



## *9 SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS' GLOBAL RECKONING*

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All right who's ready for a sermon you guys ready to go to work today we finished the Book of Joel we saved the best for last I think I'm nearing my 40th book of the Bible that I've had the honor of preaching and uh this one it's going to be spooky it's going to melt your face and uh if you don't know Jesus uh don't go to hell and that's why we're here amen all right so uh we're going to open God's word to the Old Testament Book of Joel we're in chapter 3 and uh when we started the Book of Joel this was the opening line the word of the Lord that came to Joel and so what Joel says is this is not a word about God this is the word of God this is the word that comes from God if you want to know who God is you've got to read the book that God wrote if you want to know what the future holds you got to listen to the word of God and so what Joel is telling us is that he is speaking in a supernatural way revealing in to us what God's plan is for history he's writing more than 2 and half thousand years ago and here we are in the midst of the Fulfillment of many of the prophecies that Joel anticipated so about 25% of your Bible at the time of its writing it was prophetic in nature God saying here's what's coming because our God not only knows the future he rules it and he thereby reveals it and in Joel we've established that there is this theme in this little book the day of the Lord and what this is this is the end times of the last days or the second coming of Jesus Christ so the Bible views history Around Jesus the center of history is Jesus Christ and even our calendar reflects this BC before Christ ad anod domini the year of Our Lord just like our calendar God's word it centers around the person and work of Jesus Christ so Jesus comes he lives he dies he rises in Israel as a Jew that commences something that the Bible calls the last days this is the period of History up until Jesus' second coming when he causes the dead to rise when he sentences people to heaven or hell and ultimately he rules all of creation as king of kings and Lord of lords forever and so the last days culminate in the day this is the theme of Joel the day of the Lord we've established that it speaks of the day of the Lord eight times in the three chapters once in Joel 1 five times in Joel 2 and today you'll see it two times in Joel 3 and ultimately what he's talking about is that human history only has two options a reckoning or a rescuing destruction or deliverance and that's where all of human history is going so what I want to do I want to establish for you nine signs of the last day's Global Reckoning what are nine signs that the end is coming near how many of you wonder if we're living near the end of human history in the second coming of Jesus how many of you are praying at some time between now and November amen just Lord just a just a request from your humble servant um it's interesting even those who don't believe in Jesus do believe we're living in the end times this is the Pew Research Center of all us adults even those who are non-Christian irreligious atheistic nearly 40% believe yeah we're coming to the end of human history that everything is coming to a reckoning that things can't just be continuing and there is this sense this mood this this Gloomy anticipation that things are already Beyond fixing and saving that things are just out of control well the Bible tells us as God's children as we get nearer to the end there are some signs that are to indicate for us that the end is near or as I like to say the beginning W the second coming of Jesus Christ is not the end it's the beginning come on for us things only get better I just feel like I'm supposed to say this if you don't know Jesus this is your Heaven and Hell awaits if you do know Jesus this is your hell and heaven awaits if you know

Jesus this is as bad as it's ever going to be if you don't know Jesus I hate to tell you this is as good as it's ever going to be if you're like that sounds terrible it is turn from sin trust in Jesus join the rest of us in the party that never ends amen so so what we're going to look at now we're going to look at you guys can clap all you want won't slow me down um we're going to look at nine prophetic signs nine promises that God gives about what will happen as we near the end I'm going to start with this theme in the New Testament and then we will conclude in Joel chapter 3 ready to roll I will say one other thing too these are what I would call open-handed issues so in the closed hand Jesus is coming back when where how open hand we can disagree on that when he comes back we'll figure out which was right and which was wrong I always like to say I'm on the welcoming committee not the planning committee for the second coming of Jesus when he comes like so glad to see you I got a t-shirt a kazoo a cupcake I'm good to go I didn't know when you'd show up I had a kit prepared just in case and so ultimately this is in the open hand but the closed hand is Jesus Christ is is coming right that's the hope of the believer sign number one tell me if these things don't sound familiar an increase in anxiety Anarchy and sexual sin some of you call that a weekend uh welcome to Oldtown all right uh Second Timothy 3:1 in the the last days we're talking about the end there will come times of difficulty stress anxiety anybody feeling that you're like no I'm not good for people will be lovers of self we're the generation that invented the selfy I need to take photos of me I don't care about the rest of the universe just me we need more me love