The Forerunner Message Made Simple

1. Jesus’ resurrection is God’s pledge to release resurrection power

*We are celebrating Good Friday tonight. I thought, “I want to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter weekend.” So what I am going to talk about is His plan to bring the resurrection of the earth and the whole family of God, because His resurrection was the first fruits of bringing several billion into the resurrection glory, but more than that, to bringing the whole realm of the earth—the animal kingdom, the atmosphere, and the agriculture—into resurrection glory in the Millennial kingdom and thereafter.* ***That*** *is what the cross accomplished.*

*I want to look at this message I am calling, “The Forerunner Message Made Simple,” and the handout is long at 6 pages, but most of it is just a resource. We are not going to cover it all. I am just giving you a lot of fifteen positive things and fifteen negative things that you can read on your own. Most of you know these, and most are just a reference point. I want to lock into a couple other points and then leave the rest for you to read on your own time.*

*Well, as we are looking at the Forerunner Message, I get asked all of the time what it is. And I say, “Let me give you a simple summary of it.”*

* 1. The IHOPKC leadership team does not ask anyone to quickly accept our views; rather, we urge all to refuse ideas that they cannot see clearly in Scripture for themselves—***be a Berean*** (Acts 17:11). Our understanding of the end times is not complete—we seek to learn from other ministries.

*Paragraph A: However, before I do that, I always like to say this, and I teach it to our interns and students year by year as they come: that our leadership team here at IHOPKC does not ask anyone to accept our views quickly. Unless they see it with their own eyes and their own Bible, they should not accept it. Like I have had some young people come and go and say, “Mike Bickle says…”*

*I say, “No, no! Do not say, ‘Mike Bickle says.’ If you cannot see it in the Bible and say, ‘The Bible says…’ then hold it for now, and wait for it to percolate.”*

* 1. ***Summary of the forerunner message***: *The beauty of Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge returning to Jerusalem to rule all the nations and to fill the entire earth with the glory of God*.   
     This includes His plans to equip a global prayer movement leading to the release of unprecedented power resulting in the “billion soul harvest,” the salvation of Israel (Rom. 11:26), and the transformation of the Church to be a unified family (Jn. 17:23), and a prepared Bride (Rev. 19:7).

13looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ. (Titus 2:13)

20The Lord said…21all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. (Num. 14:20-21)

3…“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them…” (Rev. 21:3)

*Paragraph B: Let’s look at the summary of the forerunner message. I am going to give you two long sentences. The message is the beauty of Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge returning to Jerusalem—that is critical—to rule all of the nations. That means He is going to replace all of the kings of the earth, which is a big issue. He is going to fill the entire earth with the glory of God, that means the people, the land, the agriculture, the atmosphere and the animal kingdom; everything will be filled with the glory of God: the people and the environment.*

*The forerunner message includes Jesus as Bridegroom, King and Judge equipping a global prayer and worship movement. And that global prayer and worship movement, though it is growing quickly in the earth today, is really going to explode the closer we get to the Lord’s return. It is the Lord’s way of releasing unprecedented power far beyond the book of Acts, resulting in a billion soul harvest, which is a phrase that a lot of people are using, though I believe that it is more than a billion, leading to the salvation of Israel as the first inaugural government of the millennial kingdom, prepared and ready, and the transformation of the end-time Church, not only to be a unified family, but to be a prepared bride. And so, when I take the 150 chapters and put it together, what I come up with is those two sentences and that is what I call the forerunner message summarized, made simple right there.*

*Now the ultimate issue in the forerunner message and the ultimate focus—though it is not a given that this is the ultimate focus because often it is not—however, it is what Paul in the Bible called the “blessed hope, the appearing of Christ Jesus” not only in the sky but coming to the earth with a resurrected body to rule the earth. That is the ultimate reality of the forerunner message, and all of the earth will be filled with the glory of God. I mean the implications of that are so vast. Ultimately, when the earth is filled with the glory of God at the end of the millennial kingdom the Father’s throne comes down to the earth forever. That is staggering beyond our imagination and just how glorious that is.*

* 1. Jesus’ resurrection is the firstfruits—a pledge that His people will have a body like His (Phil. 3:21).   
     At the rapture, all of God’s family will be resurrected to be with Him forever (1 Thes. 4:16-17).

20Christ is risen…and [is] the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep [died]… (1 Cor. 15:20)

16For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven…the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive…shall be caught up together…to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Thes. 4:16-17)

*Paragraph C: With this being resurrection weekend—Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday—we are looking at the resurrection. Paul made it clear that Jesus’ resurrection was a first-fruit pledge which meant a guarantee that the Lord Himself would bring the resurrection of all the redeemed through history. You know, the billion through history—whatever the real number is as I do not know—and the billion in the end-time harvest, several billion will be either raised from the dead or transformed and caught up to meet the Lord in the air. It is the power of the resurrection, and then the earth is impacted by it.*

* 1. The Scripture speaks of birth pains related to the end times (Mt. 24:8 [ESV, NIV]; Mk. 13:8;   
     1 Thes. 5:3; cf. Isa. 13:8; 26:17; 42:14; 66:8; Jer. 6:23; 30:6; Hos. 13:13; Mic. 4:9-10; 5:3).   
     The earth and its people will go through a “birth canal,” resulting in the millennial new world order.   
     Thus, the “baby that is born” is Jesus ruling all nations and establishing the true “new world order.”

7For nation will rise against nation…and there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes… 8All these are the beginning of sorrows [birth pains; ESV, NIV].” (Mt. 24:7-8)

8“…Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day?...For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children. 9Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?” (Isa. 66:8-9)

15…what will their [Israel’s] acceptance be but [result in] life from the dead? (Rom. 11:15)

*Paragraph D: I want you to get this one. This is one that I am going to spend a little more focus on than many of the other points. The Scripture speaks about birth pains or birth pangs depending on which translation you use. I have a handful of verses there that the earth—in the generation the Lord returns—the earth and the people, the land, the created order, all of it is going through a birth canal. It is going to result in a new world order, the real one, not the false one. The enemy has a counterfeit “New World Order,” but Jesus has the real one. He has this period of some number of decades, and we do not know how many–five, six, seven, eight, nine decades or some number like that. The Bible speaks in Genesis 15 that a generation could be up to one hundred years and so it could be eight or nine decades.*

*Where there is the beginning of birth pangs, then there is the increased labor, and then the heavy labor at the end, and it is all in the course of one lifespan of seventy, eighty, ninety years, whatever that lifespan is. The Lord does not let us know exactly, but the idea is that the earth–the people and the land are going through an eschatological birth canal. A baby is going to be born at the end of that birth process.*

*Now, of course, it is a metaphor and not actually a baby, but the “baby” that is being born is a resurrected Jewish Man coming from heaven and establishing a new world order. For one thousand years it is going to be indescribably glorious, but then it goes to a whole other level at the end of the thousand years because just as the Spirit is preparing for Jesus’ throne to come to the earth, when Jesus is on the earth for one thousand years, He is going to prepare the earth for the Father’s throne to come to the earth. That is the baby! It is Jesus and the new world order preparing the earth for the Father.*

