

It has been fifty days since the time for when the wave sheaf would have been offered, that Joshua fulfilled after he'd been resurrected 1989 years ago. It's incredible when you think of the time span that's gone by, and 1989 years ago today.

Pentecost for the Israelites was referred to also as the Feast of Weeks and it's sometimes referred to by God's Church as the Feast of Firstfruits.

Every year as we go through the Holy Days we go back to Leviticus 23 at some point or another, just like in the Feast of Tabernacles. But in all the Holy Days God commands us to speak about those Holy Days, the meaning of those Holy Days, so most certainly, we're doing that today in this pre-recorded sermon for Pentecost.

So again, let's turn over there now and take a look at that because this is something we are to do year by year and at some point these things are referred to, obviously, as to the command that God gives us in keeping a holy convocation, in coming together, assembling before Him as His people; and realizing this is most important, the most important thing we do on any Sabbath, and especially on the high days, the Holy Days, is to meet before God, to come before God to hear what He's prepared for us. And thankfully, we are able to do that even at a time like this, not knowing exactly how large a group or groups are able to meet together by Pentecost, but it looks like it's just going to be what is still in homes at this point.

**Leviticus 23:9—The Eternal spoke to Moses saying, Speak to the children of Israel and tell them, When you've come into the land which I give to you, and shall reap the harvest of it, then you shall bring a sheaf of/from the first fruits.** That's not the word for first fruits, as we've gone over in times past. That word isn't first fruits at all, it's **the beginning of the harvest.**

So, when they first went out to begin harvest of wheat type of crop, that this was what they did, they took the first portion of that which when they had started, a beginning. From the beginning of their harvest they would go out there and make certain that they had cut the sheaf then and saved it for a special occasion here, as it talks about.

**So you shall do that at the beginning of your harvest.** So the point of this is that harvest in that part of the land, if you look at the area especially that they went into the promised land, around Jericho, it's lower in elevation and those areas tend to receive more of the direct movement of the sun and because of weather patterns and so forth the crops grow faster there than it does higher up in the areas of Israel, and so this was a rather low region and crops would be ready to harvest earlier on. This is what they did before this period of time came when they began to harvest.

They could begin to harvest things as they came into this particular region there (around the Jordan River there), and especially after they'd crossed, so it was ready at that point in time. They went out and did this very thing here.

So it says, **bring a portion of it, a sheaf of it**, just a small bundle of it, you know, put a wrapping around it, **and take it to the priest**. In this case here it was to the high priest who was going to officiate and do this. It was taken to the high priest to have a specific ceremony during the Days of Unleavened Bread, and that's what he's getting ready to talk about here.

In **verse 11** it says, **And he shall wave the sheaf before the Eternal**. So not right when it was brought to him, when it was taken to him right away, but at this moment in time, that we understand, during the Days of Unleavened Bread, after a particular Sabbath during that period of time. But the wave sheaf was something that had to happen within the days of Unleavened Bread. Understanding that as we have been able to learn over time here in a stronger way than ever before as far as the remnant Church is concerned, this period of time when it was waved had to be, always had to be, a day that fell...a Sunday that fell within the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Again, these things are referred to here then and it says, **It shall be accepted for you, on the day after the Sabbath, the priest shall wave it**. The day after the weekly Sabbath. This was a period of time here now that they were to wave this sheaf, in the morning, on Sunday morning, always on a Sunday morning.

Then it says in **verse 12—On that day when you wave the sheaf you shall offer a male lamb of the first year, that is without blemish, for a burnt offering unto the Eternal**. Now, over and over again throughout this Holy Day period there are these things that are mentioned in a regular basis here about lambs. You look at the Day of Atonement in Leviticus 16 and some of the things mentioned there about the two lambs, or the two goats, and every year this was something that was to be done on these different Holy Days, but the lamb that represents Christ was always there. It was something to be offered up, because as it says here it was to be without blemish. It wasn't to have anything wrong with it, in that respect. It had to be a good lamb, a healthy lamb, and so forth.

God made certain that there are those characteristics then of something they would look for physically would be something then we could learn from later. Because that's why it's written this way, so we could understand Christ was without sin, there was no blemish in his life. That's what we're to learn from this in this beginning portion here that follows the Passover period now on into the Days of Unleavened Bread.

And so, God is telling them then for this period of time here, of what they're to be observing when this wave sheaf is offered during the days of Unleavened Bread, during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and very specific instructions here of what they were to do. But they couldn't do this until they came into the promised land. The reason being, as we've gone over that in recent time now and covered some of this again as we did last year, and repeating some of these things even now because this is something we look at year by year.

So this is something they were doing at this particular time that God gave, as He has through all the things in the offerings, the sacrificial system, and the things connected to the Holy Days as they're given here in Leviticus 23, they all mean something. Just like the tabernacle itself, everything that was constructed in it, all the ceremonies that were conducted by the priests, and then the high priest into the Holiest of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement, all these things have incredible meaning to them. There are many things that we still haven't learned that God hasn't yet revealed to us, that we don't fully understand of everything that was in the construction of the temple, if you will.

Again here, this very specific instruction being given at a moment in time when we realize, as I was saying, that they didn't have any harvest when they were in the wilderness for forty years. They had manna so they didn't have any harvests, they weren't able to do something like this. That's why God told them, "When you come into the land that I have promised you."

They weren't able to even observe this instruction that was given to them while they were in the wilderness about something they were to observe later on. God made it very specific, this is when it's going to begin, this is when you can begin to observe it.

They weren't able to observe the wave sheaf offering, they weren't able to observe things like this at all in any fashion or form until a moment in time, the beginning of it when they first came into the promised land. Awesome to know those things because they all have great meaning to it.

So again, this was followed by then, as you go through here, very specific instruction that tells how to know when Pentecost is to be observed. The only day, the only Holy Day, the only high day that God tells us to count to that point in time. I feel like this has really taken on even more meaning now because of what we have gone through as far as some of the count leading up to the Pentecost when Christ is going to return. We'll come back to that in a little bit here.

Verse 15. In this specific count, from when the wave sheaf was waved before God that represents Christ, as we know the story when he was resurrected and they came to the tomb early in the morning and the women who were there, finally Christ spoke to Mary and talked to her but they wanted to embrace him but he wouldn't let them. He wouldn't let anyone touch him because he said, in essence, that he had to go to God to be received by God, in essence, is what he was referring to and what he was talking to them about. And so, then they left because they were rushing back, because he told them to go back and tell the disciples what had taken place. On the way back, which wasn't very far between Jerusalem there where he had been in the tomb and then on back to the area of Bethany where they had been staying during these periods of time coming back and forth, and so, as they were going back then to tell the disciples about this Christ appeared to them again and talked to Mary, spoke to them again and this time he allowed them to embrace him. So, an incredible thing then to understand here that that's given to the Church to grasp and comprehend. The world doesn't know anything about any of this, and yet this is the very thing that reveals in a very powerful way that this is when this had taken place. It didn't take very long for the priest to wave the sheaf and it didn't take very long for him to be received

by his Father as the Wave Sheaf offering, the first of the firstfruits of God's harvest, the first born of human flesh to be received into Elohim.

God received him at that point in time then he, right away after that happened, because it happened quickly, he went to them and talked to him and they were able to embrace him then. Beautiful picture here. It gives more meaning and something that is rewarding, in that respect, that God has shared with us about why it's written that way and what took place at that time and why Christ gave those words, if you will, or spoke those words.

Then in **verse 15** it goes on to say, **And you shall count unto you from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering**, in other word, from that Sunday, and here was something that was to take place on that Sunday morning. But from that particular Sunday it says now, begin a count. **Seven Sabbaths shall be complete**. So, if you begin on a Sunday and you count seven days you come up to a Sabbath. He said count seven Sabbaths and then the day after that. That's the Day of Pentecost, the Feast of Firstfruits, the Feast of Weeks.