me some me lovers of money money oh national debt spending money we don't have to impress people we don't know with things we don't need proud we have a whole month missed that okay uh arrogant we'd call it self-esteem abusive um disobedient to their parents can I get amen from any parents amen you're like I knew I was supposed to bring my teenager today they now have a life verse good for you glad to have you disobedient to parents ungrateful Unholy heartless unappeasable can't can't please these people they're always upset about something slanderous without self-control brutal not loving good treacherous Reckless swollen with conceit lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God as we get nearer to the end these things will increase does it seem like these things are increasing you heard of a thing called social media the main things on social media are here listed in order that's exactly what's on social media everybody's naked and yelling and complaining and being tolerant of sin rather than repentant of sin and wanting others to affirm them because they are never appeasable in our day of Technology all we've done we have take the sinful proclivities of the human heart and we have broadcast them to multiply them it's all we've done so you could delete your social media apps and we'll go on to point number two point number two scoffing and mocking of the Bible and Bible believing Christians does it sound familiar I will just tell you I know a guy who has proven that this is true I know a guy okay if you preach the word of God you're going to get wrath poured out on you that's the world in which we live second Peter 3:3 scoffers will come in the last day scoffing in addition Jude 18 and the last time there will be mockers following their own Godly lust when he says as we get nearer to the end people will make their whole living scoffing and mocking both the Bible and those who believe it we now live in I've told some of you this but some of you who are older any of you older older than me um okay I don't know if

you can see me but let me tell you something um uh I'm 53 I can't see anything um let me just say this to if you're young eat carbs and look at things because the clock is ticking but for those of you for those of you who are older Saints remember when it was positive world and people thought well of Christ and Christianity and the Bible and you should believe in God and we should put the Ten Commandments up so we could see them and maybe praying to God In School wasn't a bad idea that's positive World neutral world people are like works for you doesn't work for me I don't really care today we're in negative world people say not only is the Bible something I disagree with I believe that it's immoral I believe that the god of the Bible is a moral monster I believe that the teachings of the Bible are Antiquated and outdated and as a result Justice is now attacking the word of God undermining the ways of God and opposing the will of God that's the world in which we live so if if you publicly say you know I believe there's two genders uh shots fired people are see you guys are here but let me just tell you if I do this like at other places I don't get the same response just so you know like if I go to a college campus I'm like two genders They Don't Clap and cheer and they don't tithe okay they they're just different um but in negative world if you say there's one God the Bible is true all sex outside of heterosexual ual marriage is a sin that there's a man and a woman and that's all there is right if you start to say these things you get scoffed and mocked oh you're a bigot you're a you're they'll put an OB on the end right or an ism on the end and all of a sudden you're the butt of the jokes this is what happens all the time in the media social media this is what happens on the platforms and late night talk show hosts just mocking and scoffing and and I love the fact that God tells us this now all of a sudden I can tell you guys are like I thought church is supposed to be encouraging you've arrived at the rolling church so um what what I want to do is I I want to say that isn't it nice that God tells us what's going to happen so that when it happens we don't get our feelings hurt we don't get super defensive we just realize that they don't know God so we need to talk to them about God CU until they know our God they're not going to listen to our God and they're not going to understand that God is coming back and we're all going to give an account to him okay so God doesn't tell us these things to discourage us but to just prepare us number three lying and false teaching is loved media uh truth and Bible preaching is hated 2 Timothy 4 2-4 preach the word the word so here's my my pledge and my promise to you I will always preach the word of God we will always open the word of God in this house preach the word the time is coming tell me if we've arrived at this time when people will not endure sound teaching but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions and will turn away from listening to the truth if you want to find someone who disagrees with God you can find them quite easily they might even have a degree they may be educated beyond their intelligence right they they may have the ability to even quote verses out of context and to misrepresent the word of God be careful that you don't start with what you want to hear and then find someone to say it start by willing to hear whatever God has to say and find someone who Echoes him and what he's saying is at the end people will say like I don't like what that pastor says because he's saying I'm wrong so I like that Pastor because they say I'm right I don't like that Pastor because they say I need to stop this behavior that pastor says I should celebrate that

