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End Times Bible Study Part 4

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We have been talking about the end times from the perspective of the Bible study. What does the Bible say about the end of the world? Because there are a lot of things that people talk about with regard to the end of the world, but what is the correct thing? In other words, what does the Bible say? That's what we're interested in, what the Bible says.

So let's take a look in our Bibles. We started in I Thessalonians Chapter 4. That's kind of the beginning of our Bible study every week because it is a reminder. I want to show you something that the apostle Paul said in I Thessalonians 4:13. We already did kind of a study from verse 13 all the way to the end of the chapter in verse 18, but I just want to remind you. Every week I'm going to remind you of this as we do this Bible study because it's something that the Lord said. Paul said this under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It's God speaking to us, and something that He says in verse 13 is, *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren.* God does not want us to be ignorant.

What does the word "ignorant" mean, Ms. Ypille?

[Ms. Ypille:] Ignorant means not knowing something.

It simply means not knowing. It's not an insult. I know people use that word as an insult today,

but it's not. It's a word that simply means not knowing. So God does not want us to be not knowing about these end times. I always take us there first so we can see that God is interested in us knowing.

Now, let's go back to where we left off last week, which is in the book of Matthew, Chapter 24. We started dissecting the first few verses of Matthew Chapter 24 last week, and I'm going to take you back into a verse that we already studied a little bit but something else that I'm going to remind you every week when we study this. We saw that Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said, *I would not have you to be ignorant.*

Here, Jesus Himself says, in the second half of verse 4 something very, very important. *Take heed... that means take care... that no man deceive you.*

Ms. Ypille, why do you think that Jesus would have to say, "Be careful that no man deceive you"?

[Ms. Ypille:] As a warning, because Satan is a good deceiver.

Absolutely. In fact the book of Revelation, which we are going to get into at a later time during this study, it talks about Satan as the great dragon who deceived the world from the



beginning. And so Jesus is giving an admonishment, a warning, to us saved people to not be deceived. He said, "Be careful what you study. Be careful what you listen to. Be careful what you believe, because many will be deceived in the last days."

So how do you know what I'm saying is true on this radio broadcast? Anybody could come in here and pay a fee and broadcast a radio show. Well, the only way for you to verify anything that I or anybody else is saying, dear listener, is to get into your Bible and verify it by the Word of God. See, the Bible says about itself, *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.* That's Romans 10:17 if you're interested. So we need to make sure that we're not deceived.

Last week we talked about, I think, the first five or six verses in here. We talked about how many would be coming in His name. The word "name" in the Bible is also a very interesting word. I encourage you, dear listener, to do word studies in the Bible. Find out what words are there, why they are used the way they are, the word "name." What can you tell me about the word "name," Ms. Ypille?

[Ms. Ypille:] Oh, many things, that a name is important, that a name is significant for a person.

What if I told you that the word "name" also means authority? For example, if I try to go to the mayor's office and I say to him, "I come to you in the name of the governor of Leyte."

[Ms. Ypille:] It bears authority.

It bears authority. But now, should the mayor just receive me into his office to listen to

whatever I have to say without verifying my authority?

[Ms. Ypille:] No, no, he would have to check your credentials.

That's correct, and that's what Jesus is saying here. He says many are going to come in His name, but we need to check their credentials. And He said, "Many will say, 'I am Christ.'" So they are going to come in the authority or they're going to try to forge, if you will, the authority of Jesus Christ. And they're going to be saying, "I am Christ."

Now, the word "Christ" is a very interesting word. The word "Christ" is the Greek New Testament translation of the Hebrew Old Testament word "Messiah." The word "Messiah" means Chosen One, Anointed One, Ordained One, and it's very well understood that that is speaking of God the Son. God sent His only begotten Son; that's the Messiah.

So, "I am Christ." Many people have done that and are doing that today. Many people have done that for the last couple of thousand years, but we have a lot of people doing it today. And what's interesting about the day that we live in today is not so much how many of them are doing it, because some would argue there have always been people coming in the name of Jesus and today is no different from any other day.

Well, I beg to differ, because even if today there are just as many people claiming to be Christ as there have been for the last couple of thousand years, there is something different about today. And that is that today anybody can access someone claiming to be God or sent from God or something like that. In the past some person could come, claiming to have the authority of



God and, of course, speaking and teaching lies, but they would capture a local area of people and perhaps his fame would be broadcast to further out regions and that's about it. But today, anybody can stand up, kind of like me right now.