*Now the reason I say that is because when we talk about the end-times, most people do not think of the baby. They think of the birth pains. Now, I am imagining because I have obviously never interviewed a million women but I am imagining that most women, when they find out they are pregnant, are more imagining the glory of the baby. They are thinking of the birth pains, but that is not the number one thing they are thinking of. That gets more of their attention the closer they get to it. Over that nine-month period they are captured by the glory of the baby.*

*One of the great challenges and the points of confusion in the Church right now about the end times is that the Church is captured by the birth pangs and does not see the baby. Everybody knows Jesus is coming, “Glory, hallelujah!” and then we move on! However, it is not a deeply-rooted revelation that anchors us with a sense of confidence that a three-and-a-half year heavy labor is actually worth it for a billion years with the glory of God and then another billion and another billion!*

*In Matthew 24, Jesus called it “birth pains.” Most translations say birth pains or birth pangs. Isaiah in Isaiah 66 talked about the earth being born in one day. What? That is talking about when the Lord returns, literally speaking of the whole new world order. And the Lord said there, “Am I going to bring the human family through the birth canal and not have the birth take place?” He said, “The answer is that I am going to do it for sure!” And the nation of Israel will be born in a day there, but the earth will actually come into a new order in one day. In Romans 11:15, Paul called it “life from the dead for the whole earth.” That is the resurrection. That is the baby.*

* 1. We are spiritually prepared as we gain “living understanding” of Jesus and His excellent leadership. This is the key “metrics” for our preparation. The Lord will raise up “people of understanding”who will help others to understand the biblical end-time narrative (Dan. 11:33; 12:10; Jer. 23:20; 30:24).

33Those of the people who understand [end-time messengers] shall instruct many… (Dan. 11:33)

20…the Lord [in judgment] will not turn back…in the latter days you will understand it perfectly. (Jer. 23:20)

*Paragraph E: We talk a lot about being spiritually prepared, and we should. Some people actually are physically preparing for crisis, and I appreciate that! However, that is not the focus I have. But those guys are doing it, which I appreciate, and I am not going to stop them. I might knock on your door and say, “Hey could I have some of your extra?” That is not the assignment the Lord has focused us in this community on, but some people have that assignment, they really do. There are “Joseph Companies” who are preparing in the natural, but that is not the assignment of this house in a major way, though there may be some individuals. Again, let me know and I will knock on your door!*

*Our issue and major focus is spiritual preparation. We had quite a few dreams this spring during the 40-day fast which we are just ending today, then last year the same, and the year before. There is the question in the dreams, “Are we prepared?” and many times we are not prepared. So the issue is: what does it mean to be prepared? I want to give it to you really simply. Preparation is about gaining understanding of Jesus and His end-time leadership and purposes. It is understanding that prepares us. The reason I am saying this is because of Matthew 25, which is one of my favorite messages of getting oil. People have an image that if there is like a gallon container of oil that is ten percent full and if they get one hundred percent full of oil, an amount of oil, that then they are prepared. No, I do not believe that is the right application.*

*The oil, the very presence of it—whether it is ten percent or eighty percent—there is no specific amount. When the Holy Spirit touches our heart, He tenderizes our heart so we gain living understanding. So I am not trying hard to make sure I go from ten percent oil to twenty percent of the full gallon and then to thirty percent full. “Oops, I have had a bad week, so now I am down to twenty percent full!” When the Spirit is touching the human heart, even a little bit, it tenderizes our heart and makes us receive living understanding.* ***That*** *is what preparation is because if you have living understanding you are not vulnerable in the same way to fear, offense, deception, and those things.*

*The issue is not being trapped in the end-time storyline with fear because, when you get fearful, you make horrible decisions. Not being offended with God or with people or you cannot grow in love. Not being deceived with the wrong narrative. The issue of preparation is the issue of gaining understanding. The oil, the interaction with the Lord, tenderizes our heart. It is kind of like the water on the lawn. The weeds come out a lot quicker when you put some water on it, but the plant grows. And so I am not looking at the measure of the Spirit that I retain to see if it is twenty percent, forty percent or eighty percent of that gallon. No, I interact with the Lord, and a portion of understanding comes because my heart is a little bit tenderized. That is the focus of being prepared.*

*When I talk with people, everyone thinks they need more oil, and so they assume they are completely unprepared because their oil quota is not a full gallon but way less. I tell them, “No, tell me your understanding quota,” and I do not mean Bible knowledge so that you win a Bible jeopardy quiz or contest. That is not what I am talking about. I am talking about when understanding touches us. We don’t even really know how it happens, because I look at my own life and when understanding touches me, I end up having confidence about the future, and I do not know how the confidence came. It is not like I get understanding on Monday morning and I have confidence on Monday night. I get oil—I am talking to the Lord, and I am reading the Word and dialoguing with Him and getting just little deposits of understanding, and some time goes by, and I have more peace and more confidence. I lay in my bed at night with more confidence thinking about the future, and I think “Where did that come from?” That is what understanding and preparation are about.*

*The Lord said, in one of the passages that we look at all of the time here, Daniel 11:33, that He is going to raise up people of understanding. I am asking for the Lord to raise up a million forerunner messengers in the earth, though this is a totally made-up number. And, I do not mean related to us, but that He would just sovereignly raise up a million of them in the earth, and those million can prepare the billion-soul harvest. It says here that they will be a people of understanding. In Daniel 11, the angel is talking about the end-time plan. When it says “people of understanding,” it is not just general understanding. It is specific understanding of God’s end-time purpose so that the people have confidence and peace and are not overwhelmed with fear and offense and deception, etc. I have good news for you: the people of understanding—and it is not like there is one category—will impact many, and when the angel says “Many,” it is billions of people who will want the understanding. Unbelievers will want it as much as believers. Many times they will want it more than believers do. I find that unbelievers are more eager to know what the Bible says than many believers are about the end times.*

*The Lord says, “I am going to give living understanding.” In our community here, He is cultivating and stirring up young and old. I mean, we have teenagers, we have young adults, and we have elderly who are growing in living understanding, and they could teach multitudes.*

*You do not need a microphone to teach many. I believe the majority of the conversations of the end-time Church are going to be in living rooms, and it is going to be conversational teaching. Board rooms, classrooms, dorm rooms, coffee shops, living rooms, people talking in fives and tens, and then with the Internet you may have two people at a kitchen table (streaming) and it might give a spark of understanding that a million people are impacted by. You might be eighty years old, and you never knew that was going to happen. “Well, I never taught a Bible study!” However, with the Internet, I am telling you, anybody might impact a million people when the Lord gives them that down payment or that little portion of understanding. Jeremiah 20 says that there are going to be people who understand what He is doing perfectly. I do not believe perfectly means one hundred percent. I believe that it means “mature” understanding. I would use the phrase, “in a mature way.” I like “perfectly;” it is like “Wow!” because there is a lot of obscurity today.*

*Again, most of the people focused on the end times are not focused on the birth of the baby; they are focused on the pain of the birth process. We have to shift over. We need to shift over because if we have the wrong training and wrong application, then we get off course. I know this just in the natural: when Diane was pregnant with Luke, forty-three years or whatever ago, we went to the Lamaze course. And I was all eager, “Man, six weeks! Let’s do it!” I took notes. I got ready. We got into the birthing process, and I was right there next to her going “One! Two! Three! Uhh!” And I started hyperventilating, I really did, and Diane shouted, “Shut up!” In forty-five years I have only heard her shout three times in my life. That was the first time! Because that was forty-four years ago, I thought, “We are going to have a long history,” but only three times.*

*The second time was at the Convergence, when she cried up here on the stage, “Give us our children!!” I thought that I had never heard her shout like that except for the “Shut up!” Then a year or two later for the third time, it was during the Super Bowl when Tyrek Hill caught that long pass and she shouted, “Ahhhhhhhh!”*

*I said “I’ve never heard you scream like that besides those other two times!” I mean, I am not comparing. So those are the three. My real point is that in the natural I trained but applied it wrongly, and I almost passed out.*

1. Why Understanding the Biblical View of the End Times is important
   1. ***Unique dynamics***: The generation of Jesus’ return will have unique dynamics—unprecedented *pressures* (shaking, sin, and darkness) and an unprecedented *outpouring of the Spirit,* revival, etc.