behavior in fact they're going to have a whole month for it yeah and so let me say this whatever insane thing you want to believe or any reprobate way you want to behave true or false you can find somebody that's going to teach you why that's okay and they will misrepresent God okay and and so let me just here here's what so this is the this is the word of God we come under the authority of the word of God we're not over the word of God in Authority we're under the word of God and its Authority and if you're new I love you but this is where we all start by the way if you read the Bible and you disagree I want you to remember this you're wrong okay okay is okay for those of us that have been Christians is this the way that it works yes it is right and and when you open the Bible you're like I disagree with that assume I'm wrong I need to change my mind that's called repentance I need to change my behavior we all start this way and we just don't like Authority we don't like external Authority we don't like unchanging Authority so we really don't like God's Authority and I just let me say this too so when I first started reading the Bible 19 years of age in college actually I was 18 when I started reading it I didn't agree with all of it I didn't I AR is like don't sleep with your girlfriend I was like what's that mean in the Greek you know uh surely it can't mean that you know so and so we all start with rebellion and Folly and lies and here's what I know God has a better plan for you than you have for you because God is better than you and God knows better than you and so when God says something if you don't obey him you're going to hurt yourself so you should obey him so that he could bless you and help you I've been on this journey with the word of God I'm now almost 54 I started reading it at 18 got saved at 19 and every day I'm reading the word of God and I'll be honest with you this more than three decade Journey there's times I open the Bible and I'm like I don't understand that so I just keep studying and praying and trying to figure it out and there's other times I like oh that doesn't sit well with me what's wrong with me okay because ultimately the word of God it is uh Hebrews says it's like a scalpel that does surgery on your soul it's it's it's a double-edged sword that penetrates to the to the heart and mind and what God is trying to do he's trying to cut that out of us that is evil and wrong and self-destructive and demonic and foolish and self-righteous and proud I would just tell you the best thing you could do is open the word of God and submit to it but in the world we are currently tragically living in if you want to find somebody who's a pastor a Bible teacher a Christian leader a scholar that says something that's absolute nonsense they're everywhere they is the internet helping this process no no and so all of a sudden what you've got you've got technology that is promoting falsity and lies and false teaching and so what God is saying here he's saying as we get closer to the end actually the people that are liars will outnumber those who are truth tellers and those who are in the Pulpit that are proclaiming things that are untrue may actually outnumber those who are in the Pulpit saying what is true y I'll just say this to I I verbal process a lot but there's just this stupid myth that is promulgated in the media and that is that churches are dying because they proclaim the word of God and if they would either reduce or remove the word of God then the churches would be full the media keeps saying this and I'll just say the media that doesn't go to church so um but what I find is if you open the word of God people show up if you open the word of God God shows up I find that the same God who spoke the world into existence still gets powerful things done when his word is

spoken forth in power and so ultimately at the end of the day since we're dealing with the Father of Lies we're going to need the truth since we're in a world of deception we're going to need discernment and because something in US often times loves that which is wrong we need to learn to repent of our beliefs and behavior so that we don't have those itching ears amen one of you is very excited about that number number four widespread quote unquote Christian apostasy Paving the way for the Antichrist apostasy is this someone says that they're for Christ but but they're Antichrist these are the people that are most deceptive the people that are most dangerous and deceptive are not those who say I hate Jesus but they say I love Jesus but truly in their hearts they hate Jesus because those are confusing and sometimes those are the most religious people the Jesus had 12 disciples one of them was an apostate his name was Judas es scariot he pretended like he loved Jesus but privately he despised him 1 John 2 18 and 19 it is the last hour last days Antichrist is coming this is the counterfeit of Christ empowered by Satan himself he opposes all that is for Christ the same demonic powerful spirit is at work in the world today in almost everywhere you look there is the spirit of antichrist in government in politics in economics and in entertainment but ultimately there is one who is so possessed by the Demonic satanic Spirit of antichrist that he has given the title Antichrist many antichrists have come it is the last hour they went out from us but they were not of us for if they had been of us they would have continued with us here's what here's how I'd like to summarize this for you there are two people who named Jesus those who