
- The cross
- Ac will rule for 7 years
- But God always has the last laugh

We won't be here for great trib Buy Jesus promised trouble

Compare history

Many people will die. Many Christians Before the rapture

Question is how much how long

It can't happen to you?

- How many Christians died during the Holocaust, Soviet takeovers, etc. millions
- How many Christians died during the crusades?
- At the hands of slave masters, feudal systems, even the Catholic "church"?
- Why do we really think we'll never face persecution?

The early church's government and society was not only against them, they killed them for entertainment (colosseum)

Do you believe Jesus and the Bible?

Or do you think the christian American bubble is impervious
and eventually it will take over society and the world will be better - all through our compromise
with society...

The world systems, societies, governments, education, media, you name it -are perverting this generation completely

Through and through

Again, this is the "spirit of the antichrist"

[1 John 4:2-3 NKJV] By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the [spirit] of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

With the birth of the church age Satan launched his attack with the spirit against it, wanting to set up a world system governed by him. And it's gotten close many, many times. But God was gracious and merciful not wanting any to perish.

[Matthew 10:21-22 NKJV] "Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father [his] child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

[Matthew 24:12-13 NKJV] "And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. "But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Enduring to the end means you're gonna go through something.

Loveless women is a sure sign of society's rot

Part of me east coast dunkin the kids hockey

But it's not there. It's gone.

That world doesn't exist.

And while it did the church was asleep

Letting the world grow dark with tolerance

Letting their children believe they came from monkeys

Letting the state raise them and the media pervert them away from God

(modern disney anyone?)

This is it

Are you ready for his return? Are you ready for heaven - home?

Are you busy about your Father's business?

The church needs to pay attention and be the church.

stop ignoring these issues and acting like we're not responsible.

US is a unique situation historically with power supposed to be in our hands and nation founded on godly principles.

If we're oblivious and never warn anyone how can we say we believe if we don't act

Our focus is heaven - all of this should be a catalyst to make it more so

Remember Jesus is coming and will rescue us and bring us home.

Which we'll see more of as we finish Revelation