2For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people;   
but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. (Isa. 60:2)

*Roman numeral two: Why do we need this understanding? Because—and do not take this for granted because our community knows this point, and we have said this over and over—there is going to be an increase of glory* ***and*** *an increase of darkness. A number of ministries only see the darkness, while others only see the glory. Many see both, but it is critical that we see both. I have talked about this with many people. They think, “Well, of course everyone believes that,” and I say, “Well, actually they do not. To millions that is a new idea to them.” So you want to lock into Isaiah 60:2.*

* 1. ***Biblical reasons***: Scripture highlights one generation *much more* than any other. By far the   
     *most described* generation in God’s plan is the generation Jesus returns. It is the main focus in over ***150 chapters in the Bible*** (See: <https://mikebickle.org/resource/150-chapters-on-the-end-times/>)

*Paragraph B: Another reason we want to get this understanding is because the Bible gives us over one hundred and fifty chapters of data. I mean that is a staggering number, if you consider that Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are eighty-nine chapters, so almost ninety chapters, and the primary story is Jesus’ first coming. Over one hundred and fifty chapters with fifteen or so positive categories or events and fifteen or so negative events that are part of the story.*

*No generation has ever navigated this most intense negative and most intense glory in one time frame. It has never happened in history. There has never been a generation that could counsel. The book of Acts didn’t, though they had more negative and more power than any other, but they did not navigate anything like the end-time Church will. The Lord is saying, as it were, “I gave you one-hundred-and-fifty chapters!” Interact with Jesus with oil and tenderizing and meditation, and not that you are going to become a pro in all of those. Most people will not go deep on the one-hundred-and-fifty chapters but we can know the fifteen or so—made up number—categories of positive and the fifteen or so categories of the negative. I have written a handful of them here. We are not going to go through them all. They are just a resource at the end of the document.*

*I mentioned last week that I am going to go through the one-hundred-and-fifty chapters at CBETS, the Center for Biblical End-Time Studies, starting this August, 2022 and I am only going to do it this one more time. Meaning, I was thinking I was going to go through it three, four, or five more times, if there was hunger. I went through it once which took us three years, and about five hundred people were a part of it throughout the three years. Some dropped off and others joined, every Wednesday night. We took the summers off. We covered all one-hundred-and-fifty chapters in three years. I was excited to do that for several more cycles, but I have adjusted my plan to doing it only one more time, starting this August, Lord willing, for the next three years, taking the summers off.*

*Then after that, I want to take end-time themes because these one-hundred-and-fifty chapters are really more of a resource book. It is more of a handbook where you can figure out the chapter you want and then study it, because the total study is some two thousand pages of information. Like, “Come on! Give me a break!” So I want to lay that out, like a handbook, which it has really come to be, and then take the Wednesday nights after that—Lord willing again, who knows what is going to be happening in the earth in those days, three years from now—to do different themes from the one-hundred-and-fifty chapters and have the one-hundred-and-fifty chapters as a resource and a context for these many, many different themes I want to cover. I think it is a far more practical way to train people, but a lot of folks really want the one-hundred-and-fifty chapters so they can take the themes and develop them themselves. So, we are going to begin that again this August, Lord willing, for the next three years with the summers off.*

* 1. ***Pastoral reasons***: People must understand the ***biblical narrative*** for what will happen and why it will happen, or they will be left, by default, to embrace a ***secular narrative*** of the events, making them more vulnerable to be overcome by fear, offense, lust, and deception. However, by understanding the biblical narrative, God’s people will be better equipped to process the escalating pressures in a way that helps them to thrive spiritually and grow in love and peace.
     1. Jesus highlighted ***four issues*** that will challenge many people’s faith in the end times:   
        ***F****ear* (Lk. 21:26)*,* ***O****ffense* (Mt. 24:10), ***L****ust* (Lk. 21:34), and ***D****eception* (Mt. 24:11)—  
        ***F-O-L-D***.
     2. The end-time falling away is the most tragic reality in history (2 Thes. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-2)

*Paragraph C: There are pastoral reasons why I care most about these one-hundred-and-fifty chapters and studying them, because if we know the biblical narrative of the fifteen plus positive things and the fifteen plus negatives categories of activity, and we see Jesus’ leadership, and we see with clarity the glory of the baby that is to be born, then it makes sense that there is an excellent Leader who is orchestrating both the positive and the negative. He is not making all of the negative as some of it He is just stirring up, and there are reasons for that which I do not want to go into right now.*

*I want to touch His leadership and have confidence, and the more I have studied it over the years, the more my peace grows, and again, it is not like I study on Monday and have more peace on Thursday, but some weeks later I think, “I just have more peace than I ever had about the future. I have confidence. Huh, I don’t know when it increased.” You know, you cannot measure it, but I know that when you get oil, you get more receptive to these truths. These truths permeate our heart in a way—I don’t mean they overwhelm us to permeate and dominate us in the way I wish that they did—but it creates this new internal calmness and peace.*

*We need to raise up people who are part of the solution and not part of the problem, because millions of believers are going to be a part of the problem. Meaning, absolutely overcome with fear, they are going to have the deceptive narrative interpreted completely wrongly; it is not the biblical interpretation. They are going to be offended, and they are going to be spewing that into the culture. I do not want to be a part of the problem. I want to be a part of the solution. I want a handful of us, i.e. some thousands of us—I don’t mean millions—who are contributing to this solution, people that live here or live out there. I am believing God is raising up many different ministries who are locking into these things.*

*The pastoral reasons that I have here, we know them. I use the acronym F.O.L.D. Jesus gave us the four negative responses that we must avoid. We avoid them by knowing the biblical narrative because if we do not have the biblical narrative, again, even the broad strokes, we will by default accept the secular narrative. Millions of believers have taken hold of the secular narrative, and when the negative increases they cannot interpret it with a God of love. They think and have lots of different ways, but they are not the right way to interpret what is happening.*

*Jesus told us—and the very words He used—“Many”—He is talking about even believers—“without the biblical narrative will be overcome with fear, but I gave you a roadmap and I gave you a generation to get ready.” The “ready” is preparation, but the preparation only works if we have that exchange of intimacy with our heart, so that it is tenderizing, so that we can receive understanding because I am not talking about intellectual knowledge only. I am talking about talking to a real Man about His real plan and His real passion for His people. and it touches our hearts a little bit at a time. F-O-L-D: fear, offense, lust, and deception. The lust He talks about is drunkenness and immorality. A lot of people will go for that to self-medicate, I mean, people do drunkenness and immorality for other reasons, but millions will do it to self-medicate because they are so fearful and offended. And Jesus says, “You do not have to do that. I have given you much information.”*

* 1. The metaphor of “birthing a child” is emphasized often as a paradigm to interpret the end times. When we have kingdom understanding, then “like a mother in labor”—the pain is well worth it.   
     Imagine billions of years in God’s glory on a resurrected planet after only 3½ years of heavy labor.