worship Him and those who weaponize him those who worship him he's Lord Savior King I'll be obedient I live under his rule Reign and Authority those who weaponize him their agenda is Antichrist but they're quoting Christ they would say well Jesus was just a social justice Warrior Jesus never rejected anybody Jesus never hurt anybody's feelings Jesus always welcomed The Outsider Jesus didn't make people repent Jesus didn't make people feel bad Jesus was just a very kind loving philosopher who came to improve our self-esteem that's weaponization of Christ that's not worship of Christ be careful that as you're listening to people who claim Christ or use the name of Jesus that they're not like Judas and actually Antichrist there are whole denominations today apostate Bible colleges seminaries record horrifying Avalanche within Evangelical Christianity compromised by a progressive leftist agenda that is caving and cowering on issues of gender and marriage and life as we speak as we speak friends make no mistake just because they're in the church doesn't mean they're in Christ and just and just because they're quoting a verse doesn't mean that they're agreeing with the Lord and God wants his people to have discernment in the last days so that we're not deceived in the last days but I'll just be honest I'm so disappointed and frustrated by the lack of courage in the pulpit and the number of cowards who will not proclaim the word of God with Clarity and boldness it is reprehensible it's reprehensible because at the end of the day people need the word of God and people need to hear a word from God by the preacher opening the word of God and if you think well I don't want to offend the people then you are offending God who told you to proclaim the word of God to those people and and and as we live in this dark day people need light as we live in lies they need truth as it's all fog they need Clarity he's saying Antichrist have come these are people who would talk about Jesus but they don't love him what I

love you with my whole heart I truly do my my volume isn't anger it's it's urgency like it's not going well it doesn't seem to be getting better and the church sadly is often part of the problem not the solution number five I know this is super encouraging so I'll just continue in our theme some of you are like I brought my friend sorry sometimes we have guests you know they uh so number five here we go wealth and Comfort leave people thinking they don't need God or Heaven that's true James 53 your gold and silver of corroded in the Greek that's MasterCard and Visa uh and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire you've laid up treasure in the last days what he's saying is that sometimes people don't believe they need Christ because they've already got Comfort sometimes the greatest obstacle to Christ is Comfort yeah like what do I need to pray to God for I don't need anything what do I need to go to heaven for I live in in the light Scottsdale Paradise Valley I have a pool I'm not going to hell I'm jumping in the pool I got nothing to worry about you guys need to know that the life that we live in Arizona it's kind of heavenly I mean June July August it's a little bit of hell I'll admit that I'll concede that point right but the rest of the Year everybody from all over the world comes where here they're like oh this is amazing it's sunny we're golfing you have a pool your restaurants are amazing we're not getting stabbed so glad to be out of Chicago right this so this what happens I'm just I I tell the truth I just tell the truth people come here because during the winter this is as close as Heaven as you can get and still be on earth and what happens sometimes you get so comfortable you're like I don't need God I don't I don't need anything I don't need to our daily bread pray for that I got a pantry I got daily bread for months I I don't need God to show up my life is fine without God and so every once in a while God just allows a little discomfort a little pain a little loss to come to remind us that this isn't heaven and we do need the Lord that's why every once in a while God allows a little hell to come into our life to prepare us for heaven because if all we had is what felt like heaven we'd end up going to hell and so I just ask you just examining yourself what are the Comforts that keep you from Christ see we we love Comfort do we not just be honest you guys are frustrated right now CU those chairs aren't great I'll just be honest with you I probably shouldn't tell you this I probably shouldn't we bought new chairs okay two more things I want to say they have a cushion they have a cup holder filthy Gentiles bunch of filthy Gentiles right here I am talking about comfort and you're like I get a pan and I could to put praise the Lord okay so see how I just got you I got you yeah but the truth is we do have new chairs so um we're filthy Gentiles all of us so but what he's saying is as we get nearer to the last days people have so much comfort they don't think about forever yeah they don't think about Christ feels like we're getting there right just so you know this I'm just gonna rant a bit um a bad day in America is still a great day right that's why people are trying to get into the country and no one's leaving even the people who don't like it like I hate it here but it's awesome so I'm staying all right that was my introduction no it's true now we're in Joel chapter 3 Joel you guys ready all right number six you guys are fun uh here's the the next prophetic sign God will restore the nation of Israel and its capital city of Jerusalem huh Joel 3 1 2 and half thousand is years ago for behold in those days future anticipation and at that time God had a day on the calendar I'll explain in a moment when I restore the fortunes of Judah that's the nation of Israel and Jerusalem

