

An Unexpected King for an Unprepared Generation Part 1: Urgency; Lawlessness; Lies; UN; Nimrod (6/30/2018)

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The title of today's message is An Unexpected King for an Unprepared Generation. When you look at the Gospel of Matthew, chapter sixteen specifically, there's something there most of you have probably read several times. I've probably read it hundreds upon hundreds of times, but there's always that moment when you read something and the Holy Spirit stops you in your tracks and emphasizes a portion of Scripture, so you feel the weight of it regarding what is being said. That was the case for me not so long ago when I was reading Matthew sixteen.

To paraphrase the verse, the Pharisees and Sadducees came to Yeshua and ask Him to show them a sign. His response was to call them hypocrites. He tells them they can discern the appearance of the sky, but they cannot discern the signs of the times.

Yeshua's response hit me really hard. He was telling them they were deaf and blind, and they were walking dead because they did not know what time it is. Given the reality of how Yeshua responded to them, I think it's critically important for us to ask the question, are we prepared? Do we know what time it is or we are completely blind? If we're the latter, we're as good as dead. Knowing this is critical information,

I want to open up today by taking you to 1 John 2:18—**Little children, it is the last hour**. John knows what time it is, and he tells the little children it is the last hour. If you really want to appreciate this statement, dig into the historical context. Think about this. John told them this over nineteen hundred years ago during the first century. He told them then it was the last hour. If that's the case, then I ask you, what time is it today? I will argue, it is the last minute of the last hour. We are at the end of the end of the age. We are at the point when the return of the Messiah is imminent. He is at the door.

When John says—**Little children, it is the last hour**—he is not telling them this simply to let them know Yeshua is going to return, he is telling them this because there is urgency in the message. This message was intended to create a good panic so you will get your house in order.

My parents got saved when I was a young child. During that time, they were referred to as the Jesus People. There was a revival in the sixty's and seventy's that swept this country and all over the world. People were coming to faith in Yeshua by the droves. Thousands were waiting in line to get into these tents services that were happening. These services were not taking place for an hour or two. They were

going eight, ten, or even twelve hours long. There was a particular narrative that existed back then that put me back on my heels as a young man. All I could think about all day long was something I saw on tee shirts, billboards, people holding up homemade signs, and preachers preaching it week after week after week. This was the narrative, "Jesus is coming soon."

That was the message. All I could hear in the Bible studies my parents were attending, what they talked about, was, "Jesus is coming soon." It was so powerful! There was a period of my life, for several years, where I would start each day thinking this could be the day. I felt I was living in the moment of His return. The message being preached was urgent and real to me. There was a stir of panic and rightfully so because Yeshua is coming soon.

One of the scary things I experienced growing up in the seventy's was hearing this narrative that Jesus is coming soon. I don't see that same urgency or panic today in the Church, and that is frightening!

Going to 1 Peter 4:7—**But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers (emphasis added).** Peter knew what John knew, and Peter was creating this urgency, this panic, by telling his audience they need to listen because the end of everything is at hand. It is right before us, so we better get serious and be watchful. When you look in the Greek, the word "serious" actually means sober. It means you are not given to illusion and are not going to fall into a trap. It means you are going to have perfect clarity of mind because you want to know exactly what's going on.

Isaiah 30:2—**Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD GOD: "Wail, 'Woe to the day!' ³ For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles (emphasis added).** We will get into the statement, "the time of the Gentiles" more next week. Here, however, we see the Holy Spirit put words into Ezekiel's mouth, and this was the message he was to bring to the people of God. He was a true prophet of God; he was a watchman. As a watchman, what was he to do? He was to bring to the forefront the reality of the urgency, which is, "You should be panicking because the LORD is on his way."

Isaiah 13:6-9—⁶ **Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. ⁷Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will melt, ⁸ and they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; they will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; they will be amazed at one another; their faces will be like flames. ⁹ Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it (emphasis added).**

Here's the reality. Isaiah is causing a panic here by saying the LORD is coming and hell is coming with Him. We are told by Isaiah the LORD is literally clothing Himself in garments of vengeance; therefore, there is a real cause for urgency and panic. He is coming soon.