21A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she   
has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish… (Jn. 16:21)

*Paragraph D: So the metaphor of birthing a child, again, the focus is on the baby. The two, three, four decades of the beginning of birth pains lead up to that final seven years. The baby in the womb, so to speak and using the metaphor, is being nurtured. And at the Second Coming the baby is born. Again, it is not a baby; it is a resurrected Jewish Man coming to Jerusalem with a whole New World Order.* ***That*** *is the baby. And the baby is being nurtured through the word of God and the Spirit interaction and even in a vibrant community of people who are wanting to go forward with God and His plans with understanding.*

*Jesus mentioned this in John 16. Here, in John 16, He was talking of His own death and the sorrow they would feel. He had talked about the birth pains on Tuesday [Mt. 24:8]. Now it is Thursday of the last week. You know, the Thursday right before He went to the cross on Friday. And He said, as it were, “Let me tell you the analogy. There is pain, I am not going to deny it, but when the baby is born, you will have joy forever!” He used that analogy for the early apostles right there to overcome the immediate crisis. However, that is also the paradigm for the end-time Church, and you can read that verse.*

*Can you imagine billions of years in the glory of God in indescribable glory, pleasure, and goodness? We have three-and-a-half years of human history, the body of Christ, to be faithful to the Lord, to be messengers to bring in the billion-soul harvest, and to have the Church grow in the first commandment instead of fear, offense, lust and deception. Beloved, I am in for this!*

*Some guy told me, “Man, I really like your stuff! You are really into the end times!”*

*I responded, “Well, actually I am really not!”*

*“Well, yeah, yeah, you really are!”*

*I said, “No, I actually am not. I am into Jesus and His leadership, and I am into equipping people to love Him and see the excellence of His leadership. That is what I am into! I am into the Man! Now, because He has a plan I want to know the plan that leads people to that Man.”*

*I remember once I was being interviewed by the Kansas City Star. We have had a few interviews with them over the years about IHOPKC. A couple positive ones and some not so positive! Well, anyway! This lady came and said, “Tell us, do you believe in the end of the world?”*

*I said, “No, not at all!”*

*She said, “No, no, we have documents here! No, you cannot not believe that.” She thought I was a little embarrassed that I was going to lose some social media likes if I believed in the end of the world.*

*I said, “No, I believe in the end of the* ***age****!”*

*She said, “What?”*

*I said, “The way the age, the world is governed with demonic influence, that is going to end! The world is never going to end, ever!”*

*She said, “What?”*

*I said, “The world is never going to end! I don’t believe in the end of the world at all! I believe in a resurrected earth forever with the Father’s throne on it!”*

*She made a funny face, “Oh! Let’s go on to something else!” She asked me, “Do you think you are a prophet?”*

*I said, “Well, actually I am more of a football coach with Christian young people. That is what I really am.”*

*She said, “Oh man, this is not going great.” She wanted me to be a self-proclaimed prophet who believed in the end of the world.*

*I said, “I am really much more of a coach and a cheerleader! That is really what I am in reality.” That was a boring answer to her, but it is a real one to me!*

1. The Revelation of Jesus: Bridegroom, King, and Judge
   1. The Word and the Spirit emphasize Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge at the end of the age. Jesus is a ***King*** with great power, a ***Bridegroom*** with deep desire for relationship with His people,   
      and a ***Judge*** with righteous zeal to remove everything that hinders love—there is no contradiction!

*Roman numeral three. Core to the Forerunner Message—and we are going to do this really briefly. I just gave you the info to read on your own—the revelation of Jesus as Bridegroom, King and Judge. We are not undermining Jesus as a Shepherd, Savior, Healer, Forgiver, Provider. No! We love those, but the Bible has a very specific emphasis, the Bible does, that, in the generation the Lord returns, the Spirit is going to highlight in a way beyond anything in history: Jesus as a Bridegroom, King and Judge.*

*He is a king with power. We all sort of know that because we pray for people to get healed and we pray for financial miracles, and some families’ and people’s lives get changed. Beloved, His power is going to be manifested so far beyond anything that is on our minds right now. He is a king with power, and that is kind of the one that the body of Christ is little familiar with, but the angel that is standing right here or wherever they are, when I say this, they probably say, “You don’t really have a grid for His power. Trust me, you don’t!”*

*However, He is also a Bridegroom with desire. He is not just a king with power. He has a desire for deep relationship. He is not a king who wants workers and servants. He is a Bridegroom who wants partnership in a deep way at the heart level.*

*And, He is a Judge. He will, with zeal, confront everything that hinders love, and there is no contradiction between Jesus as a Bridegroom, a King, and a Judge. You all have heard that, and many of you teach that, and you teach it well, but we need to be really crystal clear: that is core to the forerunner message.*

* 1. Some ministries either refuse or emphasize just one of these 3 truths over the other two.
     1. To understand Jesus as the ***Bridegroom*** without seeing Him as the King and Judge may lead to sentimentality without obedience and misunderstanding of His end-time plans.
     2. To understand Jesus as the ***King*** without seeing Him as the Bridegroom and Judge may lead to an authoritarian view of God or to a misunderstanding of why God releases power through His people. This leads some to be overly focused on growing in power for “their ministry.”
     3. To understand Jesus as the ***Judge*** without seeing Him as the Bridegroom King may lead to   
        a harsh view of God or a wrong understanding about judgment resulting to anger or offense.

54[John]…“Lord, do You want us to command fire to…consume them, just as Elijah did?” 55He…rebuked them…“You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. (Lk. 9:54-55)

*Paragraph B: Some people—and I am not picking on people. I love the Body of Christ, and we are all learning so I am not saying this guy or gal has it, this group does not…it is nothing like that. We have so much to learn—however, some ministries, many, many, many, refuse these three faces. They pick one of them. He is a King with power, great revival! Good! This Bridegroom thing, I have heard over the years, “Do I have to do that Bridegroom thing?” Or worse, “Do I have to do the Judge thing?” Other ministries have the Bridegroom, but they do not really have a King with power. You know, they just want to soak in the presence of God—which I love—just them and God, you know, aaahhhhhhh!*

*Jesus absolutely wants to radically visit the earth and bring the resurrection to the entire created order, but He is doing it for* ***love****. And so if we only have a Bridegroom—and I have known a lot of people in the twenty-five, thirty or however many years I have been teaching on the Bridegroom. Since 1988 when the Lord arrested me with that subject which I did not like—I have seen a lot of people embrace the Bridegroom but not the King and the Judge, and they end up with a sentimentality in the relationship, but they are pretty casual about obedience. “Oh, He loves me even in my weakness!” True, but that does not mean be loose. He is a Bridegroom; He is invasive with His demand of your heart.*