that's the capital city so God says something's going to happen to Israel in Jerusalem and then I'm going to restore them are you ready okay here we go so let me explain the nation of Israel to you and the City of Jerusalem 2,000 BC roughly so 4,000 years ago God called Abraham to leave his family to receive the promised land of Israel about 30 ad almost 2000 roughly almost 2,000 years ago Jesus Christ lives dies and rises in Israel this is a mind melt prophetic mind Melt from 138 ad onward Israel did not exist as a nation and the Jews were scattered globally you're going to read this in the next verse it'll talk about God judging the Nations because they scattered the Jews all the way back in Joel from 1933 to 1945 Hitler's Holocaust sought to eliminate the Jews on May 14th 1948 Israel became a nation for the first time in over 1,800 years imagine if America ceased to exist for 1,800 years and then it was back that smells like a miracle on May 14 2018 70 years to the day president Trump recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel despite 14 of the 15 United Nations security Council Members voting no this is the first time a major world leader recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel for 2,500 years since the Persian king Cyrus in the Old Testament book of Daniel you're like they didn't tell me that in public school they didn't tell you anything in public school God says I'm going to restore Israel in Jerusalem we're living in the Fulfillment of the prophetic for 1,800 years there was no Nation of Israel 1948 Israel's a nation again for the next 70 years Jerusalem is not the capital 2018 Jerusalem's the capital let me ask this what are the odds of this yeah zero yeah the odds are the same as me being pregnant or amiable I mean these are low odds these are low odds you having fun I am thanks for joining me all right so number seven we'll just continue now we're going to look at we're going to look at the remaining section of Joel chapter 3 okay here Nations will surround Israel to destroy a completely what Joel 3:2 God says I will gather all the nations what nations all the so Jerusalem's going to and Israel are going to be the center of a global conflict global conflict I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat that literally means Yahweh judges it's a valley of judgment this is where Jesus returns and he judges the Nations it's spoken of as well in Revelation 16: 14 and 16 it says for they are demonic spirits some of the principalities that work in our world are very powerful when you see sudden surges in hypothetically candidates or gender issues hypothetically when you see that sometimes it work behind the the scene as the Unseen demonic forces at work performing signs who go abroad to the kings of the whole world to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the almighty and they assembled them at that place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon there is not a valley called Jehoshaphat it means Valley of judgment that is the the valley of Armageddon the place of judgment lastly Zechariah 14 in the Old Testament anticipated This Global Reckoning and this last war to end all wars in verses 1 through 3 Behold a day is coming for the Lord again we're back to the theme back to the theme of Joel the day of the Lord are we just sticking with the theme a day is coming for the Lord that's the day of the Lord When God says I and the Nations will decide to attack Israel but it's only because God gave them permission see God is Sovereign even over his enem enemies even God's enemies can't do anything unless he permits it when I will gather all the nations against where Jerusalem not just the nation but the city to battle this is a war then the Lord that's the Lord our Lord Jesus Christ will go out and fight against those



Nations as when he fights on a day of battle H what's really interesting is for 1,800 years Israel did not exist for the ensuing 70 years Jerusalem was not the capital Joel says Jerusalem will be the capital and Israel will exist we are living near the end of the Fulfillment of that prophetic timeline do you understand that yes sir now some of you like when does Jesus coming back I have no idea I have no idea but I know this it has been 1,870 years before this was even a possibility but it's a possib possibility today furthermore let me explain to you what's going on right now as we speak geopolitically and what could be the beginning of this war in Israel and what's kind of shocking I've articulated this is we've dealt with the nation of Israel and here's what I'm not saying I'm not saying that every person who is Jewish goes to heaven pray for Israel everybody there needs Jesus Christ as their lord and savior he is the way the truth and the life and no one comes to the father but by him even if you're Jewish so everybody needs Jesus to go to heaven that being said this little Nation it's about the same size in population of New Jersey think of New Jersey as the fulcrum of global events for four Millennia like that's unusual right Bon ji's from there certainly that can't be the center right just thought of that so but but think of this this what happens when you go to public school and you were unsaved in the 80s this is what happens okay so think about it this way what are the odds that somewhere that is as small in population and Geographic size is the fulcrum for all of geopolitical history that's wild that seems almost like it was for ordained of God and something demonic was