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There is a lot of scary stuff in the Bible, but it's only scary for the people who are going to be facing God's judgment. To those of us who are saved, it's not scary at all. Although sometimes we do get nervous when we're looking at the news and seeing what's happening in the world, but it's only nervousness out of a natural human tendency, not because of anything else.

Bible prophecy is very interesting, and here's what I mean by that. Why does God do prophecy? Some people look at prophecy and hear about it and think of it as mumbo-jumbo. Why is there a prophecy? Why are there prophecies? Why are there end-of-the-world type things in the Bible? Well, it's very interesting. To understand why there are prophecies of the future, you have to understand the prophecies of the past, meaning, prophecies that were made in the Bible thousands of years ago that were fulfilled. And then, of course, there are some prophecies that have yet to be fulfilled.

What's interesting about that and the reason God gives us prophecies is because prophecy is a method of authentication. There are many religious books in the world, but how do we know which ones are true and which ones are not? How do you know the Bible is true above all other books? The reason is because the Bible has been authenticated with prophecy in the prophecies that have been made and have been fulfilled, meaning or saying that the prophecies

that have been made that are yet to be fulfilled will be fulfilled. How we know that the Bible is the true Word of God is because the authentication key, the prophecy, has already been shown to be true. The Bible has been authenticated. That's one of the things that's interesting about prophecy, but I want to jump back into our lesson that's been going on for the last couple of weeks, so today will be Part 3 of the End Times Bible Study.

I started off with I Thessalonians Chapter 4, which we're going to leave today to go into the next portion of Scripture, but I do want to bring this up to you, two things out of the passage that we started off on. We started off at I Thessalonians 4:13-18. We're interested only in what the Bible says, not what Pastor Tony thinks or what Ms. Ypille's opinion is or what our church thinks about anything. We are interested in what the Bible says. In light of that, God gives us a couple of things that we need to know here in this passage. I've already dissected, for the most part, these passages over the last couple of weeks, but I want to call your attention to or remind you of something in verse 13 and in verse 18.

First Thessalonians 4:13 says: *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:] It means somebody who doesn't know whatever it is that the person is supposed to know.

So it's not an insult?

[Ms. Ypille:] No.

Today, people think of that word as an insult, but it has an actual technical meaning. It simply means to be ignorant. It means to not know. I am ignorant of rocket science, because I'm not a NASA engineer. So, if I walk into a room of NASA engineers and they have a lot of equations on the wall and I'm looking at them like a kid looking at something awesome, and they say to me, "Oh, you're ignorant of these kinds of equations," I won't take that as an insult, because that means I don't know those equations.

The Bible says here in verse 13, God says, "I don't want you to be ignorant, brethren." So who is prophecy given for? Well, the key to understanding prophecy is given to the brethren, that is, those of us who are saved. But also with the things that are said in the Bible and the things that are going to happen, the prophecies that have been fulfilled, God is going to show that to the world. It's just that the world is going to laugh at it and mock it and not understand it until it happens. But even after it happens, people still mock and say it's a coincidence and all those things. So, really, this prophecy is an authentication message to us who are saved. God does not want us to be ignorant. That's the first thing to understand, dear listener. If you are a child of God, if you are a born-again, saved child of God, God does not want you to be ignorant of these things that we're talking about here.

And the second part that I wanted to call to your attention is verse 18 where he says, *Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

The end of the world and the study thereof and Bible prophecy and some of the terrible, terrible things that we're going to be getting into in this study are not something for a child of God to be afraid of. They are a comfort to us. Let me tell you who should be afraid of the things that we're going to be studying – anyone listening out there who is not a saved, born-again child of God according to the Bible. If you ask yourself this question, "Am I 100% sure that if I die tonight I'm going to Heaven?" If you cannot answer that question, "Yes," in other words if you are not sure 100% that you are going to Heaven when you die, then you're someone who should be afraid of some of the things that we're going to be talking about, not because we want to scare you but because there are some scary things. The end of the world can be scary.