*Or they misunderstand His end-time plans, “No, He is a Bridegroom, so it is just going to be sweet and easy with flowers, perfume, and sweet music!” Well, no, it is actually not. We are going through a birth canal but with a Bridegroom who loves us.*

*Others see the King, but they do not see a Bridegroom, so they have an authoritative view of a king, a king with power. They misunderstand why God releases His power. I think of my own generation, in the seventies, eighties, and nineties whatever—I am not slamming my generation. I love my generation but my generation—I will say this we have been overly focused on power, prestige, and platform. And we ended up with a gospel without a lot of depth to it, but we were all going for power, more ministry prestige, more platform, bigger ministries. We have ended up with a new generation of twenty somethings and younger so disillusioned with that, and there is an identity crisis in the generation coming up. They say, “We don’t want that! We don’t even know what you mean, but we just don’t want to do what you guys did. But we don’t know what to do right now.”*

*And so the Lord wants to correct that. It sounds so awesome to go for power. I am really into power, but that is not good enough without a Bridegroom who consumes our heart, that demands our heart.*

*Paragraph 3: Others, not many but there are a few out there, see the Judge. They have a harsh view of God, and they do not understand His judgments, so therefore when the Judgment happens. people either get offended with God or become angry preachers. Like John the apostle in Luke 9:55, who said, “Jesus, can we call fire down from heaven and nuke that city in Samaria?”*

*Jesus said, “You have a bad attitude. No, John, wrong!” I do not want the message of the Judge without the Bridegroom and the King.*

1. Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge is highlighted in Scripture

*Top of Page 3. Again, you can just read this on your own. I want you to see how significant and intentional these three faces of Jesus are. I am not dismissing the other dimensions of His leadership and His character as Shepherd, Healer, Provider and all these things. The reason I say this is because new folks come and join us—we are right now a few weeks away from our 23rd anniversary of IHOPKC—and when people come, they say, “Wow! Man, you guys are into the end times and the Bridegroom! That is kind of your deal.”*

*I say, “No, actually it is not my deal. I resisted the Bridegroom. I did not like it. I reminded the Lord that I was the son of a champion boxer and that I do not do the Bridegroom stuff!”*

*He said, “Yes, actually you do! You just do not know it yet.”*

*Then the end times. I was not into the end times. I was into the Great Harvest, power, and John G. Lake, Charles Finney, and Reinhardt Bonnke! I did not want end-time judgments! What!*

*So I tell the young people when they come here: This is not Mike’s deal, I promise you! If it was my deal, we would just have big evangelism meetings, and people would just love God and fall over and be happy and then there we go!*

*That is not His plan, He took me out of my way to say these things. I did not even want night-and-day prayer. I just wanted revival. I was willing to put up with prayer meetings if I could be sure I would have revival! And so everything I am doing I did not want to do! Not, everything, but those three or four major things. My reason for saying this—I just want to say this sweetly, I want to be funny and sweet and nice—“This is not Mike’s thing! I promise you it is not!”*

*If you knew the story, the Lord would say, “Hey, he was not that responsive! I really had to fight that kid!” I am not going to tell you that story, but it was true.*

* 1. In Jesus’ final public message to Israel, He emphasized the Lord as a Bridegroom, King, and Judge (Mt. 22:1-14). He revealed the *nature of the kingdom* as a wedding that His Father planned.

2The kingdom…is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son… (Mt. 22:2-3)

*Paragraph A: Jesus’ final public message to Israel: Bridegroom, King and Judge.*

* 1. In Jesus’ final message to the apostles before the last supper in the upper room (Jn. 14-17),   
     He revealed Himself as Bridegroom (Mt. 25:1-13), King (Mt. 25:31), and Judge (Mt. 25:32-46).

1Then the kingdom…shall be likened to ten virgins who…went to meet the Bridegroom… 31When the Son of Man comes…He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32All the nations   
will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them [as the Judge]… (Mt. 25:1, 31-32)

*Paragraph B: His final message to the apostles before the upper room: Bridegroom, King and Judge.*

* 1. The final revelation in the Word reveals Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge (Rev. 19-22).

7Give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come… 11In righteousness He judges and makes war...16on His thigh a name written: King Of Kings… (Rev. 19:7, 11, 16)

*Paragraph C: The final revelation of the Word of God: Bridegroom, King and Judge.*

* 1. Isaiah 62-63 is the clearest Old Testament description of the ministry of the Spirit in the generation the Lord returns as He reveals Jesus, the messianic redeemer, as Bridegroom, King, and Judge.   
     The primary face of the Lord in Isaiah is as a king (Isa. 6:5; 32:1; 33:17, 22; 41:21; 43:15; 44:6).
     1. Jesus delights in His people as a bridegroom rejoices over His bride (Isa. 62:4-5).

5As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you…  
10Prepare the way for the people…[to enter Jerusalem to worship the King]… (Isa. 62:5, 10)

* + 1. When Jesus returns He will judge His enemies—as He marches to Jerusalem (Isa. 63:1-3).

2Why is Your apparel red…? 3I have trodden them [nations] in My anger…  
their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. (Isa. 63:2-3)

*Paragraph D: Isaiah 62-63 is the clearest passage of the Messiah. I mean, you might make it chapter 61 to 63. You could add a chapter to that: Bridegroom, King and Judge.*

* 1. Psalm 45 is the great love song of Messiah coming to earth as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge:

3Gird Your sword…O Mighty One [the Judge]….Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the   
King’s enemies [Armageddon]…9At Your right hand stands the queen [the Bride]… (Ps. 45:3-9)

*Paragraph E: Our favorite IHOPKC Psalm, Psalm 45, the great love song: Bridegroom, King, and Judge. I did not know that at first, but when I saw that, I said, “Okay, okay, okay, I am not backing down on any of this. I get it! I didn’t get it when You made me do it, but I found the verses later and said, ‘Aghhh!’” I say this tongue-in-cheek, “Lord, I owe You one!” Well, I owe Him a million, but my point is that I did not know this would be so good and so right, and so I resisted Him for the first three or four years of each one of these.*

1. The Lord’s “Justice Masterplan” for human history

Roman numeral five: The Master Plan. I call it Jesus’ Masterplan for Justice for Human History.

* 1. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would establish justice in all the nations (Isa. 42:1, 4). The full release of justice in the end times involves many positive and seemingly “negative” activities.

1I have put My Spirit upon Him [Jesus]; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles [worldwide]… 4He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth… (Isa. 42:1, 4)

*Paragraph A: We know the Messiah is going to fill the earth with justice. The problem is none of us would pick His master plan for justice. The things He picked in the natural are so odd to me, like, “Why would You do this?”*

*“Because I am going to fill the earth with justice.”*

*Like, “You are going to raise up an Antichrist, with signs and wonders, to deceive a couple billion people?”*

*He would say, “Yeah, the devil is in part of it but that is part of My plan.”*

*“Why?” I am not going into the whys, but His Master Plan is different than any human thinking imaginable. I can tell you the basic principles.*

* 1. ***Optimum environment***: God is establishing the optimum environment for His people to walk in love and purity. *God uses the least severe means to bring the greatest number of people to the deepest level of love.* What the devil means for evil, God will use for good to train His people.