Here is the thing being conveyed. There is nothing anyone can do about it. Nobody can stop what is coming. This is terrifying!

You think you know what pain, sorrow, and fear in this life are? You have no idea. If you take every single individual and put all their fears together, it will pale in comparison to when the Messiah Yeshua is revealed from heaven in His pure, infinite holiness. There will be a fear that sweeps across the land. Every hand will hang limp; they will be frozen.

Moving on to Revelation 22:12 where we find Yeshua saying the same thing we read in Isaiah thirty-nine—**And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work (emphasis added, Revelation 22:12).** In the original language, I am coming quickly doesn't mean Yeshua is taking His time coming back. No. It says He is coming quickly.

This gets into the situation of do you actually believe this is true? All you need to do is start taking a personal audit of what are you meditating on. What have you been meditating on in the past couple of days? What are you going to be meditating on in the next couple days? Be mindful regarding what you are thinking about. Are you concerned about all these things in the world and building your kingdom here? Are you focused on all the things you have to do here versus how much time you spend in the Word hearing from God and taking His counsel? How much time do you really spend in prayer versus the time you spend in front of the T.V. taking the counsel of the world, with its witchcraft, idolatry, and immorality?

I have to tell you something. When you start to do this audit and see how much time you've invested in all these cares and concerns of the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, I'm going to tell you right now, there is no way you could convince me you believe the principles of these verses. If you really believed it, you would be immersing yourself in the Word, prayer, and fasting. There would be an urgency to spread the gospel and urgency to receive it.

There is such a refining process that happens when someone actually feels the weight of this as I did as a young man. When you actually believed He is coming, the purification process that happens to us is amazing. You get clarity of mind from the Holy Spirit showing you things so you're able to see the wickedness of the world and want nothing to do with it. You will see all the deceptions the world has to offer. You will see how tantalizing the world is and want nothing to do with it. It will be anathema to you. You will hate it. Why? Because you know He is about to be revealed, and all you can think about and be concerned about is when he is revealed will you be found as a sheep or a goat. This should be consuming you.

Notice what the Apostle Paul says in Romans 13:11-12—¹¹ **And do this, knowing the time** [We are to know the time. We are not to be like the Pharisees and Sadducees who Yeshua rebuked and called them hypocrites for not knowing the time], **that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.** ¹² **The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light (emphasis added).** We are to get right with Yeshua and get into a relationship with Him. We are to stop chasing the nonsense of the world that will lead you to your destruction. We don't have time to build our own kingdom here.

Paul tells the Corinthians, in 2 Corinthians at the end of chapter four, we don't seek the things which are seen. He tells us we are to seek the things which are unseen. Things which are seen are temporary, and things which are unseen are eternal.

I'm going to tell you right now you better have your eyes fixed on the LORD. You better have your eyes fixed in His Word so you can see and hear because if you're living your life by soaking in the immorality and fleshly desires of your heart, they will destroy you. We've got to shed that stuff. We've got to seek first the Kingdom of God.

So we have looked at Isaiah, Ezekiel, Paul, Peter, and Yeshua. Now we are going to look at James 5:8-9—⁸ **You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the LORD is at hand.** ⁹ **Do not grumble**

against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. **Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!** (Emphasis added). There is urgency. There is cause for panic, because He is at the door.

Look at all of these righteous men in the Bible. They are all saying the same thing, and they're all moving with the same panic. They're freaking out, and they're trying to convey the reality to us, but if you're looking at the world, you're not going to listen. You become complacent. They say curiosity killed the cat, but complacency will kill the Church. I guarantee it! It is time to panic! It is time to change and prepare!

Going to Psalm 95:6-8—⁶ **Oh come, let us worship and bow down.** The first thing you need to recognize is there is a calling. The LORD is calling you to Him telling you, "Come and worship Me." Think about when Yeshua came and said, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." There was a call to come and worship and follow Him. What is being preached in Psalm 95 is the Gospel.