Right now, the broadcast is not only going over a 100,000-watt transmitter in Tacloban City, but I'm looking at a screen right now on UStream.tv and we are being streamed out live on UStream, and this goes all over the world. Anybody right now can access the Internet and see what we're teaching. So we are in a different day because many, many, many more are being deceived today than ever were before, even if the number of them that are claiming to be from God is the same. Jesus knew that, and He says here they shall deceive many at the end of verse 5. That is the day that we're living in here.

Last week, we talked a little bit about wars and rumors of wars. That's always happened and that's going on today, but then it gives us some comfort. He says, *See that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass.* They must come to pass. This is something that is already ordained. God already saw it. He says, "Listen, you trust in Me. Don't trust in CNN; don't trust in the army; don't trust in money; don't worry about what the news is saying; you trust in Me." And He says, *But the end is not yet.* And of course not, because those things have been going on for a long time.

Last week we talked about World War I, which in its day was called the Great War.

[Ms. Ypille:] The war to end all wars, they called it.

Yes, they called it the war to end all wars. Boy, were they wrong. They also called it the Great War because there was no distinction between World War I or II or anything because there was only the first one.

Now, a couple of decades later comes World War II, and so they referred to the Great War as World War I. World War II was much bigger than World War I and more devastating, and the armament was much bigger. Is there a World War III coming? Well, we talked a little bit about that last week, and we understand from the Bible that, yes, there actually is a World War III coming. The Bible calls it something different. The Bible calls it Armageddon, but we're not there. We'll be there in a few weeks.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places. Let's take a look at that verse.

Nation shall rise against nation. That's a no-brainer. That's been happening. It's happening today and it continues to happen. What's really interesting about this, or I could use the word "funny" but I don't mean it in a funny way, just peculiar. Today people are talking about world peace more than at any other time in history, yet today, nation is rising up against nation either just as much or more than at any other time in history.

[Ms. Ypille:] There's more violence, ironically.

Ironically, yes. So that's interesting. Kingdom against kingdom, referring to something bigger than nations because a kingdom is a type of a principality that is followed by many. A king-



dom can sometimes refer to something larger than a nation.

For example, back in the days of the Soviet Union, one could say that the Soviet Union was a type of kingdom or a type of empire, which an empire is a kingdom, because it wasn't just Russia; it was all the satellite countries of the Soviet Union. That's why it was called the Soviet Union. That could be considered a kingdom. Today there are still countries that follow Russia. They're in a confederation with Russia. There are nations that are aligned with China. There are nations that are aligned with the United States, but each one of those, in a manner of speaking, could be referred to as a kingdom.

[Ms. Ypille:] Or a commonwealth is a kingdom.

Correct. So, here, Jesus is giving us nation shall rise against nation individually and also kingdom shall rise against kingdom, which is a larger conflict. And, of course, we know about the things that are going on in the Middle East and so forth. But let's continue here. It says there shall be famines. What is a famine, Ypille?

[Ms. Ypille:] Oh, just hunger, like on a very large scale. I'd say something wherein needs are not met.

That's correct. It's not just about food. There are famines of food. People are starving all over the world, but there are also famines of proper medical care. There is famine of knowledge. And how about this, a famine of truth and the Gospel. So Jesus was referring to all of these things, we believe.

And pestilences, what's that?

[Ms. Ypille:] In the old sense, it meant like locusts that brought disease. Like in the modern day, we would say a lot of flies in a particular place and then after that, it would cause a lot of outbreaks.

Yes, a pestilence is a devastating invasion of something foreign that usually is accompanied by disease. When Yolanda happened here in Tacloban City and other surrounding areas, there was pestilence because there were dead bodies all over the streets and there was a stench in the area and the smell of death and, of course, with that it brought flies and rats and disease and so forth. So that is a pestilence, but there are pestilences all over the world today. There have been the strangest animal deaths all over the world today. They are actually accessible in the news. Large schools of fish that have washed up dead on shores. Large flocks of birds that are just falling out of the sky and so forth, all of these different kinds of animal deaths, even land animals, certain herds of gazelles and stuff.

I don't do this often, dear listener, because I'm not into sensationalism and I'm very, very careful, but I do recommend one YouTube channel. The reason I like it is because there is no commentary and the person that produces this channel does not insert his own voice or opinion. All he does is clip together different news clippings from news sources, NBC, ABC, CBS, all that stuff, and the name of the YouTube channel is JasonA, the letter A which I assume stands for his last name. That's all I know about him. The name of the YouTube channel is JasonA. I recommend that you watch some of his videos, because he puts together news clippings from all over the



world, mostly from the West, but all over the world simply showing what's happening. And I really appreciate the way he does that without trying to insert some kind of video production or his own opinion in that. You see a lot of these famines and pestilences coming in here.