*Paragraph B: He is creating the optimum environment for the most people to go to the deepest levels of love without violating their free will. The Lord would say, “There is enough pressure and enough glory so that the billion-soul harvest and the other hundreds of millions that are already in the Church will come forth as a prepared Bride. I know what I am doing.”*

*The pressure changes the conversation that we have with God, that we have with each other, the conversation in how we pray and how we talk. Pressure changes the conversation. When the conversation changes, we gain little fragments of understanding in the process.*

* 1. Satan will raise up a counterfeit justice movement. I recommend S. Greaves’ book ***False Justice.***

1. The Positive Trends, People, and Events—about 15 categories

*Roman numeral six: There are about fifteen areas here of positives, if you know the broad strokes. Those with the forerunner message need more than the broad strokes, but these broad strokes, hundreds and millions will get them. And I am giving you the broad strokes here. There are about fifteen positive broad strokes and again, some of these I would have picked and others I asked, “Why did you pick that?” It is odd to me.” However, the key to understanding the fifteen—again, that is a made-up number—categories of negative is that we have to see the positive that is nurturing the baby while it is being formed towards the end-time birthing. The fifteen is nurturing the baby, and if we lose sight of the baby, the fifteen negatives overwhelm us. Yet they are just a little snapshot here.*

* 1. The Lord’s end-time “Justice Masterplan” includes an unprecedented ***outpouring of the Spirit***  
     and a loving yet ***divine discipline*** of Israel and the Church resulting in ***Israel’s national salvation***and in a ***purified Church***, ***a harvest of souls***, and all the earth filled with ***God’s glory****,* and more.

*He is going to have the unprecedented outpouring of the Spirit, and He is going to discipline the Church and Israel because that is part of His love.*

* 1. ***#1 Return of Jesus***: *Jesus’ royal procession* will be seen by every person (Rev. 1:7; Rev. 21:3).

*Paragraph B: The ultimate is Jesus returning, a Man with a resurrected body coming from heaven, coming to the earth permanently.*

* 1. ***#2 Rapture***: The rapture will occur when Jesus returns to *“catch up”* all believers in the air.

29Immediately after the tribulation of those days…30All the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds…31He will send His angels…they will gather together His elect [the rapture]…from one end of heaven to the other. (Mt. 24:29-31)

*Paragraph C: He resurrects all of the saints from history and with all of those alive at His coming, they get a transformed body and enter into the glory in the resurrection in their own experience.*

* 1. ***#3 Millennial Kingdom****:*Jesus will return to rule over all nations for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:4-6).   
     At this time, *Satan will be cast into prison* (Rev. 20:1-3) and *God’s kingdom with righteousness*   
     will be openly manifested worldwide, affecting every sphere of life (education, politics, agriculture, economics, social institutions, etc.). Jesus will restore the agriculture, animal life, and atmosphere to the *conditions seen in Eden* (Isa. 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25).

*Paragraph D: A Millennial Kingdom for a thousand years. This is part of the knowledge that nurtures the baby while it is going through the birth canal.*

* 1. ***#4 New Jerusalem***:The heavenly city*will descend to the earth* on two occasions—at the beginning (Rev. 21:10) and at the end (Rev. 21:2) of the Millennium. The resurrected saints will live there.
  2. ***#5 Two witnesses***: The two men who will *prophesy with great power* for 3½ years (Rev. 11:3-6).

*Paragraph E: God has plans for great power to operate in ways that will surprise us. It is not only the two witnesses and the 144,000. He is saying, as it were, “I gave you a down payment and this is how far I am willing to go. I will do many miraculous things with many people, and I am putting this in the plans so you know it.”*

* 1. ***#6 144,000***: The Lord will anoint *144,000 Jewish believers* (Rev. 7:4-8; 14:1-5) who will be supernaturally sealed or protected by the power of God so that they cannot be harmed.
  2. ***#7 Great revival***: The greatest revival and unprecedented outpouring of the Spirit in history will occur in the end times. It will include *miracles that were seen in the book of Acts and the book of Exodus* yet combined and multiplied on a global scale (Mic. 7:15; Acts. 2:19; Rev. 11:3-6).

*Paragraph H: The greatest revival in human history. I like to say this because I really believe it. I have a lot of verses on it, the miracles of the book of Acts, the miracles in the book of Exodus, combined and multiplied on a global level! Beloved, that is cool, but that is the baby nurtured, the information about that Man! If that is true, His leadership is perfect. I do not have to back away and I do not have to dumb down the message because I have a little bit of understanding about that Man and how glorious His leadership is. I say, “Good, good!”*

*And the Lord is saying, in effect, “Every one of these I put in the Word will nurture the baby that is growing, before the baby is born,” using that imperfect analogy of the birthing of a baby.*

* 1. ***#8 Great harvest***: I believe over *1 billion new souls* will be saved (Mt. 24:14; Rev. 7:9; 14:6).
  2. ***#9 Bridal paradigm***: A *bridal perspective of the kingdom* will equip the Church with confidence and courageous love as they encounter Jesus as their Bridegroom King (Rev. 22:17).

*Paragraph J: The Bridal paradigm. We will be fearless before death with the Bridal paradigm. The Bridal paradigm is critical. It is not just a phrase. It is not just a couple of sentences. It is a dynamic reality.*

* 1. ***#10 Prayer and worship***: There be a *global end-time prayer and worship movement* that will operate in great authority (Lk. 18:7-8; Rev. 8:3-5; 22:17; cf. Isa. 25:9; 30:18-19; 42:10-13; 62:6-7).

*Paragraph K: The Prayer and Worship movement. Right now, the prayer and worship movement is not overly influenced by the Bridal paradigm. It is more than it was twenty years ago. I have been in prayer meetings for lots of years, and you did not have a trace of the Bridegroom twenty years ago in prayer meetings hardly, maybe a little bit of it. However, even now most intercession does not have the tenderness of interacting with a true Bridegroom King. It does not have the confidence and the gratitude. I believe that the tenderness and the confidence and gratitude of a real Bridegroom that loves us is going to actually shift even the prayer culture of the whole body of Christ.*

*So much of the body of Christ—and I do not mind this, again, because it is a good beginning—they yell at God all of the time. He says, as it were, “I am a Bridegroom. I am your Father. I actually really like you. I am with you. Here I am! I want to touch you and tell you how I feel about you!”*

*I believe that it is touching the worship movement and a little bit of the prayer movement, but I think it is going to be happening more and more and more. I am talking about the global culture of prayer. When the Bridegroom revelation touches it, it is going to shift even the culture of the way prayer meetings go. There will be those moments that are this way and that way, but there will be a whole new element of tenderness, confidence, and gratitude in love.*

* 1. ***#11 Spirit of prophecy***: *All believers will operate in the Spirit*—dreams, visions, etc. (Acts 2:17).

*Paragraph L: Prophecy is going to explode. Everybody, every single believer, is going to operate in the Spirit at certain levels. Every believer. Not just those guys and gals at the conferences.*

* 1. ***#12 Supernatural protection***: There will be occasions where the *Lord will supernaturally protect* His people in the end-time shakings. His judgments did not touch Goshen, where His people lived.   
     The *“Goshen Principle”* will be operative in some places (Ex. 8:22-23; 9:4-6, 26; 10:23; 11:7).