Continuing in Psalm 95:6-8—**let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.** ⁷ **For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice** (emphasis added). He does not say tomorrow or sometime in the future when it is convenient for you because you don't want to mess with your worldly schedule. He doesn't say, "Continue with your stuff because you can hear His voice later." He says, "Today." This is a Joshua twenty-four moment, "Choose you this day [today] whom you will serve." You cannot wait! With the true Gospel, when it is preached with Holy Spirit power, there is urgency! You can't preach it with enough urgency! There is panic because there is no tomorrow. When the Gospel is being moved in truth, you don't think about tomorrow.

I can tell you, and I'm not making this up, it's terrifying to listen to people's testimony. They will say to me, "Daniel, I know I shouldn't be doing what I am doing, yet I continue to do it. I am just thankful the grace of God is upon me, and at some point I know I am going to come back to the LORD, and I will repent." No, you won't! You have already decided, today, who you will serve.

It drives me crazy when people use the thief on the cross as the precedent. People will tell me, "When I get put up on the cross, and I'm about to die, that's when I'm going to turn back to the LORD." No, you won't! You've already chosen.

Listen again to what the Psalmist says in Psalm 95:7-8—⁷ **Today, if you will hear His voice:** ⁸ **"Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness** (emphasis added). In other words, if you do not accept Him today, you are following the same example Israel did. They didn't listen to Him and rejected Him. They walked in rebellion.

How did that work out for Israel? When they did come around and repented, and they wanted to go up into the land, God said, "You will not go." What did they do? They went anyway.

If you think you can wait, it is not going to work. If we are going to hold the name of Yeshua in our hands, it has to be with urgency because there's no time left. We need to wake up and know what time it is.

Going back to 1 John 2:18—**Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard the Antichrist is coming** (emphasis added). There is a central figure in play here. In the Greek, the singular of the word

Antichrist literally means the opponents of Christ or the adversary of Christ. There is a specific individual who is going to come on the scene. According to Scripture, through the Prophets, this individual will exist at the coming of the Messiah. More than that, right before the arrival of the Messiah this Antichrist is revealed to the world. They're going to see him for who he is.

Now we are not done. John says we are in the last hour, and the Antichrist will come. Then John continues—**even now many Antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour (emphasis added, 1 John 2:18)**. I want you to think about that statement for a second. He says, “Many Antichrists.” This is how we know John's determination of looking and understanding what the signs of the times are. One of those signs and pieces of evidence to support his statement, we're in the last hour, was he looked out on the landscape where he saw there where Antichrists running amuck.

I want to draw your attention to the—**many Antichrists**. There is something here that has been helpful for me, and I think it might be helpful for you to give you perspective in regard to where John is coming from when he uses this term Antichrists in the plural. He uses this term synonymously with the term false prophets. So when there are all these Antichrists, as he calls them, they are the false prophets. That should help put it into perspective for you.

Let me help prove this to you by taking you to 1 John 4:1—**Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world (emphasis added)**. The term, many false prophets, is the same Greek construction as the term Antichrists. So in 1 John 2:18 and 1 John 4:1, John is using these terms interchangeably. That is very important to know.

For further proof of this, all we need to do is to go back and finish this statement by putting up verse nineteen—¹⁸ **Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many Antichrists have come, by which we know.** ¹⁹ **They went out from us (emphasis added, 1 John 2:18-19)**.

Now I want you to think about that statement for a second—**they went out from us**. John is looking at the landscape, and he just declared there are many Antichrists, which are the false prophets. The scariest thing about this statement is these Antichrists and false prophets came from us! They came out of our camp.

Think about that. Out of the most powerful Church, the Church of the first century, which boasted the Apostles of the Messiah, who saw His resurrection form, who we follow because of what they taught, were streaming Antichrists. Think about that deception for a second!

As a side-note since we just got done with Galatians, the phrase—they went out from us—is the exact same Greek construction you find in Acts 15:24 when the Apostles said in their letter to the Gentiles, “We have heard some went out from us and have troubled you and unsettled your soul with words to whom we gave no such command.” That is the same Greek construction.