So continuing in our lesson, I would like for us to turn now to the words of Jesus. Let's find out directly from Jesus Himself some of these things. Please turn in your Bibles to the book of Matthew, Chapter 24, and we're going to be in Matthew Chapter 24 for a while because we're going to be going through pretty much the entire chapter. So we'll be here for at least a couple of weeks. But we're interested in seeing what Jesus said, because most people want to know what God Himself says. The whole Bible is the Word of God, but you have the Holy Spirit speaking through Paul; you have the Holy Spirit speaking through the prophet Daniel; you have the Holy Spirit speaking through all of these people, which carries the same weight because it's all in the Bible, but I



want to start off with what Jesus said, because without a doubt people will listen to what Jesus said. So there's no doubt there. It's very important because He says some of the most frightening things, He Himself.

In fact, there's nothing of any of the New Testament prophets, Paul, John, Peter, and so forth, that is as scary as some of the things that Jesus Himself said, both here, what we're about to read in Matthew Chapter 24, as well as in the book of Revelation. The reason it's called "Revelation" is because it is Jesus Christ Himself revealing the end times to the apostle John. Some of the Bibles say "the Revelation of St. John, the Divine." That's not correct. It's the revelation of Jesus Christ to John. So let's take a look at Matthew Chapter 24.

²⁴And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

What's the big deal? Why did the disciples come to show Him the buildings of the temple? And why wouldn't Jesus know what the temple buildings looked like? Well, Jesus, believe it or not, was a provincial person. He came from the faraway province, Galilee of Nazareth. Galilee was a small municipality, a very small town in a small place called Nazareth, a small region which was one of the provinces way out there in the province of Judea. So to compare that today, imagine someone who lives in, let's say, barangay Bacong. That's one of the barangays that we minister to and it's the last barangay of Babatngon heading to San Miguel. So it's the last barangay of Babatngon going that way toward San Miguel. It's called Bacong. It's very provincial. It's very rural. Some of those people who are there have never even been to the city of Tacloban. It's far for them. Now imagine if

we were to pick up some kids from barangay Bacong, Babatngon, to bring them to show them the Robinsons and the escalators. It would be like a Disney World ride for them. They would ride up and down the escalators ten times. Imagine if they starting pointing. Now, we take this for granted. Those of us who are city folks, it's nothing. Robinson's place is only two floors. You should see some of the big SMs in Manila that are five, six, seven floors. But to a person from the provinces, that's a big deal. The temple here in Matthew 24:1 in the city of Jerusalem, first of all, Jerusalem was the capital city of the Roman province of Judea. Before it was a Roman province, it was the capital of Israel. That whole region is Israel. It was simply conquered by the Romans before Jesus' time.

But Jesus comes from a little town. He was born in Bethlehem, but He was raised in a little town called Galilee. Sometimes you can tell, even if you're all Waray-Waray, you can tell which region, which part a Waray-Waray is from because of their accent. It's the same thing in most parts of the world, and it was the same thing here. The people from the city could tell some of the more provincial folks by their accent. Jesus and His disciples were from Galilee. Galilee is this little provincial area.

The reason I'm saying that is because in verse 1 it says the disciples wanted to show Him the buildings of the temple, and you're thinking what's the big deal about that. Imagine Galilee is like a place made of nuba huts that people lived in, kind of like the nipa huts here. And the temple was like, imagine, a Robinson's place that's ten stories. And so they're looking at these buildings going, "Wow!" They can't even imagine how this building was built. These were fishermen from the Sea of Galilee, which is a big



lake. So that's why we're introduced like this. We're introduced in Matthew 24:1 to the disciples showing Him this temple building, because the temple building was a great big deal. It was an architectural achievement of its time. Even the Romans marveled and they appreciated the architectural technology and the details, because this is Herod's temple. It took 46 years, I think, to build this temple building.