It says, **even unto the day after**, in other words, the next day after, **the seventh Sabbath you shall number fifty days**. Very specific. So, it's a count. It is connected to, it's something you have to do to get to Pentecost, which reveals so much more as a part of God's plan because Christ was the beginning of the firstfruits - the Wave Sheaf, the beginning of the harvest. It's all beautiful how God has given these things and the symbolism of these things that we learn from and are inspired by.

So, it says that this time here then is a time that **you shall offer a new meat offering unto the Eternal**. The Day of Pentecost. It ties in together then as we have learned, because of the wave sheaf we came to understand in a very deep way then a greater meaning for Pentecost, that it's about the wave loaves.

Now, we know the wave loaves were offered before God on Pentecost, but to tie that period in together now, to have far greater meaning, isn't something we've always known in God's Church. We haven't been able to do that, being able to understand that, that it's totally tied together in that period of time and this counting of fifty ties it together in great meaning for the rest of that family in the firstfruits in the first resurrection. It's beautiful what God has given.

So the truth and reality is, again, that the children of Israel were not able to keep the observance of the wave sheaf offering because they were not able to reap the harvest of the land until they came into the promised land, as I just mentioned, as we just covered, and when they did come into the promised land that was the beginning of the first count ever for Pentecost that was observed at that time.

The very first count, the very first observance of Pentecost as well because this was a period of time of something that God said, "This is when you begin to do it, when you first come into the

land, the promised land.” Again, it ties in that picture in a beautiful way, that they go together, you can’t separate them, the observance of those things beginning at that time.

The reason I mention these things is because there has been a concept or an idea that from the very beginning of Adam and on that they understood all the Holy Days and the reality is through time here we’ve learned that God gives things in a progressive revelation through time, judges people according to what He has given to them, which mostly is about how to live life, how to live life in a relationship toward Him and honoring Him, certainly the Sabbath day and observing and keeping that, and how to treat others, how to think toward others, how to honor God and keep God first in your life. That was what was shown to them, given to them, but very few ever did it except those that God drew and worked with, the first being Abel.

We have this history of things that have happened but they didn’t understand, they didn’t know the Holy Days. They weren’t given and observed. They weren’t even observed until this period of time when God gave that to them in the wilderness during that forty years. There were other of the Holy Days they could begin to observe but not the wave sheaf and not the wave loaves because those days wouldn’t have the same meaning in them until this period of time when they were able to observe it the way God commanded them to in Leviticus.

So again, Pentecost contains a lot of meaning, and its complete fulfillment really covers a fairly long span of time if you look at it. Because it’s all about first fruits. It’s that 6,000 years and the process and then other things that are represented and pictured in this particular day as well because there’s a lot of meaning contained in the day of Pentecost and God pouring out His holy spirit. All these things that have such incredible meaning and all of that about the first fruits. Christ the first of the firstfruits and then the rest of the firstfruits who will come with him when he returns. Beautiful!

So again, the simple counting from the time of the wave sheaf to Pentecost in itself has great meaning, as I said, that ties together so much of the meaning of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread through to Pentecost, obviously.

Now, we know the different things here that are represented, things that have great meaning in this particular day that happened at different times throughout history that God has continued to progressively reveal more and more. We understand that Pentecost is the day that God gave the Israelites the 10 Commandments; He gave them His law.

What an incredible thing, a law to live by. The first four commandments are about our relationship with the Great God of the universe, how to have a right relationship, and if that relationship isn’t worked upon, if from the very beginning of the commandments there, if God isn’t first in our life, isn’t placed first, and no idols before Him and all the other things that are mentioned there, if God isn’t first then we can’t go on to properly even begin to think about fulfilling the others in relationships with other people because that’s the last six commandments.

Yet people tend to focus on the last six, if they look at anything about law at all, especially the one about not killing. People kind of get that. Not stealing from others, and so forth, and all through there. Some they are able to discard far more easily. But those can't be right if the first isn't right.

That's the whole point of it all - that if we're not right with God, we're not going to receive the kind of help that we need, and so that comes a little bit later, doesn't it? 31 A.D. God poured out His holy spirit. Because we realize that just because the law was given to the Israelites, they couldn't keep it. They tried, some tried to keep it on a physical plane.

Frankly, those who strive to obey what they understand even physically, the law of tithing, there are people who do that in the world that don't understand the truth, that aren't called, and they're blessed because of it because it's a living law in life. Then in their mind if they're giving that for a right purpose God blessed them though they don't understand the rest, and if they obey the laws of how to live toward others then they're blessed because of that. It's about right relationships with people and how to have right relationships.

I think of the one about adultery alone. You think of the world today and it's just rampant out there. Being married to one person, being faithful in that is something that's so foreign to people's minds. It's more today like we'll live together for a time and if it works out then maybe we'll get married, and God's not in the picture at all! It's not like that anymore. People are getting farther and farther away from that all the time. So much of that because of communication, movies, things that are out here now that move people more quickly toward sin than ever before, that mold and fashion minds.

Young people see things on TV. They become glued to it from an early age, kind of like zombies, and they just suck this stuff in. That's the way it is in the world. People think that's the way life is. They watch movies about relationships and about people and it's not just what life is like. It really isn't, as a whole. What life they do portray is not good because the world doesn't understand what is good, so it doesn't try to portray those things that are good by any measure.

So again, Pentecost, the giving of the 10 Commandments. Several hundred years later the giving of the holy spirit on the day of Pentecost in 31 A.D. to reveal to mankind in a very powerful way, to the Church, that you can't live this way of life without God's help, without God's spirit, without something that helps the mind to think differently. That's a beautiful thing. Repent, think differently, the process of transformation of the mind once we choose and desire, "I want to think differently. I don't want to sin. I want to be at one with God." Beautiful picture. These things all pictured in this particular day, in Pentecost.

It is on a Pentecost when Joshua the Christ will return to this earth, when he returns as the Lion of God, the King of kings over all nations. Now, that being absolute in our minds hasn't been there in times past. Though there was some wonder about that at different times, I believe it was Mr. Armstrong that made that comment, he wasn't certain about when that coming would be,

whether it would be on a Trumpets or a Pentecost, but then in time that was totally lost and then just lumped in with Trumpets by ministers and what was being taught in the Church.

And so, finally, God brought us back to that point to address it very powerfully so, gave us the ability to see and understand how powerfully, because of the wave sheaf and the wave loaves and the tie in together of that, of all the first fruits, that this is the point in time then, this is when Christ will return with the wave loaves. Awesome! Beautiful! It really is. God has given us that understanding in a very powerful way and something we hold fast to in a very meaningful way because of what we've been going through for some time now and in a countdown that we have been given toward the end here, to observe, to watch, to learn from, to be inspired by, to focus upon in the sense of a race we're in and looking to various things and looking back.

If for no other reason than to be able to look back and look at the awesomeness, as it's written about in Chapter 9, the timelines, how everything has worked out that shows the hand of God in it, that those things are beyond just chance. There is no such thing in this case. Absolute design just as much as things in the universe, just as much as the human body, just as much as human life, just as much as any life out here, that it required one who was a designer and the Creator and it has brought all these things, given all these things to us. So, it is with what we've gone through.

So being very inspiring just seeing that, and for a time there looking ahead as well because it gave us a focus to keep pressing forward, even when we were shattered by various things. Because that was shaking - that was a shattering type of thing that jolted us, 2012. Then later on to learn and look back at how important 2008 really was. God's final witness! It was alive. It has great meaning to it and it's been used in a very powerful way to help us to grow more, to grow faster spiritually, and especially when you consider that some who were rejected at that particular time, who had been drawn and called to have opportunity to be a part of 144,000, who because of their sins and those things being brought out, that they weren't qualified, God didn't bring them along. He said no and they were rejected, and so others had to take their place. That's why I love the scripture when it talks about "to the Church in Philadelphia," which applies to all eras, but "don't let any man," don't let any person, "take your crown." Yet that's happened for over 2,000 years now where people have quit for whatever reason, have given up even toward the end.