You need to understand, these men went out teaching you need to be circumcised even though you have the circumcision of Christ upon you. Therefore, you need to understand what was really being said. They were saying, “Antichrists have left our camp. They've gone forth.” So this gives you the perspective in regard to—Antichrists have gone forth. You need to feel the weight of that reality

because what I'm telling you is if Antichrists were pouring out of the first century Church, how much more today?

This is the point Paul makes in 2 Timothy 3:13—**But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (emphasis added)**. Paul, in the first century, said, “Guess what? It is not going to get better. It's going to get worse and worse.’ I am going to tell you it only increases until we get to the Day of Judgment. Evil is growing; deception is growing; it is like cancer.

2 Timothy 4:3-4—³ **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers** [these are the Antichrists, false teachers, and false prophets]; ⁴ **and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables (emphasis added)**.

In Paul’s first letter to Timothy, we find the same—**Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons (emphasis added, 1 Timothy 4:1)**. The deceiving spirits and demons are working through false prophets.

2 Peter 2:1—**But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies (emphasis added)**. They're going to bring doctrines into the Church that are going to lead you to your death.

Again, look at the Church today. What is frightening to me is everything these men have spoken is being fulfilled right before our eyes. Antichrists have been let loose, and they're leading people to their death. They promise them life and liberty, and the people love them for it. We live in scary times! Do we know what time it is?

I want to take you to 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8—⁷ **For the mystery of Lawlessness is already at work** [this was written in the last hour; now we are in the last minute of the last hour]; **only He who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.** ⁸ **And then the Lawless one (emphasis added)**. The Lawless one is *ἀνομος* (*anomos*) in the Greek. This is important to point out. John calls him the ἀντίχριστος (*antichristos*), and Paul calls him the *ἀνομος* (*anomos*). It's the same person. We are talking about the Antichrist. Paul is explicitly bringing the Antichrist to the forefront who is called the Lawless one here in the English.

Continuing in 2 Thessalonians 2:8-9—⁸ **And then the Lawless one will be revealed**. That's very important to know because that's one of the reasons we have 2 Thessalonians chapter two. People were running around saying this coming had already happened. Paul is telling them to stop saying that. He is telling them Yeshua has not come yet because the Lawless one hasn't been revealed. Paul knew the signs of the times. He was anointed, so he had eyes to see and ears to hear, and he knew what had to happen first.

Continuing in 2 Thessalonians 2:8-9—⁸ **And then the Lawless one will be revealed, whom the LORD will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.** ⁹ **The coming of the Lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders (emphasis added)**. In other words, the Antichrist, singular, will be the very embodiment of Satan. This is not the false teachers or false prophets.

I want you to think about something, which is a picture. When Yeshua was being betrayed, Judas leaves. In John 13:27 we are told Satan literally entered Judas. Now Judas is a great example of the Antichrist, and what happened? The devil entered him, and he went to make war against Yeshua. It was a great battle.

All this is going to happen again. The Devil is going to come and inhabit the Lawless one. It's going to be according to the Devil's power, signs, and wonders. The only difference is instead of Yeshua going to the cross, Yeshua is going to destroy Satan. He will never again exist. This will be a very different outcome.

Continuing in 2 Thessalonians 2:10—**and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved (emphasis added)**. So we need to recognize there is a rejection of the truth. At the end of time, there's going to be this mass rejection of Torah, and of the Torah made flesh.

2 Thessalonians 2:10—**And for this reason, God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie (emphasis added)**. So get this. At the very end, there's going to be a mass rejection of Torah, and a mass rejection of the truth of the living Torah, Yeshua, but something happens because of that. All the sudden delusion sets in.

If we're at the end, what we should be seeing is mass psychosis. We should be seeing a complete detachment from reality if we're at the end. We should see the masses of the world falling into complete delusion.