[Ms. Ypille:] Pastor, can I ask if this is exactly the replica of Solomon's temple? Or they added things?

They added. Solomon's temple was also very great but it was much smaller in comparison. So that's a technical question that you have to go back into the Old Testament and know the details, but the temple that they're talking about here... and actually we can build on that question because there's something called the third temple. It's coming. The temple that they are looking at here in Matthew 24:1 is known as Herod's temple. It was built by King Herod, one of the Herods because there were several. But it's also known as the second temple, because the first temple was built by King Solomon approximately 1,000 years before Matthew 24:1, more or less, about 900 and some years. Solomon's temple was very great in its day, one of the most beautiful, ornate buildings ever built in the world.

[Ms. Ypille:] That's because it was designed by God.

It was designed by God but yet it was built by the hands of men, so it was a very, very incredible achievement. What Herod did was he took the temple site and he took some of the ruins... because the temple was in ruins by the time the Herods came... and he built upon that

site. He was a puppet king. He wasn't even a legitimate king. That's a whole different story, but he was under the Roman rule. But in order to secure the favor of the people, just like the politicians today, the people know that the politicians are corrupt, because the Herods were very corrupt. What he did was he built this magnificent temple site with all these buildings and all these great achievements of architecture and technology to appease the people. By the way, these were really just people. So imagine today you have some of your politicians here, some governors, congressmen, mayors of some cities who would invest a lot of money into building, for example, a big beautiful temple or a big cathedral or any other government building or a park, for example, or a school or a college that's so grand and ornate. Then all of the people would know that this politician is corrupt. But because he gave the people that thing, now he has favor with the people. That's one of the reasons Herod built the temple the way he did.

But going back to the reason, see, there's a reason. Why does God care about us? Why does He put this? Why does He open up this chapter with it? Imagine, for example, if someone were to build in Tacloban City. Tacloban City is accessible to everybody on the island of Leyte, basically. Almost anybody even from the most rural province can save up 60 or 70 or 80 pesos to come to Tacloban City. Imagine if they built here in Tacloban City a 20-story SM. Imagine that. They don't even have that in Manila. There's no such thing, but comparatively speaking, if they were to build something like that in Tacloban City, it would be the grandest thing in all the Philippines because even Manila doesn't have that. Makati has tall buildings, but they're all office buildings and hotels, but imagine a 20-story SM, mega, mega,



mega mall. Because, of course, with 20 stories, it's also going to take up probably half of downtown. That would be such a grand thing. People from all over the Philippines and probably people from all over the world would come to see that.

[Ms. Ypille:] It would be a feat, yes.

In the time of Jesus, this temple building was that, where people came not only from all over that province. From all over the known world they would travel to that temple and they would "Ahhh!" when they saw it. This building was such a grand thing like that that they were in awe of it.

Now I've spent a lot of time on that because with that we're going to introduce the idea for the concept of the magnitude of what Jesus says now in verse 2. So out of nowhere, they're like, "Look at this building. Look at this giant 20-story SM mega mall. There's nothing like it in all the Philippines. There's nothing like it in all of Southeast Asia. Even Dubai doesn't have a 20-story mega mall."

Now, Jesus says in verse 2, just out of nowhere, nonchalant, casually, He says, *See ye not all these things? verily [or truly] I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*

Imagine if we're standing around looking at a 20-story mega mall and somebody is trying to show it to me. "Pastor, look at this. This is one of the greatest things."

Imagine if I said, "Hey, see all this stuff here? There's going to come a time when there's not going to be left one stone on top of the other," just like that and that's it. Everybody would

turn and look at me like I'm crazy or a kill-joy. I can imagine that's kind of their reaction that they probably had with Jesus. They probably stopped dead in their tracks in the middle of all their awe, and they're probably turning to Him puzzled.

[Ms. Ypille:] It's astonishing. It's almost, I guess, arresting.