determined to oppose what God had promised so right now we're on the brink of an expanding war in Israel there is a war in Israel right now now October 7th Hamas invaded from the Gaza Strip Israel killed civilians took some hostage including Americans they're still being held and nobody's talking about that and I don't understand why now in response and retaliation and and here here's what I want to do I want to not just look at the Bible I want to look through it and say okay is what the is what we're experiencing in the world explained in the word right if God knows the future and 25% of the Bible is prophetic when written is there anything that's happening today that God is telling us about so that we can connect the dots from his word to our world so that we know what happens next yes so right now um the response of Israel to Hamas a terrorist organization that is jihadist their founding documents say that they exist for the express purpose of removing all Jews from Israel and killing all Jews that's their goal they are the government in perpetuity in Gaza Strip there was a presidential convention nomination this week and it was said uh you know I I believe that Israel has a right to defend itself and the Gaza has a right to self-governance well Gaza does have self-governance they elected a government called Hamas and and this person said that Hamas was a terrorist group which they are and here's the here's just the gosh this is where could somebody please deliver a Bible to the White House so just please I mean even just one book I mean give give me something this is a Hamas is a terrorist group Israel has a right to defend itself the Palestinians have a right to self-governance the Palestinians did choose self-governance they chose Hamas that is the legal government in perpetuity in the Palestinian territory therefore how can you say that you oppose Hamas but you oppose a Palestinian government and you support the right of Israel to defend itself but not against Palestine when it's being governed by terrorists okay I know some of you like that's complicated

yeah yeah and it will be till Jesus comes back yes sir okay because ultimately what we need is somewhat above it all to put an end to it all so what we're looking at right now in response my little verbal process for you Hamas is celebrating their victory over Israel so then Israel uh they come in and they kill the head of AAS kosher gangster they just blow him up they blow him up blow him up in Iran awes yeah because Iran installed a new political regime and to celebrate they invited all the other terrorists so Israel blew some up okay not on the Sabbath probably but they did blow them up you know so now Iran is humiliated because they got one of their guest dignitaries blown up so now they've declared war on Israel yeah so where we find ourselves now Iran does not like to declare war directly on Israel because that would invoke complete global conflict so they work through three proxies I've talked about this the hooes Hamas and Hezbollah and right now Hezbollah they're in Lebanon in the north they have 10 times the firepower of Hamas they have 50,000 soldiers 5,000 elite soldiers all trained by Iran so Iran trains the soldiers with the the Houthis and Hamas and Hezbollah gives them arms and sends them to do their bidding they're like mercenaries so that they can seemingly keep their hands at arms length in addition the Hezbollah in the north has 200,000 Rockets guided missiles and drones and right now they are saying that they are planning to have an allout invasion from multiple sides on the nation of Israel the goal would be to overwhelm the Iron Dome in Israel Israel has an Iron Dome because they're just used to being bombed all the time so they have defense and the goal would be to attack them from all sides in air and on ground perhaps even uh from the sea so that you can overwhelm Israel I'll show you what this looks like today so uh Israel's right there in the middle those are all of their enemies surrounding them can you imagine that so if you just look at the top 150,000 mortars 65,000 Rockets 65,000 rockets and missiles from another Nation 5,000 missiles from another Nation you go to the top uh short range missile uh up to 50 mil you've in addition got uh mid-range missiles to the north long range missiles to the far north by Lebanon this is what surrounds the nation of Israel today every one of those is pointed at the nation of Israel right next slide behind it all is Iran so if you look at Israel and then Iran plus Hezbollah combined they have twice as many soldiers what is that almost seven times the aircraft 10 times the tanks 100 times the warships Israel does have nukes Iran and Hezbollah do not but they are close that's what we're looking at today there is um early there are some preliminary Military Intelligence briefs that are indicating that everything may be culminating on October 7th this would be the one-year anniversary of the invasion of Israel by Hamas if that happens it would make sense make it the negative anniversary when the whole nation is already in mourning attack them again this would be the equivalent for us of like a September 11th some of you ask is this going to happen I don't know I just picked the books of the Bible that I'm teaching through a year in advance and about a year plus ago I felt the Holy Spirit told me to preach the Book of Joel I didn't really know a lot about the Book of Joel as I'm studying it I realize this little book is absolutely packed with prophetic Insight it's unbelievable number eight we've got two more to go uh God will judge Nations for how they treated him and his people you ready okay pay attention Joel 32-16 just just you know what we've done now we've covered Joel 31 okay that's what we did so we're going to pick up the base here and God says I will enter into judgment with them the