Well, let me help clarify this for you. It is amazing the conversations you can have with people regarding unborn children. People have been told, and they believe the lie, the unborn child in a mother's womb is a blob of cells. However, one second after being born it is now a human being. Now we can give this human being its rights. One second before being born, it is a blob of cells; one second after being born it is a human with rights. I call that delusion. I call that mass psychosis. That is totally detached from reality.

Think about the transgender issue that is going on. Now we've got special, general neutral pronouns you have never heard before. If someone, is a man biologically wants to be a woman, guess what? Magically he is now a woman. And if someone doesn't want to be a man or woman, suddenly they don't have a sex. There is no biology. At that point, you have to use this general neutral pronoun. This is mass delusion. This is what we were told in Scripture to expect.

I will share this to prove a point. Not that long ago I had a conversation with an atheist. I've talked to him about the LORD before, but he's just not interested. I recently ran into him and asked him how he was doing and what he was doing for work. He told me, "Daniel, you would not believe what I am doing. I have to build bathrooms, for a particular retailer, for confused people." This is what an atheist told me. This man, an atheist, has no interest in God. He has no spiritual eyes to see, at least not yet. I pray for him, but that is what he said. When I have an atheist telling me this and recognizing the delusion, we are at the end of time. I walked away from there marveling. Mass delusion will exist at the very end.

2 Peter 3:3-4—**knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation (emphasis added)**. In other words, another aspect

we need to identify that will be at the end of the end is that scoffers will rise up and say, “Oh, right. Yeshua is coming soon. Blah, blah, blah. We’ve heard that before.” All of the sudden, the name of Yeshua becomes a mockery, and we who believe in Yeshua’s coming become the delusional ones. Do you see how this works? This was all prophesied long ago. We were told this is what was going to happen.

I'm going to jump ahead here and pick it up in 2 Peter 3:10—**But the day of the LORD will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up (emphasis added).** This is a warning that was sent to us. He is coming as a thief in the night. He is going to be an unexpected King for an unprepared generation. This generation now should be looking for the return of the King.

We can also look at what the Apostle Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3—¹ **But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.** ² **For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the LORD so comes as a thief in the night.** ³ **For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape (emphasis added).** Another thing you must be looking for at the end of the end, right before the coming of the LORD, is the people will be crying out, “Peace and safety.”

Here is an interesting fact. At the end of World War 11, there was an organization put together that is called the United Nations, and it has some very specific directives. One of those directives is peace and safety. I took this right off their website, and I want you to see this.



This is what they do. They maintain international peace and security. The U.N. Security Council has the primary responsibility for international peace and safety. That is the very thing we're told the people would be saying right before the coming of the Messiah.

When you take this a step further, do you know when the U.N. was established? October 24, 1945. Why is that significant? When you take that date into the Jewish calendar, it becomes very significant. It is the 17th of Cheshvan. What happened on that date? It was the first day the LORD opened judgment in the days of Noah. It was the initiation of judgment.

If you think the U.N. being put together to proclaim peace and safety the very same day the LORD opened judgment in the days of Noah is a coincidence, you better guess again. There is something else about the U.N. that is bigger than all of what I just showed you. What is the primary purpose of the U.N.? It is to draw all nations together. Hence the name United Nations.

Let me take you to a prophecy found in Joel 3:1—¹ **For behold, in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem (emphasis added).** You need to start recognizing the time you are in. Both the formation of the U.N. and the start of the bringing back of the Jewish people to an independent nation called Israel happened around the same time, 1948. It is interesting how the LORD prophesied through Joel He would bring them home at the end of the age. This is the very end Joel is talking about.

Now, look at what it says next in Joel 3:2—² **I will also gather all nations.** Now think about this. God is not simply going to bring back Israel. He is going to unite the nations. He is going to—**bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel.** Isn't that interesting? The very day the U.N. was created is the very day God began to pour out judgment on the rebellious.

Continuing in Joel 3:2—**whom they have scattered among the nations; they have also divided up My land (emphasis added).** I challenge you to go to the U.N. website or Google and look at the Palestine partition plan. Look up Resolution 181 and notice who was at the helm of that Resolution? It was the United Nations. **They have divided up My land.** The nations have come together to divide the land of Israel.