Another thing that Jesus said, earthquakes. I remember talking to a man a few years ago about these earthquakes, and I was talking about how there has been an earthquake in the last twenty years or so all over the world. The man I was speaking to was supposedly a Christian but he counter argued with me. He said, "No, there haven't been any earthquakes increasing. The reason why we're seeing an increase in the reporting of earthquakes is because we have more seismographs out now." You know, more recording devices that have been deployed. He says essentially we have more measuring devices so, of course, we're going to be measuring more earthquakes.

And then I countered with that because I know the answer to that, and that's not entirely correct. Most people don't know this, but the same seismographs... they used to be called Richter scales, but they're seismographs. They are machines that are placed in a certain area and all they do is record tremors and earthquakes and so forth. There have been seismographs that have been sitting in the same place for a hundred years still functioning. It's very simple technology. The ones that have been deployed and been in the same spot for 60, 70, 80, 100 years are reporting an increase in frequency of earthquakes.

[Ms. Ypille:] Also, too, nature itself, the monitoring systems that we have right now could tell seismic activity, as well as changes in tectonic plates from 200 years ago. They

are able to tell did something happen in the 1800s, even in the 1700s. As early as medieval ages there was a great earthquake here and a great earthquake there, a volcanic eruption here, so yes, that's a moot theory. It does not compute. The seismic activities are increasing.

And for years and years, people have tried to scoff at the Bible and deny that these things are increasing, but the evidence is so clear that now they cannot debunk it any more. So now what they've done is they've changed their strategy. Now they're saying, yes, it's because of global warming that these things are happening. And, of course, when they realized that the term "global warming" wasn't going to work because things started freezing, then they started using "climate change." That's the new thing, climate change.

Now, let me say something to Christians that might be out there listening that might make you kind of angry and you say, "Well, you know these people. There's no such thing." Listen, there is such a thing as climate change because Jesus just said there would be. But the reason for the climate change is not so much because of man and the emission of greenhouse gases and we need clean technology and burning fossil fuels is bad. It's not because of that. It's because the whole world is travailing or shaking because of the sin that was introduced into this universe back in the Garden of Eden. So there is such a thing as climate change. Here it is. Jesus is saying it.

[Ms. Ypille:] Also, there is in fact global warming. In fact, there will be a global melting. It's written in the Bible.



Absolutely, the world's going to pass away in a fervent heat. So, He says earthquakes in diverse places. The word "diverse" means many. Many different kinds of places. So that's something that we're seeing today that really cannot be denied anymore. Now, the people who don't believe in the Lord and His Word will use any excuse and they'll debunk it and trump it up to something else. But the Bible already said it long before they were even born.

He says in verse 8, *All these are the beginning of sorrows*. That's an Old English way of saying, "You ain't seen nothing yet."

[Ms. Ypille:] The American South, they use this to top another story.

Yeah, in the South, we have stuff like that when we talk about, "Oh, man, that guy's glasses were so thick, you should have seen it. They looked like Coke bottles."

And then somebody will say, "That ain't nuttin'. I got a cousin with glasses so think they can see into the future."

So anyway, that's what He's saying in verse 8. He says you haven't seen anything yet. So He's talking about the changes on the Earth, and by the way, a lot of these changes did take place, have been taking place over the last couple of centuries, but there are some things that are still taking place. But now He goes into a more personal level. So He's not just talking about the geopolitical and the geographic happenings. Now He starts going into the behavior of people. Here's something that we're seeing today. Again, it seems to be more than at any other time although there have been atrocities committed for the last couple of thousand years.

He says in verse 9, *Then shall they deliver you*. Remember, He's talking to His disciples. We are His disciples. He's not just talking to the apostles here. In Matthew Chapter 24 most people are assuming that He's only talking to the twelve. No, He's talking to His disciples. Disciples are people who follow Jesus Christ. We are disciples, so He's talking to us here.

He's saying, *Then shall they...* Who is this "they"? We're going to get into that a little bit later, but for a shortcut, the "they" is the people and the powers of the world, but not just the powers of the world as in the police, the military, the governments, the followers of the powers of the world. Today, even in the schools, they are already teaching the children how to turn in their parents. Not for child abuse. They're learning how to turn in their parents for disagreeing with the government or disagreeing with any number of things that the powers that be want to brainwash the children with. And we'll get into that a little bit later because He does touch on that a little bit. But "they" means anybody who is not a believer. Your own family members will turn you in.