*Paragraph M: Supernatural protection.*

* 1. ***#13 Supernatural provision***: There will be occasions when the *Lord* *will supernaturally provide* food and water like He did when His people left Egypt and journeyed through the wilderness.

*Supernatural provision is part of the plan. Now, by the way, that protection and provision—read that on your own—is already happening in revivals in the Middle East and in some places in Asia right now, not in a full display but it is already happening where food is being multiplied and where protection in geographic areas and peoples are taking place. Read that on your own. This is part of the baby being nurtured and these are part of the nutrients.*

* 1. ***#14 Rebuilding the temple***—it is referred to as the *temple of God* (2 Thes. 2:4; Rev. 11:1).
  2. ***#15 Salvation of Israel***: Israel is the first nation in which every person will be saved (Rom. 11:26).

*Paragraph P: The salvation of Israel.*

* 1. ***Israel will be provoked to jealousy***: Israel will desire to have what Gentile believers possess spiritually (Rom. 11:11, 26). This will only occur as the Church walks in the *fullness of the Gentiles* and as they tenderly love and stand boldly for God’s purposes for Israel (Jer. 31:7-10).

11Through their [Israel’s] fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation [leadership] has come to the Gentiles…25blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.   
26So all Israel will be saved… (Rom. 11:11, 25-26)

*Paragraph Q: The fact is that Israel is going to be provoked to jealousy by Gentiles! Beloved, read the passage. God is going to do something that He calls the fullness of the Gentiles, and Israel is going to be jealous! What that means is them saying, “We want what you have in God,” and we are going to say, “All we have in God is the God of Abraham. It is the God from the tree of Abraham. It is your God!”*

*They will say, “How can this be? We don’t experience this!” The Lord calls it, the Scripture calls it, Paul did, “the fullness of the Gentiles” all of these full things, and Israel will say “We want that! That is our inheritance!”*

*The Church walking in the right spirit will say, “That is absolutely right! We are grafted into the tree of Abraham. It is your tree.”*

1. The Negative Trends, People, and Events—about 15 categories
   1. Jesus’ “Justice Masterplan” includes ***raising up the Antichrist*** with unprecedented power, and allowing ***demonic activity*** and ***man’s sin to come to fullness*** (Dan. 8:23; Rev. 9:21). This will result in a great ***persecution*** of the Church and Israel, ***all nations gathering against Jerusalem***, a great ***falling away*** from the faith, and unprecedented ***judgments*** on the nations (Antichrist’s empire).

*Roman numeral seven: There are negative things. But these negative things only make sense and free us from fear if we see the baby. If we see the nurturing of the baby, even before it is born. If we see the baby, then about these fifteen things we can say, “Okay.”*

*But I look at these and say, “Jesus why did You put these in Your plan? And why do You want us to tell people?” He wants people to understand them through the lens of a Bridegroom, King, and Judge. He is raising up an Antichrist with unprecedented power, the Lord is. The devil is involved, but it is the Lord’s plan, and there are reasons. I have a little insight, but I do not want to go into that right now.*

*He is allowing demonic activity to happen on the earth beyond any time in human history, and He is going to allow human sin to come to fullness. Really? Yes, that is the context in which the Church will be transformed.*

*“The Church will have an adversary, and they will push back and then join together. They will bond to Me and to one another in the pushback while My Spirit is moving on them. I know what I am doing.”*

*There will be the greatest persecution in history, all the nations gathering around Jerusalem. That is His way of bringing Israel to salvation and joining them to Gentiles in the John 17 reality. He is using that in a critical way.*

* 1. ***#1 The Great Tribulation*** will be the most difficult, powerful, and important 3½ years in history.

21There will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world...nor ever shall be. 22Unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved [physically]. (Mt. 24:21-22)

*Paragraph B: The Great Tribulation, the most difficult, yet the most powerful and the most important timeframe in human history.*

* 1. ***#2 The Antichrist*** (Rev. 13:1-10) will wage war against Jesus and His people as the most powerful leader in history. In light of his 10-nation confederation, he will have the largest army and religious network using demonic miracles to deceive and political processes to kill resistors (Rev. 13:12-18).

*The Antichrist. Why would God give a man this much power? This evil man will have the largest powerbase in human history. The Lord might say, “Watch this, I am going to challenge”—this is my very inadequate analogy—“I am going to challenge the earth: the first one to ten wins! I am going to spot the kingdom of darkness nine points, and with no fear whatsoever I will surely win and get to ten before they do. I am going to give them every advantage, and then I am going to display My passion and My power, and I am going to create humility across the earth when they see that I am going to give the enemy every advantage.” I do not know about “every;” that is a bit exaggerated, but, He is going to give them advantages like we will be asking, “Why is this…? Why is that…?” And the Lord might say, “I am spotting them nine points on the way to ten but watch this!”*

*Psalm 2 says, “He who sits in the heavens laughs.” He might say, “You think that because it is nine to one right now, that you are going to beat Me to ten? Are you kidding Me!” That is a very inadequate illustration, but I think you get the point.*

* 1. ***#3 The 10-nation confederation*** will be a political, military, and economic alliance of 10 nations that provides the Antichrist with the greatest power base of any man in history (Rev. 17:12-17).

*The 10-nation confederation.*

* 1. ***#4 The False Prophet*** (Rev. 13:11-18) is the leader of the worldwide religious network that will be devoted to causing all the people on earth to worship Satan and the Antichrist (Rev. 13:4, 8).

*A false prophet.*

* 1. ***#5 The healing of the Antichrist’s head wound*** will be the great catalytic event that thrusts the Antichrist into worldwide prominence (Rev. 13:3, 12, 14). He will seemingly be killed and healed before all, causing them to be overwhelmed with awe so as to worship him (Rev. 13:3-4).

*The healing of the Antichrist headwound. Like, “What? Why is that in the plan?” It will startle the earth, and there is a big reason it is in the plan.*

* 1. ***#6 The abomination of desolation*** occurs when the Antichrist declares himself to be God by setting up his image in the Jerusalem temple (Dan. 11:31; 12:11; Mt. 24:15; 2 Thes. 2:3-4; Rev. 13:12-18).   
     Two elements of the abomination are the *image* and *mark* of the Beast (Rev. 13:15-18).

*There is the abomination of desolation with the mark of the Beast and the image of the Beast.*

* 1. ***#7 The harlot Babylon***:A worldwide religious and economic network will be operating at this time. God’s will judge Babylon’s *religious network* (Rev. 17) and her *economic network* (Rev. 18).

*The Harlot Babylon. Lord, You are going to give them a worldwide religious network and a worldwide economic network, and they are going to come against the saints? Why? He would say, “Watch, watch what happens! I am going to awaken heroic love in the Church, a new spirit of revelation. They are going to love Me and bring in multitudes like they have never imagined in human history.”*

* 1. ***#8 The 3 numbered-judgment series***: The Great Tribulation includes an unprecedented judgment referred to as the 3 numbered-judgment series–*7 seals*, *7 trumpets*, and *7 bowls* (Rev. 6-16).   
     These 3 numbered-judgment-series will destroy Harlot Babylon and the Antichrist’s empire.