I think of all times, to do that toward the end, and it still goes on. To just give up or to not to keep focused and not to appreciate deeply how much God has given to us. It's mind-boggling, it really is. But it reveals the way the human mind is and the battle that's there, and it helps us to become more convicted that we've got to keep fighting, that you keep getting up, that you keep repenting. There's a character then that's developed in us with living God's way and acknowledging constantly, "I am wrong. God is right. I am filled with sin. I'm filled... My pride..." The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes; that's what we are to acknowledge in our carnal physical lives.

We are totally selfish, as a whole, except for that part of conversion that's taken place in us where we've grown spiritually because of the transformation of the mind, because of God's spirit. Thank God for that! Then that gives us encouragement then to see and know what can be accomplished, to see the change that's taken place over time, and that hope then that we have to the end, and to realize nothing is going to dissuade us, that conviction, if indeed that's the conviction.

So again, those things that have tied together from the wave sheaf to the wave loaves when the 144,000 and Christ are going to return.

Let's go back again and pick up **Leviticus 23:16**. It says, **even unto the day after the seventh Sabbath you shall number fifty days; and you shall offer a new meat offering unto the Eternal. You shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves...** So again, this was to be taken from, as it talks about here, **of two tenths** of a measurement. The flour that was to be used and what was to be put into making this bread. It was to be baked with leaven; the dough was to have leavening in it. It was to rise.

Again, depicting something that Christ was without blemish. He was without sin and the first of the firstfruits, the beginning of the harvest, and then there is that other part, the wave loaves that represents the 144,000. One wave loaf having to do with the period of time up to the time Christ came as our Passover, and that period that we refer to so commonly as the Old Testament period, and then that which continued on with the period of the Church with the apostles and so forth and continuing up to our present time, then the other wave loaf after Christ had come and those things about Passover were deeply seen and known and understood then.

They lived by faith of the Messiah coming before that. God blessed them. Their faith was accounted as righteousness, those things we see about Abraham, of what God said, of what God inspired through Paul to write in the book of Romans, and now we have a living kind of faith very powerful in the sense of all that's given to us. Because since the time of Christ the Church has been given so much that they didn't have in the first four thousand years.

I repeat this often because so often we just don't grasp how blessed we are, especially now at the end of this 2,000-year period when so much more has been given because of the preparation for Christ's return, Christ's coming.

And so, this instruction here then given of the **two wave loaves of two-tenths measurement: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven** because we have sin in our life and so we're puffed up, and we will be until that change comes when we are no longer in a physical body. **...they are the firstfruits unto the Eternal.**

So again, that beautiful picture here, the first, the beginning of the harvest, the firstfruits, Christ, the Wave Sheaf, now down to the wave loaves who have sin, who are puffed up and that's their battle all their life, "lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life," sin in life, and

constantly repenting, desiring to come out of that. Leaven. Leaven is just there. There is always going to be leaven there until the change comes.

Then dropping on down to **verse 20**, continuing on, **And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the Eternal.** This is where we came to see and grasp in a deeper way on a spiritual plane as God revealed it to us the importance of the wave sheaf being waved before God and being accepted, and now the wave loaves on the day of Pentecost. God does things on the days and in the meaning of those things when He gives something like this.

Just like the wave sheaf, something to be done on that day. Christ died on Passover. He was resurrected at a specific time, at the end of a Sabbath, and beginning then on that first day of the week would be the time that he would be able to have that, or waved before God, if you will, as our Wave Sheaf on that morning. The timing of everything has such meaning to it. He couldn't be received any other time.

And so the wave loaves. When do they become significant on the earth? On the Day of Pentecost after they're resurrected and received by God.

So again, this has helped drive that home in the last few years here, the last three years or so, in a very powerful way, to recognize the timing of some of these things in a better way than we've ever known. We go through a lot of things sometimes to get where we are.

I think of the third book that was written, of some of those things that weren't to happen at those specific times. They could if indeed that would be the day they would be received on the earth, but when they're resurrected, they are to be received of God.

So again here, there are things here that God's continually adding to and helped us to see in a more refined and perfect way and that's a great blessing. We learn through that process so often because we go through things and we learn what is wrong. As I've mentioned so many times, so many of the things I've learned in my life are the things that are wrong, that God brings us to the point of being able to see this is wrong and then changing, repenting. That's what our life is all about, it truly is.

Again here, **and the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before the Eternal, with the two lambs.** Two lambs, two wave loaves, two periods of time. So, a lamb for each period of time. One that they had faith in his coming not knowing he was coming as a Passover, and then afterwards the living by faith of having known and believed those things that are written about him, that he is the Passover and he will return as the King of kings and he is our High Priest. So, all these things that enter in. **...with the two lambs: And they shall be holy to the Eternal for the priest.**

So, counting from the wave sheaf to the wave loaves, again, ties these two together in such an incredible way, they truly do. I love it. It's beautiful. It really is. To me, it's very moving to see these kinds of things because we haven't always had this. I guess of being called in 1969 and

living all those years and experiencing all the things that we have, that I did during that time, and others who have had similar things before and after that period of time. We only have a few that are before that time, as a whole, within the Church that have been awakened, and then some after that time who are a part still in that sense of having been awakened after the Apostasy.

In some ways, the more history we have of some of those things in our lives, it's one thing to read about them, to know them, to believe them, of what's written. It's another thing to experience and live those things. Because they're a part of you, they're in you. I think because of that that helps in a great way to have a greater appreciation than of the things that have been revealed as they have been revealed. They have a lot more meaning then.

That's why I get excited about them when I talk about them because we haven't always had these things and much of what I've already talked about, already here in this sermon about Pentecost, we haven't had as far as the Church is concerned until a period of time in the last decade here, and some just in the last few years.

To me, that's awesome! We get a little bit at a time, we receive a little bit at a time, and sometimes if we don't think about it, we don't realize, "Man, yeah, we haven't had that as far as the Church is concerned very long. Look how incredibly blessed I am to see, to have what I have," and so with that then comes the greater appreciation, a greater thankfulness, and a greater inspiration in that sense, if we're able to focus on such things.

So again here, this tying in together these things is absolutely incredible, of the firstfruits to be accepted by God and how they are, the Wave Sheaf and then the Wave Loaves. Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful.

Now, I'm going to repeat a paragraph a little bit earlier here, and I want to read this word for word of what I stated, and then I'm going to add to that in what's stated. "The truth and reality is that the children of Israel were not able to keep this observance of the wave sheaf offering because they were not able to reap the harvest of the land until they came into the promised land. When they did come into the promised land that was the beginning for the first count ever for Pentecost that was observed at that time."

Beautiful! Because we've been given something incredibly great and far greater because of the meaning of certain things that are taking place right now, because now so many of these things are about a point of being fulfilled on a plane that all these things before had pictured. The Wave Sheaf, he's our High Priest, but the wave loaves, still waiting a long time before that would come along, before that would come to a point in time. Because it's taken 6,000 years to gather that measurement, those two measurements of flour of the first for the firstfruits. 6,000 years!

Now the bread is just about baked. I guess I could put it that way. It's just about finished. It's taken a long time to get it ready, to prepare it, and then to bake it, because that has to do then with the 144,000 when they're waved as wave loaves before God and we're almost there! The

count then becomes even that much more important to us because it's leading up to the fulfillment now of Pentecost in what God has revealed to us in just this recent time now, of this time to gather in a very powerful way, when Christ is returning, and why at that time, and what it means, the rest of the firstfruits of God to be received by Him.

Again here, "When they did come into the promised land, that was the beginning for the first count ever for Pentecost that was ever observed at that time." Now adding to that: "After that first count following the first wave sheaf offering then came the very first observance of the Holy Day of Pentecost. Beyond that, following much later in time was indeed another great Pentecost when God established His Church and began pouring out His spirit upon it."