Then shall they deliver you. Believers, you've got to count the cost if you want to be a Christian, because Jesus is not interested in and there's no such thing as a part-time Christian. We're talking about real Christianity here. *Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted*. Dear listener, count the cost of your Christianity if you really truly want to be a follower of Jesus Christ, because we're getting close to the time here.

See, a lot of people want to hide their Christianity. A lot of people want to be a Christian and believe in God but they want to keep it in a corner and nobody can see them.



But let me tell you something, dear listener, the kind of Christianity that is true Christianity is the one that will cost your life or can cost your life. There are people being hacked up, chopped up, murdered up, shot up all the time today and there have been.

[Ms. Ypille:] Remember Brother John *[name changed for security]* when he was just in Burma, or Myanmar, that Christianity there costs.

Christianity in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, costs.

[Ms. Ypille:] He told us, remember, that the government has an edict that you cannot proselytize another person about Christianity because the whole nation is Buddhist.

And they actually have laws about that.

[Ms. Ypille:] There's a law against that and you can go to jail. And they don't even have chairs in their homes. They worship on the floor, because people will see them through the windows that they are having a Sunday service.

Yeah, those are just little house churches. He brought pictures of those and we shared that in Sunday school this past Sunday of the pictures of the people in the house churches meeting in there. And these little nipa huts sometimes and they have 15 or 20 people and they're huddled on the floor and that's how they have their Sunday service, because they cannot have a church building like we can here in the Philippines. We're free and we're spoiled here in the Philippines. We're like the Americans where we can just have comfortable chairs.

You know, our chairs in our church are plastic chairs. We don't have air conditioning, but we have a nice hollow block building and our building is cool. We have fans and our plastic chairs are actually comfortable compared to sitting on the floor or something like that in the heat because you're half hiding. You can't let your neighbors look in and see you so they don't call the police. We're spoiled here in the Philippines and so we can afford to get fat and play our music.

Our sound system there in Babatngon in the morning, I'll come in there and I'll turn on the music so it can be heard a little bit from the street and it's kind of a normal thing to do here. But when some of the neighbors are playing some of their ungodly music near our church, bless God, I bought an 1800-watt sound system and I crank it up in there, and you can hear our church music down the street. In fact, that happened a couple of weeks ago. Somebody decided to turn their ungodly music kind of loud next door to us, and I turned up our music. We had church music. It was playing so loud that after a few minutes they just turned theirs off. They couldn't compete with us. And I did that on purpose because we have the freedom, bless God.

If we have the freedom, the devil's going to take the sound waves. Satan is going to take the radio waves. He's going to take the sound systems. You hear this ungodly drunken singalongs every day. Bless God, I'm going to use the same technology and I'm going to use it for the glory of Jesus Christ. Just like the Internet. You know, Facebook is 99.9999% trash. Even Christians use it and they post all their trash on Facebook, and I'm constantly unfriending people. But bless God, I'm going to use that to put the videos of our people being



baptized and the videos of our brethren fellowshipping and the videos of people preaching. And we need to use the technology for the Lord Jesus Christ.

But what I'm saying with this kind of excitement that I'm getting here is that we have the freedom in the Philippines to tell people about Jesus Christ, to broadcast Jesus Christ. In just a three- or four-hour airplane flight away in Myanmar, our brethren have to hide in their houses because they'll get arrested or lose their house or something if they're discovered to be practicing Christians and they're singing hymns and preaching the Word of God and things like that.

So thank God for our country here in the Philippines. I consider myself an adopted, grafted-in Filipino. I'm here and I love it. Just the same way that I'm American and I love America, the Philippines is my adopted home and it's exactly the same as America. The Philippines is not perfect. It's got her problems, but I'm glad to be here. God sent me here, and I thank God. The biggest thing that I thank God for is the freedom that we have. But most Christians here in the Philippines, just like in America, are fat, lazy, uninvolved Christians, because they don't have to hide from the authorities.

[Ms. Ypille:] Because it doesn't cost them anything.

I wonder how it would be if something happened here and all of a sudden every religion was outlawed except for one state religion under penalty of jail or death. I wonder how the Christians would be here.

[Ms. Ypille:] The chaff would be separated from the wheat.

So He says, *Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you*. So, it's like Brother Rory said, it's getting real. Because he said that. He said it gets real.

So He said, *Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted and shall kill you*. And there are parts of the world today where you cannot be a Christian under penalty of absolute death. Iran is one of those places. We are constantly praying for pastors that we get reports of that have converted from Islam to Jesus Christ and they're trying to preach Jesus Christ and they only last a few weeks or months before they end up in jail under a death penalty.