You tell me what days we're living in! You tell me what time it is? We are at the very end of the end. This is frightening!

I want to take you to Genesis 11 because if you have been with me long enough, you know all the stories in Scripture are prophetic representations that have prophecy embedded within them. Remember the saying— Ma'eseh Avot Si'man Le'banim (The actions/deeds of the fathers are a sign for the children)? This all ties in with the U.N. This ties in with what's going on right now.

Genesis 11:1-4—¹ **Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. ² And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. ³ Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴ And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens (emphasis added).**

This story of the Tower of Babel is highly prophetic regarding the end of the age. These people all got together and said, "We are going to build something so grand and exceptional." The thing is, only a couple hundred years earlier what event took place? The flood took place. So what is God's judgment on the earth that will happen by the nations? Keep in mind all the nations had come together, and their response is to build a great, elevated city whose tower is going to reach the heavens. They did this so the next time the LORD would bring judgment, they would not be subjected to God's judgment. The whole act of building this tower was rebellion toward God. This is an act done in order to be independent of God. They had decided they wanted nothing to do with Him.

Let me further prove this to you in a little bit of commentary from Josephus. This is regarding the story of the Tower of Babel. **Now it was Nimrod [Nimrod is a picture of Antichrist] who excited them to such**

an affront and contempt of God. I'm going to tell you this is what the Antichrist and the spirit of Antichrist moving in the Antichrist does. He has such an affront and contempt of God. He would give his all to have contempt for God's Law. They, the people of Babel have a contempt for whom He is and His righteousness.

Continuing—He was the grandson of Ham, the son of Noah, a bold man. One of the characteristics of the Antichrist you can absolutely expect to see is he is fearless. Antiochus Epiphanes is a perfect example. He was a perfect picture of the final Antichrist. He went into the Holy Temple laughing and giggling while he psychotically defiled the Holy Temple of God. It was as though he was drunk. This is the same spirit and boldness we see in Nimrod.

Continuing—and of great strength of hand. He persuaded them not to ascribe it to God [He told them not to give it to the LORD]. As if it was through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. We are living in a generation of this self-glorification and gratification.

Moving on—He also gradually changed the government into tyranny. I challenge you to start looking around the globe and notice what's happening. The word tyranny is being used over and over and over again by multiple governments. The reason for this is because the spirit of Antichrist is moving. It is here.

Continuing—seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence on his power. He also said he would bring revenge on God if He should have a mind to drown the world again; for that he would build a tower too high for the waters to be able to reach and that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers! (Emphasis added, Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, Bk 1, Ch 4, Sec 2). This is an amazing commentary that recognizes the rebellion happening at the Tower of Babel regarding the purpose of its construction.

Genesis 11:4—And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth" (emphasis added). Isn't that interesting? He says—lest we be scattered. We need to stop here because this is the same Hebrew word you see used of Israel. When Israel sinned against God, what did He do as punishment? He scattered them. By comparison, what are the people of Babel doing? They are refusing to accept the judgment of God.

When the Gospel is going out in this age, and people are looking at you with their politically correct agenda, and they're foaming at the mouth with hatred towards you, you need to understand this is the situation. They will not be subject to the judgment of God and come under His authority. It is frightening.

Continuing in Genesis 11:5-6—⁵ But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. ⁶ And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one (emphasis added). This is the United Nations. They have come together as one for the same efforts. And they all have one language. Have you noticed that for the first time since the Tower of Babel, the language barriers are broken down? We have interpreters, and most people today speak English. We are moving back to one language.

Continuing in Genesis 11:6-7—and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. ⁷ **Come, let Us go down** and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech" (emphasis added).

Look at what's going on here! They have come together as one man for one cause. They refuse to come under the judgment of God. What is the next thing we read? That action is what prompts the coming of the Messiah. What does He do? He scatters them; He brings judgment.

So when we start looking at the United Nations, and things of that nature, you need to open your eyes and see what is going on. You need to understand how close we are to the end because we are at the very end.