Again, all these things that have such incredible meaning. The wave sheaf and now the focus more on the rest of the 144,000, the rest of the firstfruits and what it meant to establish the Church on Pentecost, because it's so much about the firstfruits, obviously, the rest of the loaves, that second loaf, if you will, the beginning for that which was going to be done which actually has more in it, in one respect, if we understand it. The example there is given of two measurements, but we understand that the greater portion of those who have been called has been in this last portion of 2,000 years, nearly 2,000 years.

Going on here then. I wanted to read these. I wanted to write these down just exactly as they are to talk about them, to be able to get this just right. "But there is also a great 'type' of that first count for Pentecost that is very soon to be fulfilled, and that's when a far greater fulfillment of entering into another promised land takes place at Christ's and the 144,000 coming in God's Kingdom."

Now, that's beautiful because it's going to be on a Pentecost and it's going to be far greater because it's a greater fulfillment in the sense of all these other things to get us where we are, the commandments, God's holy spirit, and now, finally, the portion to understand the wave loaves. Finally, it's complete, the firstfruits complete. This pictures it all. That promised land, the first ability to enter into it on a spiritual plane, we're almost there.

They were looking at something on a very physical plane going into a promised land, but what God has promised is far greater concerning Israel, the Israel of God and that which is to be a part of an inheritance and a part of spirit life from here on, things we can't even begin to comprehend but are excited about and look forward to with great anticipation.

And so, I think of timing and where we are right now, and I think about the new book *When the Countdown Ends*, and knowing it's mostly now complete and on the website. By mostly complete, every once in a while, we have to tweak it here and there.

I've had to write a couple different things to focus more on, as an example here, the name of Joshua and some of the arguments about those kinds of things, to focus more on the area that really needs to be focused upon in a stronger way, in a better way, and especially because of the English language. Because people can debate and argue about Greek and what happened back

there, and Latin, but you can't prove it. It's an endless argument; it goes back and forth. But when you get to the English portions, very powerful what God has given to us and to understand why his name is not "Jesus." So, we focus more on the English part of it which is what God led me to, if you will, has led us to as a Church.

And so again, part of the book tweaked still before everything was completed here. Then just a few little things here and there that sometimes when you're editing you can read something and see it and you know what it's saying but sometimes you can just go over something so easily without seeing it and then whammo it comes up. But anyway, it's getting refined and better and better all the time and I'm excited by that.

So going on here then with some of this and what we're looking at now in timing, this becomes really important - important to me, should be important, I believe, to every one of us then, to understand some of the things we're going to focus on now. Because toward the end of the final chapter, Chapter 9, there are seven end-time prophetic periods of 1260 days that is explained there in Chapter 9.

To me, these are awesomely moving, they truly are. As I said, it shows the author, it shows the designer, it shows the Creator, it shows the one, it shows God's handiwork in it because there are no other ways they could be as they are. That should be exceedingly inspiring to us.

So, the first five counts of 1260 days that led up to Pentecost of 2012, beautiful, powerful, inspiring, and coupling that then with another number, 70, has great meaning to it because we know the meaning of that number, how 70 is a number used prophetically for Christ's coming. That's very moving then because we've gone, we went through five periods coupled with Christ's coming; it carried a very clear picture.

So, we had never understood in the Church. We had wondered about the 3½ years and the 42 months, and 1260 days, and time, times and a half a time, and all those things, knowing the time periods that were there. But to know what it was all about and how it was going to pan out, we didn't know until afterward. We've been able to look back and then have a little bit of foresight to look forward because God gave that to us as far as 2008 being the year of God's final witness. That's very powerful, brethren, it really is. Then leading up to 2012, adding a 70 to it, very clear message from God Almighty, truly.

Just like the 280 days after the Apostasy, very powerful message to God's people that we had an apostasy, that was what Paul was inspired to write about in 2 Thessalonians 2, the man of sin, the son of perdition, what happened to the Church because the love of God waxed cold in people's lives. They loved something else rather than loving God's word, God's truth. That happened to the Church as we all fell asleep at that period of time. So incredible things have happened in God's Church. We've gone through that. We've experienced that.

Then the last two counts of two more end-time periods of 1260 days is addressed there in Chapter 9, together with another unique number, the count of 50. Now, we just talked about the tie-in

together between what was pictured in Christ as the Wave Sheaf, and we have 70 that pictures his coming (on the first five periods there), and then finally two more, and with that the number of 50 which is very clear. We have the first of the firstfruits and his coming and then we have 50 that is about the wave loaves. It's about the rest of the firstfruits. And I think, what an incredible thing that God has given.

Then as writing some of that chapter and then having gone back and rewriting it again, I'm sometimes amazed how God works and leads us and guides us and gives understanding of things we grow in. There's been a lot of growth and understanding of things here just in the writing of those last few chapters. Some things I've already talked about, some things are there to make them clearer, to make them more beautiful, more awesome as far as God's word is concerned.

It is in this particular case here, of what God has made very clear and was finally clear in the writing of this chapter because of the number seven, going through those charts and talking about 7 and 7 and 7 over and over again. The number that God has given for that which is complete, completeness, the seventh day Sabbath, the seven annual Holy Days, 7,000 years, on and on it goes. Christ's coming, 7, 7 times 10, which has meaning as well that we'll be given more of as time goes on.

So anyway, it's awesome to see some of these things, to understand some of these things, and I just wanted to give a portion of what is written. I'm just trying to take a look here to see how I've done this exactly in the writing here. I wish I had mentioned the specific section, but I didn't. But I want to read from the portion of that from the book there. Yes, here it is, "The End of the Countdown?"

So, I'm going to take some time here and go through this last portion of Chapter 9 here and read this and comment on some of it as we go along. Very meaningful, very powerful what God has given. Now, we've had some questions here and there because of people reading some of this and wondering about some of this and looking at markers and what does this mean now for the Church, and because of some pretty dogmatic statements that were made here as well about that which is complete.

So, Pentecost - God let me know very early on here, it will be addressed in Pentecost. So here we are addressing it.

"The End of the Countdown?"

"Although God's Church continues to look at the possibility of more prophetic markers to be fulfilled..." which we do. We're continually looking ahead, which is explained here. So, we're still looking ahead. Now, it wasn't to be put in the book that way, of what some of those might be. If someone truly wants to learn, to know and keep abreast of it when it becomes clear, as I address here, as we go along, then that'll be made known within the Church and to those who are receiving those messages Sabbath by Sabbath.

“Although God’s Church continues to look at the possibility of more prophetic markers to be fulfilled, God has not revealed any that have the kind of meaning that is contained in the period from the Apostasy up to the Pentecost of 2019.” He hasn’t. He hasn’t shown those. Looked ahead. Looked at different time periods. We realize we know certain truths about Pentecost, that’s why we keep focused on Pentecost, and there’ll be markers in that alone as I talk about here in a little bit. But to know whether it’s a period from 2019 for three and a half years? God can make certain things work out. Seven? I don’t know. In between that?

Because that’s what we need to understand, that there is something unique taking place right now that God hasn’t shown us, and we need to understand that what we did in coming up to 2019 completes a very important part of God’s plan concerning the end-time here. That to me is inspiring, it truly is. What is in front? I don’t have the foggiest, but I am excited by what God is showing here.

“There may be events that have already begun after that Pentecost that are rapidly leading up to a third world war that have not yet been seen and have not yet been revealed.” A long time ago God blessed me to see, to understand that there very well is that which is never revealed at certain moments in time because of a war that’s going on. It’s in the spirit world. It’s been going on for a long time. But it’s intensifying.