It says, *[A]and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake*. And we Christians are hated in many nations, not all nations, by the grace of God, but in many nations we're hated. And it's getting to the point where we will be hated of all nations because all you have to do is read the headlines from what's coming out of the U.S. today. I have never seen so many people say so many stupid things regarding Christians. Meaning, they'll say something like, when the Islamists bomb or a terrorist bombs or shoots a place full of people, there are people who come on to say, "That's right, it's those Christians." What in the world did the Christians do? We didn't do anything. We weren't even there.

[Ms. Ypille:] They have a religion, too. It's the religion as opposed to the deed.

It ties into the last portion of verse 9. He says, *[F]or my name's sake*. Dear Christian, remem-



ber, they hated Jesus Christ first, and what did they do to Him?

[Ms. Ypille:] They crucified Him.

They killed Him. They crucified Him completely unjustly. So, if they crucified our Master and King, they'll do it to us, too.

Now, I'll do this one quickly, verse 10, boy, does this describe today: *And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.*

Now, that word "be offended," it has a couple of different meanings. There are a couple of distinct meanings. The easy one that we can think of today is how everybody's offended. If you say, "Yeah, I saw a black man over there that was looking for a ride."

"Oh, why are you saying he was black? Why does he have to be black?"

"Well, he was."

"Why didn't you just say 'a man' was looking?"

"Well, I'm just giving a description."

"Well, why didn't you just talk about what he was wearing?"

"Okay, he was wearing pants that were really too big and they were falling around his ankles, and he was holding them with one hand."

"Oh, now you're racist because you're talking about how all black people dress like that."

See they're offended, so that's where we are today. In many different countries in the world,

everybody's offended and that's why they're betraying one another. People are choosing sides. This world is getting separated. It's getting dissected like never before.

But the other meaning of the word "offended" has a spiritual meaning and it's talking more of people who are professing, for example, professing to be Christians. There are many people who are professing, claiming to be Christians, but as soon as any kind of embarrassment or persecution comes, they are offended. In other words, they'll get away from that; they don't want to be associated with Christianity.

But it is coming to be a time when people are going to be separated, the wheat from the chaff and so forth, the sheep from the goats, because the Bible gives us a very specific promise, dear Christian listener, in II Timothy 3:12. The promise is this. Now, whenever you see the word "shall" in the Bible, you can do a word search on the word "shall" and 100% of the time that word "shall" is indicating a promise that will come to pass in the Bible.

Second Timothy 3:12 says: *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus...* Not all that shall live godly according to the government, because "godly" can be a description of just a law abider or a do-gooder. Not all that live godly in a certain religion, but *all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall...* There's the word "shall"... *suffer persecution.*

I don't care if you're living in a Christian nation or not, even in a Christian nation if you're truly living godly in Christ Jesus, you shall suffer persecution. We have experienced it ourselves. If you're truly living according to the Word of God, according to the clear understanding of



what the Bible says, I guarantee, dear Christian listener, you'll be persecuted by your own church members.

[Ms. Ypille:] Fellow Christians.

Absolutely, in your own local church where you're a church member. That's guaranteed, because most churches today are filled with people who are part-time Christians. They're Sunday Christians, a lot of them. I'm not saying all of them; I said most. That's why I didn't say all or every... most. And that's what happens.

You get a godly person in some of the best Baptist churches out there, you get a godly person that's newly saved and on fire, who's reading the Bible and they realize that doing this and saying that is sin, and they come into their church looking right and carrying their Bible under their arm and saying, "The Bible says this," and, "The Bible says that," and you'll get other Christians saying, "Aw, he thinks he's better than us. He thinks he's holier than thou. He just thinks he's so spiritual and so good," and before you know it, there'll be gossip and everything about that person.

It's very discouraging. And nine out of ten people can't handle that and they end up just becoming one of the others because they can't handle it. So in a way they're offended.

Dear listener, we have made it to verse 10. This is our second week in this particular chapter. We are going to finish the chapter, Lord willing, but we made it to verse 10 today and we'll continue next week as there is a lot of information. We have not left really the book of Matthew to tie into other books. There are many, many other books in the Bible that tie into end times prophecy. But again, we started off with Paul instructing us not to be ignorant and something called the Rapture, but now we're into the words of Jesus Christ and we're getting a lot more detail on this. We'll get more detail on the Rapture, as well as what happens in the seven years after the Rapture. And that's why we have been in the book of Matthew, Chapter 24, and that's why we will continue in there, dear listener, because Bible study is very serious and it takes patience and it takes a while to do that.