*The judgments, the three numbered judgment series: that is what some commentators call the seven seals, the seven trumpets, and the seven bowls. The three judgment series that are numbered because the first seal, the second seal, the third seal, the numbered series. Beloved, these are against the Antichrist and against the Harlot Babylon. People look at those and say, “Oh no!” I say, “No, that is ‘Oh, yes!’ This is Moses releasing his plagues on Egypt to liberate God’s people. That is ‘Oh, yes!’ That is the fruit of the prayer movement.”*

*“Oh! When I read those, I got scared.”*

*No, the end-time Pharaoh is being destroyed by this, and the prayer movement is participating.*

* 1. ***#9 Counterfeit peace and safety***: There will be a short season of peace and safety that will end suddenly when the destruction associated with the Great Tribulation begins (1 Thes. 5:3).   
     This counterfeit time of peace will continue for the first 3½ years of the final 7 years of this age.

*There will be a season of counterfeit peace and safety.*

* 1. ***#10 Martyrdom***: There will be an unprecedented number of Christian who become martyrs (Dan. 7:21, 25; 8:24; 11:33-35; 12:7, 10; Rev. 6:9-11; 9:21; 11:7; 13:7, 15; 16:5-7; 17:6; 18:24; 19:2).

*There will be martyrdom, but the martyrdom will actually embolden love. There will be an increase of revelation and heroic love in the place of martyrdom. Right now we look at martyrdom and think, “Oh no!” The Lord could say, “That is because there are many things I have not shown you yet. You are not going to be nearly as afraid as you think because the Spirit of revelation is not yet at the level it is going to be.”*

* 1. ***#11 Falling away***: The end-time falling away will be the most tragic reality in all of human history   
     (2 Thes. 2:3; cf. 1 Tim. 4:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:1-7; 4:3-5; 2 Pet. 2:1-3).

*Falling away is the most tragic reality in human history, I do not know the number but I think maybe a hundred million people will fall away. I really have no idea, but it is a big number. The most tragic reality of human history.*

* 1. ***#12 Armageddon Campaign***: Armageddon is not a battle but a *location* in northern Israel that will function as the military staging area to mobilize the Antichrist’s armies (Rev. 16:14).
  2. ***#13 The battle for Jerusalem***: All nations will gather to fight against Jerusalem (Zech. 14:2).

*The battle for Jerusalem.*

* 1. ***#14 Sin expressed in fullness:*** People embracing sin in the greatest measure (Dan. 8:23; Rev. 9:21).

21They did not repent of their murders…sorceries …sexual immorality or their thefts. (Rev. 9:21)

* 1. ***#15 The spirit of delusion:*** Released by God on those who do not love the truth (2 Thes. 2:11).

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*Roman numeral eight: There are three prophetic timeframes, and I am putting these timeframes with a little bit of these fifteen negatives and fifteen positives. I just dropped a little bit in.*

* 1. ***The first prophetic time frame***: *The beginning of birth pains*. Jesus, the apostles, and the OT prophets prophesied *signs of the times* that will alert God’s people that Jesus’ return is imminent. *For the first time in history,* ***most*** *of these are increasing and making headline news globally.* Jesus identified 12 negative sign trends occurring at this time (Mt. 24:4-8, 14; Mk. 13:5-8; Lk. 21:7-18).

1. ***Rebuilding of the city of Babylon*** as a global religious and economic center (Rev. 17-18);   
2. The emergence of a ***10-nation confederation*** in alliance with the Antichrist (Rev. 17:12);  
3. ***Rebuilding the temple*** in Jerusalem and offering animal sacrifices (as Moses taught).

*The first timeframe is the beginning of birth pangs, I believe we are in that timeframe now. That could go three, four, five, six, seven, decades. We do not know because, again, a generation could be a hundred years. Jesus said it will happen in one generation. The beginning of birth pangs are all increasing right now, almost all of the signs of the times, not all of them but most of them.*

* 1. ***The second prophetic time frame***: *Counterfeit peace and safety.* This will end suddenly when the destruction associated with the Great Tribulation begins (1 Thes. 5:3). This peace will continue for the first 3½ years of the final 7 years of this age. During this time watch for the emergence of a worldwide religious network called the ***Harlot Babylon*** operating during this time (Rev. 17).

*Paragraph C: The next prophetic timeframe is the three-and-a-half years that is counterfeit peace and safety. The nations will be rejoicing because of peace and safety, but the prophetic Church will say that it is a deception and is the devil. The world will say, “What do you Christians want? You pray for unity, you pray for justice, and now we have peace and safety, but you are calling it the devil!”*

* 1. ***The third prophetic time frame***: *the Great Tribulation* that begins in middle of the final 7 years of this age and lasts for 3½ years—it is initiated by the **a*bomination of desolation*** (Mt. 24:15) and the ***healing of the Antichrist’s wound*** (Rev. 13:3). The ***two witnesses*** will do miracles (Rev. 11:3-6).

*Paragraph D: Then the third is the final three-and-a-half years, the heavy labor, the final three-and-a-half years of the birth pangs.*

* 1. ***Jesus’ coming***: His royal procession to earth to be received as King on His throne in Jerusalem;   
     It will be a ***3-stage royal procession*** that includes many events—He will travel ***across the sky*** in glory, then ***on the land*** through Jordan (Edom), and then ***into Jerusalem*** to be crowned King.

*Paragraph E: There are a number of things that happen, and it ends with the coming of Jesus in His royal procession! He comes across the sky in flaming fire with all of the saints, with the glory of the Father, and with all of the angels! Every eye of the whole globe will see Him! He is making His royal procession.*

*The first time He came as a baby in a manger, and some angels worshipped, and a few shepherds saw, but this time every human being will see the King is coming to planet earth! Then He is going to land on the ground, and then He is going to march into Jerusalem in power. He is going to be received as the royal King! He is going to be the Greater Moses who delivers His people from captivity. He is going to be the Greater Joshua who crosses over the land and takes the land of Israel back. He is going to be the Greater David who captures Jerusalem, the Great Elijah who throws off the prophets of Baal, and reestablish His temple as the Greater Solomon. He is going to be all of those together. Beloved, we will not be disappointed! That is the central part of the end-time storyline. Amen and amen!*

*Let’s stand before the Lord. So are you prepared? I am just going to end in prayer here. Are you prepared? Don’t go with the paradigm that you have half of a gallon of oil or a fourth of a gallon. That is not the right paradigm. Talk to Jesus with intimacy and get living understanding. Talk to Him about this plan and talk to one another about it with an open Bible, that is where preparation is.*

*And so, Father, here we are before You. We want to be prepared. I believe that this community will be prepared, I really do, though the oil quota will go up and down. The tenderness will be there to receive the living understanding. Father, I ask You that You would mark this community with power. Lord, I am thinking of a billion young people, the four-to-fourteen movement that we talked about today—the Great Harvest—of the billion, most will be under twenty years old. I guess that most of them are two, three, and four or whatever, now. I do not really know, but we have to get ready to give them the right answer of a King that is coming. So here we are Jesus. I ask You to mark us as messengers, to be those with the forerunner message. Mark us as messengers, and we thank you in Jesus’ name.*