As we get closer to Christ’s coming that war that we don’t know about, that we don’t see is ongoing. It’s a powerful thing, it truly is, on a spiritual realm. And so, there are those things that you don’t tell an enemy that God’s going to bring about, that God’s going to fulfill even within the spirit world. Even within the angelic realm there are those things that God is going to fulfill there that He hasn’t revealed to the Church, hasn’t revealed about those things and why those things are taking place and why they happen. We only see a little bit of it and understand a portion of it, but there’s a lot more going on that goes way back in time and coming to a crescendo now that we don’t have to know until we become a part of God’s Family. Then He’ll let us know more, obviously.

Again, “There may be events that have already begun after that Pentecost,” after Pentecost of 2019, just last year “that are rapidly leading up to a third world war that have not yet been seen and have not yet been revealed.”

Thought I’d interject here too something else thinking about today and yesterday. What an incredible thing to understand, again, some of this timing of where we are. Well, we know when the first four events of the first Four Trumpets are going to take place having to do with the United States. We realize that isn’t going to start until a sealing is complete.

I couldn’t help but think, “What an awesome thing here to think that we could be really close to that. Because God knows how long it takes to prepare, to mold and fashion certain ones, and the last to become a part of that to be worked with to a point where God says, “Now I know you,” that because of that certain things are maybe speeding up, beginning to work forward. But God is going to work those things out according to His plan anyway, but awesome to consider some of those things because the reality is some of it’s there.

Going on: “However, what is clear is that there have been 7 complete end-time [prophetic] periods of 1,260 days.” When God shows you that and says, “We’ve had seven! This is it!” ...of 1260 days. Those periods are now complete. They’ve been fulfilled. All that God was going to work with and accomplish in that period of time has now been accomplished, “that reveal a clear countdown to Christ’s coming. It would be wise to remember that the number 7 is used for completeness in God’s plan. At this point, it appears that the prophetic countdown to Christ’s coming is complete, and therefore, the prophetic countdown is over!” So, it’s the prophetic part of it that has been completed.

And what is in front of us? God will show us the significance of those things at some point in time and it’ll be exciting, it’ll be inspiring to us, and we’ll be dumbfounded by it when we see it and what it all means. But it goes above and beyond the 7 that we already have, and not tied together specifically with the 7. So complete means complete.

“This should be exceedingly sobering to all because this coincides with what has already been fulfilled in the Book of Revelation.” So, what’s that about? Well, going on....

“God has clearly revealed to His Church that as soon as the sealing of the 144,000 is complete then the events of the first four Trumpets will be unleashed upon the United States. Everything to this point has been prophetically fulfilled as all Seven Seals of Revelation have been opened...” They’ve all been opened.

It’s one thing that struck me in a deeper way going through the book, to think of all the time we’ve gone through and that what began in the first book, *The Prophesied End-Time*, where we were, what we saw at that point in time, and then continuing on to be at this point now, because we were looking ahead still at various Seals to be opened and not knowing fully what they were all going to be and how it was going to come about. And now here we are, seven have been opened. God has revealed that very powerfully so.

Again, “...as all Seven Seals of Revelation have been opened, and the Seven Trumpets have already been announced. Those catastrophic events announced by those Trumpets will begin once the sealing of all the firstfruits is complete.”

“If one can begin to grasp how God gave John the Book of Revelation to write, of which the vast majority concerns the period of the countdown that began on the day of the Apostasy,” the First Seal opened, “then seeing what has already been fulfilled should be exceedingly sobering.” And you know, if someone reads through the entire book, by this point in time, even on a physical plane, if they’ve had enough interest to keep going, perhaps indeed God’s spirit drawing them, working with them because He’s going to begin doing that more and more as people will listen to Him, and if someone will listen and come to this point, for most who are at this point it will be, it will have a sobering moment to it, in that respect, of thinking about some of this.

So again, “seeing what has already been fulfilled should be exceedingly sobering.” The more that someone is responding to God, being drawn by God’s spirit, the more sobered they will be, the more sobering it will be, what they’re reading.

“The Seven Seals of Revelation have all been opened. The Seven Trumpets of that last Seal have all sounded and the events they have announced can begin at any moment.” We don’t know when that is. Could begin

at any moment. Maybe by the time of Pentecost... I don't know! There could be something take place around that time. We don't know. But we keep looking Pentecost to Pentecost. We keep looking forward. We're not to 2020 Pentecost yet. You are today, as you're listening to this. But anyway.

"This book is entitled *When the Countdown Ends*. It has been stated repeatedly that there is a countdown leading up to WWII and Christ's return." That is in God's hands. There is a period of time that God already knows the amount, the magnitude of what can happen to this earth, of what He's going to allow and what He's not going to allow, and a timing involved in those kinds of things. We just don't know what that is and may not be shown that until after it's over with, and then God shows us what it all was, what we experienced.

"It is my strongest belief that the count of prophetic 1,260-day periods has been completed and that countdown has ended, which was on the Pentecost of 2019." So, we observed a very powerful thing when we got to 2012 and now 2019. And to me, in this respect, God is making it very clear that prophetic count down of the 1260 days is completed. Whatever was to be accomplished and fulfilled now has been fully accomplished.

"However, that does not mean that WWII or Christ's return had to happen on that day." It doesn't mean that that's what we're talking about. We're talking about end time prophetic periods of 1260 days, seven of them now completed, and that says it all. There is no more of that particular account taking place.

Now, whether there be a continuing count of something, or count added on to it? Well, just like the 50 or the 70 and then the 50 there is going to be something here that's going to have great meaning to it when it's all said and done. Again, God will show that to us in His time. We should have learned enough by now to realize, to know, to be convicted of that truth, that God will show us in His time. We don't have to know everything in advance. God will show us, and we continue to follow, and we wait upon God, to do things according to His will.

"It should be obvious that there is still a prophetic countdown that will one day be revealed that led right up to Christ's coming. How is that? It is by the knowledge that Christ will return on a Pentecost, but God has not revealed on what Pentecost that will be. God's Church will continue to watch for any new prophetic markers and inform everyone of those as soon as they are revealed if there is time and ability to do so." **Because there is going to come a time when no more can be said.**

"What God has revealed is that the end-time countdown that led up to its complete prophetic fulfillment on the Pentecost of 2019 has been accomplished. All of this cries out that WWII is at our doorstep and there is not much time to prepare."

So, when I look back and think how long it's been since the Apostasy, I'm kind of dumbfounded by it. To go through seven prophetic times. That long. For us in our thinking, in our lives, that's a long period of time. It's almost surreal to think back of where I was at the time of the Apostasy and how much distance we have come since that time, how much time. In that respect, as far as

our human life is concerned, it's been quite a long time. But in God's, not very long - not very long at all.

It's just that we are focused more because of our short span of life on shorter periods of time. Certain things affect us in different ways. We can't see that in the same way except that God gives us help and ability to see something on a bigger scale, and then to that point we can. But we tend to think in shorter spans, shorter periods.

So, it's really a very short span here, but for us as human beings rather long. So that period of time that we have? A year? A month? A week? I don't know, but it's not very long. Things are happening in the world. A year? Two years? Three years? I don't know. But we keep going forward and God will show us in His time, and it'll go by rather quickly.

I marvel. I think back at a time not too long ago and yet it seems so distant. I don't even think about it. At times there are certain things that might spark a memory of being over in Indiana for a little over three years period of time and away from home for a long period of time and then back and finally out. It hasn't been that long, but it seems like it's so distant, and the things lived at that point in time. It's kind of surreal in itself. But time goes on and you wonder where did it go? Anyway, incredible.

So again, "All of this cries out that WWII is at our doorstep and there is not much time to prepare." So, hopefully that hits us, to realize all these things of seven that are now complete and there's not much in front anymore. I'll come back to that in a moment here.

