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Introduction

As I sought the Lord for this week's Sunday sermon, He impressed upon me to release this prophetic message.

In a nutshell: The nations are shifting rapidly & mightily by the hand of the Creator. A glorious revival & terrible end time judgments are both coming simultaneously.

Jesus predicted that the final end time generation would experience global troubles like no other generation in human history.

Many Christians are misinformed and in grave danger of being deceived or destroyed by Satan. Particularly, those who believe they will be raptured before the tribulation and those who are spiritually asleep & lukewarm.

The reason this deception is so deadly is because you cannot prepare for a spiritual war or move of God that you cannot see coming. We must "get our house in order" in order to be ready because this is truly on the horizon.

This prophetic sermon is a call to wake up the nations to the truth from God's Word, and to encourage all men to seek the Lord for understanding and His will. Come & learn with our Father Heart Church Family!

Matthew 24:21

(Jesus said) "For then **there will be great tribulation**, such **as has not**

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been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be."

1. Father Heart Church's Calling to Tell You the Truth

There are so many inaccurate voices speaking to us in churches, on social media and the news. We desperately need praying prophets instead of guessing & re-posting prophets.

Our church is grounded in God's Presence not the latest news report, bunk prophecy or conspiracy theory. As a prophetic church body, we strive to tell you exactly what the Father tells us, nothing less and nothing more.

I do say that we need to learn to eat the meat and spit out the bones regarding some ministries and news outlets who are not 100% accurate. Some of what we hear is very helpful.

Jackie's Dream "Intimacy with God is Most Important"

Chrissy's Dream "Pastor James Preaching Truth, People Being Disturbed"

Jeremiah 23

21 "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way..."

I believe in a prophetic body and not lone rangers. We stand in His

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counsel as a body, faithful to His calling, and that will keep you and your family safe.

2. Fear Not Little Flock

As we learn to yield ourselves fully to God in preparation of these coming perilous times, we must be trained to resist all kinds of fears. Fear of man, fear of failure, an unhealthy fear of God etc.

Luke 12:32-40

32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Parable of the Expectant Steward

35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately.

37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, **when he comes, will find watching.** Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

38 And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 But know this,

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that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40 **Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."**

The Great Tribulation & The Rapture

Now I'll explain 2 of the most important end time prophetic themes in the Bible. The Spirit spoke these to me as I sought Him for this week's sermon. The **rapture** of the church & the **glorious great tribulation**.

The Great & Glorious Tribulation

3. What is The Great & Glorious Tribulation?

It is the time period just prior to Jesus' return to earth. God's people will be gloriously revived, healed & delivered. This is why God calls this "The Glorious Great Tribulation."

Daniel 12:1

"At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And **there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation**, even to that time. And **at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.**

Jesus Quoted Daniel in this passage.

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Matthew 24:21

(Jesus said) "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be."

Mark 13:19-27

19 For in those days **there will be tribulation**, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. 20 And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

21 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it. 22 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23 But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand.

The Second Coming

24 "But in those days, **after that tribulation**, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then **they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds** with **great power and glory**. 27 And **then He will send His angels**, and **gather together His elect** from the four winds, from the farthest part of **earth** to the farthest part of heaven.

In this time frame, God will release unprecedented judgments on the Antichrist's kingdom as seen in Revelation 6; 8-9; 16. It is 3.5 years in

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duration (Dan. 7:25; 12:7; Rev. 11:2-3; 12:6, 14; 13:5).

Note here Jesus said that it is after the tribulation that the saints are gathered on the earth. This pokes more holes in the pre-tribulation doctrine.

4. Where is The Church During This Tribulation Period?

The church will be engaged in a fierce spiritual war on the earth that lasts 3 ½ years.

The Anti-Christ Attacks the Church

Revelation 13

5 And he (The Anti-Christ) was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. 7 **It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.** And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

The Church Attacks the Anti-Christ Through Prayer

The church will participate in the release of God's judgments under Jesus' leadership through the unified global prayers of faith.

Psalm 149

5 Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let them sing aloud on their

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beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and **a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples;**

8 To **bind their kings with chains,** and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 **To execute on them the written judgment— This honor have all His saints.** Praise the Lord!

Revelation 8

3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. **He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints** upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4 **And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.** 5 Then **the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth.**

And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. 6 **So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.**

First Trumpet: Vegetation Struck

7 **The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.**

The end times is the church's finest hour, when miracles will occur and supernatural prophetic direction will be released. The miracles of

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Acts and Exodus will be multiplied and combined on a global level (Mic. 7:15).

The Rapture of The Church

5. What Is the Rapture & When Does It Occur?

After we win the last earthly spiritual war & when the last trumpet sounds, some will be caught up or raptured up.

1 Thessalonians 4

15 For **this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord** will by no means precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, **and with the trumpet of God.** And the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be (raptured) caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

The 7th Trumpet Sounds

Revelation 11

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in

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heaven, saying, **"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"**

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

6. Daniel's Eternal Rewards for Those of Us Who Are Making Disciples

Daniel 12:1-2 describes the full and final deliverance of Israel and the resurrection of the saints. The Antichrist will be a king or political leader (11:36) in the generation of Israel's deliverance at the end (12:1-3).

He will invade Israel and establish his "headquarters" near Jerusalem (11:45). The wise and those who turn people to righteousness shall shine like the stars forever (12:3).

11:45 He [the Antichrist] shall plant the tents of his palace...[near] the holy mountain [Jerusalem] yet, he shall come to his end...

Daniel 12

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1 At that time Michael shall stand up...and there shall be a time of trouble [Great Tribulation], such as never was...And at that time your people [Israel] shall be delivered...2Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake [resurrection], some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt."

3 Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever.

O glorious day!

7. How To Set Your House in Order

How do I prepare for these events? The key is to endure healthy relationships with an anointed church family, live a righteous life and consistently pray & study what the Scriptures say about the end times.

Jesus called this "watching." Daniel received revelation of God's prophetic purposes for this generation by diligently studying what God's Word said about it (Jer. 29:10-14). He embraced a lifestyle of Bible study with prayer and fasting (Dan. 9:2-4) to receive "skill to understand" (Dan. 9:22)

Luke 21

34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who

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dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 **Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things** that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."