Nations on behalf of my people and my Heritage Israel the nation of the people because they have scattered them I told you 1,800 years the nation of Israel was scattered among the Nations more than 600 years after this prophecy was given that's when its fulfillment started occurring and they have divided up my land the two-state solution land for peace and have cast lots for my people and traded a boy for a prostitute have sold a girl for wine and have drunk it what are you to me oh Ty and Sidon today geographically it's called Lebanon that's where Hezbollah is in all the regions of Philistia this includes Gaza where Hamas is at today are you paying me back for something if you're paying me back I will return your payment on your own head swiftly and speedily well God is saying why are you attacking me and my people I didn't do anything to you but I will get Vengeance on you for you've taken my silver and my gold um that would include all the way back to the days of Daniel there's many times that the nation has been plundered on your own head uh and have carried my rich Treasures into your temples demon Gods you've sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks in order to remove them from their own border that may have been fulfilled in the 4th Century BC if my memory is correct uh with Alexander the Great and the uh Greek Invasion behold I will stir them up from the place to which you have sold them and I will return your payment on your own head this is all God speaking I will sell your sons and daughters into the hand of the people of Judah and they will sell them to the Sabeans today geographically that's Yemen where the Hittites are to a nation far away for the Lord is spoken Proclaim this among the Nations consecrate for war stir up the Mighty Men let all the men of War draw near let them come up beat your plow shares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears God said we're going to have a fight take all your metal you're going to need to melt it down and you're picking a fight with me let the weak say I'm a warrior everybody goes into this battle hasten and come all your surrounding Nations and gather yourselves there bring down your warriors oh Lord and let the Nations stir themselves up and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat means judgment that's Armageddon for there I will sit that's the Lord Jesus Christ coming back seated upon the throne that he is currently seated in in the Unseen realm being worshiped By Angels Divine beings and departed Saints the Lord Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords and he will sit on his throne to judge all the nations put in the sickle for the Harvest is ripe go in tread for the wine press is full the Holy Spirit reminds me this is echoed in Revelation where it says like a wine press in which grapes are thrown and then they are stepped underfoot so that the juice flows from the wine press the Lord Jesus Christ will return with a giant wine press that he will throw his enemies into it that he will stop them underfoot and that their blood will flow in the streets as high as the bit in the horse of a mouth I'm telling you your view of Jesus is way too small he came first time in humility he's coming again in glory he came the first time to die for sin he's coming again to put Sinners to death the Vats overflow for their evil is great they called it diversity it's evil multitudes multitudes in the valley of decision for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision this is the second coming of Jesus Christ the sun and the moon are darkened and the Stars withdraw their shining the Lord Roars there there's the lion of the tribe of Judah roaring from Zion and utters his voice from Jerusalem and the heavens and the earth quake just imagine that Jesus comes back sits on his throne says a word

and all of the universe just shakes under his authority friend we're all going to stand before this God his name is Jesus Christ we're all going to give an account to this God his name is Jesus Christ do not be deceived you will reap what you have sown God will not be mocked it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God this is why you are here today it's not too late for you before the valley of decision God has a day of decision this is the day of decision for you will I receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior or will I reject him everything comes down to you standing before him in the end and being Friend or Foe but here the Judgment of God on the day of the Lord it indicates that everyone and everything Belongs to the Lord and God says I'm going to judge for scattering the Jewish people which happened for 1800 years Joel didn't know that when he wrote we've seen that he was living by faith now we live by sight we look back and we see the Fulfillment of prophetic history in addition for abusing people including slavery and children this would include Nations like Egypt and Babylon and Rome and Germany that killed Jewish people this would include as well Nations like Egypt and Rome and America who murdered their own children and this would include the growing Rising tide of anti-Semitism and hatred for Jewish people today on planet Earth God also has judgment for dividing the land it's his land and no one has any right to determine what the boundaries are when the Lord has already established those boundaries in addition he judges for stealing from him taking his silver and gold and worshiping false gods