Going on: "There are many who have mocked God's Church for warning people to prepare physically for what is coming by having a stock of food and other needful items that can last for one to three months. This isn't as funny or weird to those people as it once seemed to be. With a pandemic, now people can more clearly grasp the need for such a thing and that will become far more essential once a war begins." People have seen absolutely nothing yet, nothing compared to what's coming. That's what we really saved up for. Because we're still able to go to the stores so it wasn't for the pandemic, it's for what's still to come.

"Even something such as storing water becomes far more important and/or the use of a gravity type water filtering system (the Big Berkey is one of the best)." You won't need electricity. It won't be there. So, to pour something in a container and have it come out purified and cleansed is going to be worth it's weight in gold in many cases, it really is, because it's not going to be abundant. Things of water going into a tower and then coming out of a spigot through a toilet, you think toilet paper was important? Water is going to become a whole lot more important because now you're going to have a build up. What are you going to do with that? Well, people are going to have to think, become a little innovative and different ideas of what they can do. Because things are not going to be the same and they're going to be a whole lot worse than what they are now or what they've experienced.

Going on: "The event of the COVID-19 pandemic is proving to be the catalyst that will push nations into the final events that are about to be unleashed on a very unsuspecting world." It's oblivious to it, especially in

this country. Maybe say in the western world, oblivious. “The impact of the economic crisis that is now looming all over the world cannot be swept under the rug as it was in 2008.” What’s coming is far worse economically than what we could have ever imagined. The reality just is not hitting people. It’s like, just print more money. Let’s give more help. Let’s do this. Let’s do that. It’s insanity. It’s true insanity. “Nations are quickly hurtling toward a day of reckoning and that is now pushing nations toward war.”

We know, and you think if people could just reason a little bit and think about some of this and be awakened. But they can’t be because as the Church was asleep at one time the world is asleep to what’s in front of it and can’t see it. We see it. It should be clear. I hope you see it, how close this is, and it’s pushing nations towards war.

It’s in the news now more than ever these little things that are coming out, and it’s like two years ago, three years ago you couldn’t find articles like this. Now almost every week there is some mention of something like this and especially with nations pushing a little bit toward each other and getting angrier about various things but still holding that anger back. But how long? Well, in the midst of some of that somebody will be planning.

Going on: “The global economy is beginning to implode.” How many articles do you read anymore saying exactly that. They’re talking about things imploding. Talking about how things have already started imploding. “This began to accelerate well before the pandemic as a result of tariff wars...” You know, if you look back in time, people are starting to acknowledge that now as well in articles, there have been tariff wars going on. But not a lot of people looking at them as being a type of warfare. But that’s what they are! They’re the type of warfare that leads into real war. That’s kind of been the history of certain things that have happened in not too far back a few decades. You see these things taking place and this is what it’s leading to.

“...as a result of tariff wars that have thrown many nations into economic frustration with one another and massive disarray in the reliability of their own economic posturing and future plans. These are the kinds of things that push nations into war.” We are there. We’re there! It’s just a matter of time, and we know what that time is. As soon as that hits it’ll begin.

“Add to all this the escalating battle that has been taking place with just one commodity—oil. This one commodity alone has been the catalyst for wars over the past few decades.” People haven’t awakened to that one yet and understand that things that have been done in the Middle East are motivated by oil. Things that happen in Iraq... That which happened in Kuwait, it was about oil. It was about oil more than anything else. And yet we have this “noble” thing, we’re trying to protect them, we’re trying to help them. And no, we’re protecting something else, and its selfish interests, our interests, when you talk about nations, how they think. Just like people, we’re selfish by nature, inward.

Nations, corruption, enters in and becomes far more corrupt in that sense as far as self and self-preservation and what we’re striving to do. The petrodollar that must be upheld. Anything that shakes that or interferes with that is a matter of war. It just is. Some other thing might be an excuse but it’s about this, just over oil.

**Going on:** “This one commodity alone has been the catalyst for wars over the past few decades. This is unhinging the very system the world economy has relied upon, and yet many nations hate this very system because of the petrodollar.” That’s what they hate! They’re learning to hate more and more this country, the United States.

“Other nations are tied to the dollar and if the dollar falls, so does their national revenue. Therefore, many feel trapped with the need to support it.” It’s a catch-22. It really is. It’s a catch-22. What do they do?

“Even today, as this is being written, it seemed insane that oil was about to drop below \$10 a barrel, but then it just got worse as it lurched into negative territory. In the past, such a thing was unheard of, until now. This alone could easily lead to war.” It’s just another item that’s causing rippling anger to be stirred up between nations on a magnitude that is unprecedented. Truly is. And when you think about this, because when you talk about commodities like oil you’re talking about futures. Money is put into that, and you perhaps are thinking a certain amount, what is a future going to be for it, what is it going to be selling for then. It’s kind of like gambling. That’s basically what it is. So you’re thinking ahead about something that you have no proof of how it’s going to come out, but you’re trying to have a bit of a, I guess, intellect somehow involved in that, but you’re still spinning the wheel because you really don’t know what might happen in the world.

So, people take their chances in those things and have gotten by with a lot and have done (in a carnal sort of way), fairly well with some of those, many people have. But now because of what’s happened people who had oil marked at \$70, \$60, \$50? Because, you see, it’s a future contract and you’re tied into that, and if you can’t do certain things and you have a certain loss and it gets down lower and lower it gets to the point where—I’m simplifying this a little bit—you got to pay someone else to take it off your hands because you can’t take it. You can’t sell it to anybody, nobody wants it because they don’t have any place to store it, so your price has to go down, down, down; it gets into negative territory. That’s what, basically, is taking place in some of this.

I was going to go through a bunch of news articles. I’m going to go through a few because this is where we are. This is just a couple weeks away or so now from Pentecost. But I just want to go through a few articles here just so we can get a bit of a glimpse of what’s taking place at this point in time and realizing that who would have ever thought a pandemic, coronavirus to come along and shake the world like it has and kind of speed up the process of economies crashing, of things coming down as far as trade and everything else that’s out there and destroying a nation, destroying nations all over the world.

Because there are just a lot of people who can’t come through this no matter how much money they might be given by banks and so forth, and not able to make ends meet, not able to hold up to what they had signed up for when it’s all said and done. The number of places that are going to go bankrupt because of this, who are already bankrupt because of this, it’s staggering. They really haven’t been able to add that up because they’ve been too focused on, with narrow eyesight here, something else - wearing masks, when to take them off, when not to take them off, how to do this, how to do that. It’s been a distraction that’s helped to lull to sleep, what’s really happening.

Here's one: "China, Iran Are On The March."<sup>1</sup> "There is so much focus on the COVID-19 pandemic right now that Americans can't be blamed if they're not spending much time studying other developments." Well, American's don't tend to study other developments anyway. They hear a bunch of garbage on the news and don't really know what's happening in the news anyway and don't really have much interest in the news as far as the world is concerned. They're more concerned about things happening locally and nice little stories of what somebody might be doing out here that's so good and helpful to others, and just focus on those things totally blind to what's really happening.

It says, "That's understandable, but inattention may be as dangerous as the virus itself. That's because America's adversaries are taking advantage of the situation by challenging U.S. interests in a set of geopolitical hot spots. They believe we're too distracted by the virus containment effort to mount a firm response." So, others are pushing - China, primarily - pushing as much as they can in different areas and trying to take advantage of our pulling back, which we have done.

"At the same time, geopolitical confrontation is a classic way to rally a population against an outside threat, especially when they're still hurting from the pandemic and the economic consequences." So other countries, which this country has done too, using this as a way to gain power, as a way sometimes to exert power against others because now the sway of sentiment is against China, and so pulling away from them. China doing the same thing in a reverse sort of way; it's the United States' fault and rallying people behind that concept and this attitude and stirring them up. Where does it lead?

It says, "It's one of the oldest tricks in the books to get the people behind the government." Power plays. Power. It's about trying to control. Going on: "This appears to be the case with China and Iran right now."

"China in particular is trying to divert attention away from its own cover-up of the pandemic, which allowed it to spin out of control. So it's engaging in a global propaganda campaign to try to blame the U.S. for the spread of the virus." Think this isn't important, but it is because, you know, sometimes people just want to believe bad things about others. It's easy to do. We've experienced that in the Church. They don't like it. They don't like the beliefs, so I want to believe bad things about them. So whatever is stated, it's got to be true.

The same thing is true with nations right now, so people are willing to take sides with China. There are a lot of nations out here that say, "Yeah, yeah, United States, pshew!" That's the way they think because they're learned to hate the U.S., the petrodollar, and other things as well. The bullying that's taken place over so long a time now, they're fed up. It's just the way it is. It's the truth.

"Both China and Iran have lied about the damage caused by the virus in their own countries." They've done that as well as blaming it on the United States.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dailyreckoning.com/china-iran-are-on-the-march/>

Going on here, just jumping down: “In the past 10 years, we’ve been through currency wars, trade wars and now pandemic. Are shooting wars next?” People are talking about it, starting to. More and more every week you read something that’s just kind of mind-boggling that people are actually talking about it. To the depth they believe it? Don’t know. “Pay attention to China, Iran and, yes, North Korea. They haven’t gone away either. The world is a dangerous place — and the virus has only made it more dangerous.” Because people are pulling back. This has forced people to focus more inward than ever before. Truly have.

I was going to read some more here, but talked about how I skipped over one page here. “Not surprisingly,” it says here, “China has tried to take advantage of the situation by acting aggressively in the South China Sea and threatening Taiwan. The South China Sea is a large arm of the Pacific Ocean surrounded by China, Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, and Indonesia. All six countries have claims to exclusive economic zones that extend several hundred miles from their coastlines.”

Farther down here it says, “China has ignored all of those claims and treaties and insists that it is in control of the entire body of water including islands, reefs and underwater natural resources such as oil, natural gas, undersea minerals, and fisheries.” They’re just taking control.

“China has also become even more aggressive by designating the South China Sea reefs as city-level administrative units to be administered by mainland China. And China has pumped sand onto reefs to build artificial islands that have then been fortified with airstrips, harbors, troops and missiles.” We know all these things, but people just keep letting it happen and they just keep building up. Where’s that leading to?

“The U.S. operates ‘freedom of navigation’ cruises with U.S. Navy ships to demonstrate that the U.S. also rejects China’s claims. It’s not difficult to envision an incident that could rapidly escalate into something serious. It’s also fair to assume that a weakened U.S. Navy has emboldened Chinese actions recently.”

“The two aircraft carriers the Navy has in the western Pacific, the *Theodore Roosevelt* and *Ronald Reagan*, were both taken out of action due to outbreaks of the coronavirus among their crews. That’s been a dramatic reduction in power projection in the region.” Incredible.

Another; just different articles. Just the headlines itself say this, and this was as of last week here, the end of the week: “China Exploiting the [COVID-19] Pandemic to Expand in Asia.”<sup>2</sup> Well, obvious.

“Coronavirus: China faces an economic reckoning as Covid-19 turns world against globalisation.”<sup>3</sup> “Trump, Brexit, trade war ... the forces against globalisation have been gathering pace since 2008.” It’s amazing how often you read that. “Now the coronavirus threatens the knockout blow.”

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/15956/china-expansion-asia>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/opinion/article/3082444/coronavirus-china-faces-economic-reckoning-covid-19-turns-world>

Another headline: “‘Turbocharging’ exodus: US beats trade war drums to remove supply chains out of China.”<sup>4</sup> Well, been talking about that. That’s what’s happening.

“China Warns Of Possible Armed Conflict With US Over Coronavirus Backlash.”<sup>5</sup> They’re talking it. How long does it take to go from talk to action? Well, we’re going to find out, aren’t we?

Another article: “‘Not A Bluff’: White House Might Pull US Military & Intelligence From UK Over China's Huawei.”<sup>6</sup> This is over Huawei and the 5G thing that the US doesn’t want to be in Europe. Europe has already accepted it on the mainland. Boris Johnson, Trump got into it over this as well and so there is this pressure that the U.S. still has been putting on Great Britain. I believe it was this last week now I heard in the news that now attitudes have changed against China out of Britain and they’re not going to go through with Huawei all of a sudden. Incredible, things that are going on. Ephraim.

“China moves to Wean Itself of US dollar Dependence; Steps Up Testing of Sovereign Digital Currency.”<sup>7</sup> Plans. But things can change in those plans to accelerate quickly and turn into war before they have a chance to do some of these things.

Another one here: “‘Almost certain’: Media raises alarm over NEW alleged North Korean missile facility.”<sup>8</sup> Now, this comes out of RT News, Russian News, sponsored, and kind of interesting here why they pump certain ideas out here as well. Because there’s a reason why they would want to pump some of these ideas out there. And again, crazy world we live in, it truly is, things that are taking place and what’s going to happen when it’s all said and done. Whether it be North Korea or some other country that uses as a guise of being someone else when they shoot off whatever they’re going to shoot off, to make it appear to be from that country. It could be something of that nature as well.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.rt.com/business/487703-china-us-supply-chains/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://mikesmoneytalks.ca/china-warns-of-possible-armed-conflict-with-us-over-coronavirus-backlash/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/white-house-might-pull-us-military-intelligence-operations-uk-over-chinas-huawei>

<sup>7</sup> <https://sputniknews.com/business/202005051079202779-china-moves-to-wean-itself-of-us-dollar-dependence-steps-up-testing-of-sovereign-digital-currency/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.rt.com/news/487874-north-korea-missile-facility-pyongyang/>

Another one here. This is what I was talking about a moment ago. “Britain undergoing ‘mindset change’ toward Beijing, says leading lawmaker.”<sup>9</sup> Then it was after that that they backed out of Huawei.

Another one here: “Comptroller Warns 1 In 5 Jobs Will Evaporate As NYC Faces Biggest Crisis Since Great Depression.”<sup>10</sup>

Another one: “Layoffs Start Turning From Temporary to Permanent Across America.”<sup>11</sup>

“Belgium Accuses China Of Bio-Espionage; Biological Warfare Program And Vaccine Experts Targeted.”<sup>12</sup>

Another one: “‘Biblical’ Wave Of Bankruptcies Is About To Flood The US.”<sup>13</sup> Things are becoming very bad and it’s not going to take that long because this can’t go on like this and the damage has already been done.

Another one: “Beijing May Dump US Treasuries In Response To US Hostility, Start Its Own QE: [quantitative easing] Chinese Media.”<sup>14</sup>

Another one: “China Readies Unveiling Of Stealth Nuclear Bomber Capable Of Reaching LA.”<sup>15</sup> Over and over again, things that are being talked about that you wouldn’t read two or three years ago or before in the same way, week after week now. It just reveals how close we’re getting - closer and closer and closer.

“US To Remove Patriot Missile Protection From Saudi Arabia Amid Oilpocalypse.”<sup>16</sup> “As tensions between OPEC ... and Washington rise over the supply (and price) of oil globally amid a pandemic-driven demand collapse, it would **appears President Trump may have just gone 'nuclear'**. The Wall Street Journal reports that The U.S. is removing Patriot anti-missile systems from Saudi Arabia and is considering reductions to other military capabilities...” Well, on and on it goes, not really good relationships. Some things they’ve done in the past that are beginning to catch up with them and the United States

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<sup>9</sup> <https://www.politico.com/news/2020/05/05/britain-undergoing-mindset-change-toward-beijing-says-leading-lawmaker-239632>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/economics/comptroller-warns-1-5-jobs-will-evaporate-nyc-faces-biggest-crisis-great-depression>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.bloombergquint.com/businessweek/temporary-coronavirus-layoffs-are-turning-permanent-around-u-s>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/belgium-accuses-china-bio-espionage>

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/markets/biblical-wave-bankruptcies-about-flood-us>

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/markets/beijing-may-dump-us-treasuries-response-us-hostility-start-its-own-qe-chinese-media>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/china-readies-unveiling-stealth-nuclear-bomber-capable-reaching-la>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/markets/us-remove-patriot-missile-protection-saudi-arabia-amid-oilpocalypse>

beginning to take hold of that because we're not as dependent on oil out of there anymore. Before, there was this love affair going on and putting up with a bunch of garbage and so forth - ever since 9/11 - and now things are changing.