as he's talking about This Global Reckoning there are those who have a reckoning and those who have a rescuing there are those that have destruction and there are those that have Deliverance he now speaks to those who are his people and I pray that you are one of them number nine Here's the final Point God will deliver his people forever and richly bless them Joel 3:16 through 19 Here's the final word God always gets the final word and the final word is always to bless his children but the Lord is a refuge you know what you're going to need as we head into the last days a refuge a stronghold his name is the Lord to the people of Israel so that you shall know that I am the Lord your God not just a God but your God who dwells in Zion my Holy Mountain and Jerusalem shall be holy and strangers shall never again pass through it and in that day the mountain shall drip sweet wine they just gone through a complete decimated economy the Locust had eaten everything they were parched and God says provision is coming and the hills shall flow with milk and the stream beds of Judah shall flow with water and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the Lord and water into the valley of Chaim that's the Valley of acaas the Holy Spirit reminds me the Lord Jesus Christ in Revelation sits upon a throne he comes back with a New Jerusalem is the center of all eternity and he rules and Reigns from that place as king of kings and Lord Lord of lords Over All Nations and the Bible says in Revelation the Holy Spirit reminds me that coming up from under his throne is a river that flows like a fountain to bring life to all of the new creation Egypt shall become a desolation Egypt still exists today and Edom today friends that is the Jordan that is the nation of Jordan a desolate Wilderness for the violence done to the people of Judah speaking about the last war that triggers the second coming of Jesus because they have shed innocent blood in their land but Judah that is in inference to God's people shall be inhabited forever and Jerusalem the New Jerusalem that Jesus brings to all generations I will avenge their blood blood

I have not avenged for the Lord dwells in Zion let me just let me just speak to that right now people think they're getting away with everything they're not getting away with everything they're not getting away with anything they're storing up everything there are people that are that are saying and doing evil there are people that are opposing Christ and their Antichrist and God says I have not yet Avenged but I will I will and not just avenge but he says I'll avenge The Taking of blood the shedding of innocent human life this isn't in my notes I didn't intend to say this um since Roe Wade was legalized in 1973 60 million Americans have been killed um that is more people than the population of the 27 smallest states in the United States of America that is almost the same number as the largest 10 states in America total population combined if we take innocent blood and we repent to Jesus he shed his blood so that we can be forgiven there's no condemnation for those who are in Christ there is condemnation for those who are not in Christ there is eternal condemnation for those who are not in Christ maybe this is a prophetic moment I'm just devastated as a believer in Jesus Christ that we're living in a day when to win the election you need to kill more babies people say Pastor Mark that's political no it's not it's biblical Egypt took innocent blood of children Babylon took innocent blood of children Rome took innocent blood of children our nation takes innocent blood of children and God says that blood I have not yet Avenged but I will friends let me just close with this I didn't know where we're going to end up here I guess the jokes are over and the decision has come I love you with my whole heart my job is to tell you the truth your job is to make a decision Joel says here's what's coming Jesus is coming and if you don't belong to him you're going to get judgment and wrath and condemnation and hell and justice if you do belong to him you'll get his peace his provision and his presence everything comes down to your decision when you stand before Jesus Christ are you going to have condemnation or salvation will you be enemy or family will you experience wrath or Grace will it be eternal torment for you or unending blessing for you make no mistake friends I believe that this is a sacred prophetic moment I didn't know we were going to end up here but this is the word of God to the best of my ability I've tried to accurately communicate what still awaits so I'm going to pray for you and then we're going to meet with him amen amen Lord Jesus we thank you that you are king of kings and Lord of lords we thank you that you're over all of it you're over the Nations you're over the elections over the kingdoms Lord Jesus you see and know all Lord Jesus you are coming again to judge the living and the dead Lord Jesus one day we will rise from the dead as you rose from the dead Lord Jesus we're going to see you face to face we will know you as we are fully known we thank you that history is not out of control it's under your control Lord Jesus we thank you that over all the Thrones is your throne Jesus we can't wait to see you we can't wait to see you Glory we can't wait to see you in Majesty we can't wait to see you with Justice we can't wait for you to put down your enemies to sentence Satan and demons to their Eternal judgment we can't wait to be blessed forever we can't wait to be healed we can't wait to be joyful we can't wait to be restored Lord Jesus we look forward to your coming and we pledge to be ready when we see you again.