Another one here: "Historic Eurodollar Panic: Negative Rates Now Expected As Soon As November."<sup>17</sup> It's just closing in around the entire world and squeezing everything, squeezing everyone.

"US B-1B Bombers Again Fly Near Chinese Airspace Amid 'New Cold War' Threat."<sup>18</sup>

"Companies Are Far More Terrified Than They Were In 2008."<sup>19</sup> These kinds of articles. I've really been dumbfounded by this, God's final witness, and it just keeps going back to that and people realizing what's coming, we're in for it. It's going to happen sooner or later.

Another one: "Mortgage lenders tighten screws on U.S. credit in echo of 2008."<sup>20</sup>

Again, another one: "A Tragic Record: For The First Time Ever, More Than Half Of The US Population Is Not Working."<sup>21</sup>

"'A V-Shaped Recovery Will Not Be Possible': Today's Job Losses Reflect A 40% GDP Crash."<sup>22</sup> What amazes me sometimes by some of the different ones I hear talking, different governors and so forth, and they're in a quandary. Now, some aren't even seemingly bright enough to figure some of this out. They're cutting their own throat in some ways because where are the taxes that they have to function by, going to come from for states that are already hurting like they are? It's like, can Uncle Sam just take care of all that? Is that going to happen? And what about all the taxes coming in there? Where does all this money come from? How does this get taken care of? It's like that's not even a question anymore. It's going to come crashing down at some point.

"Beijing Media Calls for Quadrupling China's Nuclear Weapons as U.S. Continues Encirclement."<sup>23</sup> Over and over and over again, article after article that just boggle the mind sometimes.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/markets/historic-eurodollar-panic-negative-rates-now-expected-soon-november>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/geopolitical/us-b-1b-bombers-again-fly-near-chinese-airspace-amid-new-cold-war-threat>

<sup>19</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/bailout/companies-are-far-more-terrified-they-were-2008>

<sup>20</sup> <https://www.texarkanagazette.com/news/business/story/2020/may/17/mortgage-lenders-tighten-screws-us-credit-echo-2008/827816/>

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/markets/tragic-record-first-time-ever-more-half-us-population-not-working>

<sup>22</sup> <https://www.zerohedge.com/markets/v-shaped-recovery-will-not-be-possible-todays-job-losses-reflect-40-gdp-crash>

<sup>23</sup> <https://sputniknews.com/asia/202005081079248394-beijing-media-calls-for-quadrupling-chinas-nuclear-weapons-as-us-continues-encirclement/>

I'm going to stop there but hope we're not losing sight of the reality of time, and where we are, and the direction things are moving. I want to read the last part of this, the book now.

"Time is not on our side any longer as everything is beginning to cry out that the world has arrived to the point of final prophetic events that are about to be unleashed in this last period of the end-time. That final period begins with WWIII and ends with the return of Christ." Pentecost - some Pentecost. "From this point forward, the world is somewhat living on borrowed time." Indeed, it is. "The time to act is now! The time to prepare, if these events have not already started by the time you read this, is right now! Remember, if you will listen to God, He will listen to you!" Awesome!

So again here, I think about where we are. I want to read that first sentence of the paragraph just before the last one here, "Time is not on our side any longer as everything is beginning to cry out that the world has arrived to the point of the final prophetic events that are about to be unleashed in this last period of the end-time."

Thought it'd be good at this point here for those who have been around from the beginning of the count when it began, going all the way back to the Apostasy, others have been called in at various steps along the way. As a matter of fact, the majority of people have been called along at some point later on, mostly beyond 2,000 on up to 2005-6 and 7, 8, in through there. Most has taken place during that period of time. But I think about those, whether it be from the beginning of the Apostasy or along the way, think about what you have experienced already.

Think about, as I mentioned earlier, struck by the fact of what it said in *Prophesied End-Time*, and when talking about the Seals, still looking ahead to certain things that hadn't been revealed yet, hadn't been revealed, the importance of 2008 and God's final witness.

That hadn't happened; *Prophesied End-Time*. We didn't know exactly where we were being taken as a Church. Didn't know what was going to take place, that a new doctrine or truth, if you would, would come along to help us to understand when Christ would return to this earth - on a Pentecost instead of a Trumpets - and how much that would cause a rippling effect in the Church, and candidly, change a lot of things for us that we've gone through already.

So, how many experienced this? How many experienced the first Seal opened, the Apostasy that took place at the end of 1994? Well, you look backward maybe if you came in later, but it hasn't been that long. But consider this.

Then that which continued over the following months and through the first 3½ years of the Second, Third, and Fourth Seals being opened. So that just continued on until the end of that 3½ year period where God protected us, where the remnant hadn't been established yet. And then the Fifth Seal and this transition that took place right at that time as the Fifth Seal was opened in a transitional period from the end of that period and the beginning of a new one for God's Church, the remnant era, the remnant people of God as God had re-established the Church now as a remnant to continue on to Christ's coming, to that point in time.

So, a lot of things already we've seen, we've witnessed these things up to the Fifth Seal. And then the Sixth Seal that was opened at the time of the First Thunder which also sounded on 9/11.

God revealed to us that that was the beginning of that period of time. And then, finally, up to November and December of 2008 we experienced the beginning of the opening of the Seventh Seal. Complete.

And yet there is a period of time in there which has to do with the Seven Trumpets and even those already sounded, but their events haven't taken place. So, God had revealed very clearly that there are certain things that took place in those months and understanding of certain things that would lead up to the fifth end-time prophetic period that led up to Pentecost of 2012. We've lived through all of that.

I just think, what an incredible thing we've seen all these things and then we read about something like this and to me it strikes me. 7, 7, Seven Seals now and Seven Trumpets have already sounded and we know what we're waiting for, the beginning of the events of those Trumpets when the First, Second, Third, and Fourth will take place very rapidly together at the beginning of WWIII. How far away is that? It may be very close. It may be a few years. I don't know. But we better be prepared as though it's very soon because it could happen very soon.

But I marvel that we're keeping a Pentecost now a year after a focus that we had leading us up to 2019 and how incredible that has been. Because we have witnessed, we have seen a lot as God's Church, we truly have.

I was going to spend time in going through some of this, but I really don't need to, in Revelation 7 where it talks about this and the events that are right in front of us. Because we know what has to take place before those final events happen, and those events, obviously, not to happen within that prophetic seven end-time periods of account that have led us up to Pentecost of 2019. We've come a long way since the Apostasy and what's remaining is a short period of time in comparison. It truly is.

We have a long period of time we've gone through, we've witnessed, we've seen, we've learned, we've grown as God's people, and we have a short period of time. We look forward to a particular period of time.

So again, to go through all this, to realize what's getting ready to take place when the final sealing takes place, because then it can begin and hopefully happen quickly and not be very long in its duration because it's going to be horrifying in ways that we can't even begin to imagine, truly.

So, we are picturing today the fulfillment of the wave loaves. We recognize that the wave sheaf was offered at a particular time tied in together with the wave loaves pictured in this in the coming of the Kingdom of God that happens on a Pentecost. It's a beautiful picture about the firstfruits of God, that the sealing (perhaps very, very close now), and when it does then it won't be long until that great resurrection that takes place and those who are waved up before God, 144,000, to be accepted by Him to be in His Family, Elohim, to be in His Kingdom, to rule and reign with Christ for a 1,100 plus years.

What an incredible thing, this Holy Day of Pentecost 2020.