So they're thinking about this. Undoubtedly, walking around, I'm sure like when you go to MacArthur Park or when you go to anyplace, there's probably a place to sit down.

So, verse 3 comes along: *And as he sat upon the mount of Olives...* By the way, the Mount of Olives, this shows you they had some time to think about this because the mount of Olives is quite a walk away. It's probably more or less, if I remember correctly from my geography, it's about half a kilometer more or less away to the east side of the city of Jerusalem. So they're on a hill that's called the mount of Olives and they're sitting on this hill, looking across at the temple. The temple is very grandiose. Remember, this is like a 20-story SM mega mall. So imagine if you go to Calvary Hill, if you're in Tacloban City, if you're able to walk up Calvary Hill and look down to the park. So that's what they're doing and they've had some time to think about what He said.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately. They've had to wait. They're probably like a fan club, the people that are following Jesus, everybody that's there. They're saying to Jesus privately, *Tell us...* Because they know that He's made some kind of prophecy. You don't just come out of the blue and say something like this. *Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be*



the sign of thy coming... You see, they've begun to understand that He's talking about His Second Coming... *and of the end of the world?*

[Ms. Ypille:] So they knew what He meant.

I'm trying to explain to you how grandiose that place was, and for Him to say something out of the blue like that, so they know this is something big. We're about to learn a big lesson here. We have no idea what He meant, but we know it meant something big. So they come to him privately. Imagine if Jesus was here today and you could walk with Him; you could touch Him; you could have a conversation with Him. Nothing that He says is going to be said for nothing. So if He says something and He says something that significant, you're going to come to Him and say, "Tell me, Lord, what is it? What did that mean?" So that's what they're doing here.

Verse 4 is related to I Thessalonians 4:13, which we started off with a few minutes ago when we started this whole study.

Verse 4: *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed [or take care or be careful] that no man deceive you.*

In I Thessalonians 4:13, He says, "I would not have you to be ignorant. I want you to know about these things." But Jesus says, "Be careful," and that's a warning for us today, "that no man deceive you." Why would He say that?

[Ms. Ypille:] Because He knew the future.

Well, we'll find out.

If I'm trying to teach you something, and I say, "Listen, don't listen to what anybody else says,"

or, "Be careful because people are trying to trick you. I want to give you the truth about something," you probably would listen. Now this is Jesus Christ Himself, and He's saying, *Take heed* [or be careful] *that no man deceive you*. Why would He say that?

Really, you only have to look at the next couple of verses to realize why He's saying that. Of course, we have some history now since He said that, and we know that these things that He's about to say here that we're about to read beginning in verse 5, we have seen some of these things happen in history already. Let's take a look. He says in another part of the Bible, "I don't want you to be ignorant," and here He says, "Take heed that no man deceive you."

Verse 5: *For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

So He says, "I don't want you to be lied to and I don't want you to fall for the devil's tricks. Notice, He says, "Many shall come in my name, saying," but He doesn't say, "I am Jesus," although we have had some men over the years rise up and say, "I am Jesus Christ," or "I am Jesus." We have some today that say they are the re-embodiment of Jesus Christ.

[Ms. Ypille:] We've got one prominent one now.

Yeah, we've got one here in the Philippines.

He uses His title instead of His given name of Jesus. He uses His title, Christ. What does "Christ" mean, Ms. Ypille, in the Hebrew?

[Ms. Ypille:] It means Messiah.



Messiah, it's His title, Chosen One, the One that is sent from God. Many people over the years have used this, saying that they are the ones that have been sent by God or by a god. And in many ways, there are some who've claimed to be the very Son of God and there are others who claim to be a prophet and so forth. So we have had all these religions started over the years and I could start naming them off one by one but we're not here to bash religions even though Jesus did. But we just need to understand that many have come and many are still to come that are going to say that they are the Messiah, the Chosen One, the Saviour, the Christ, this, that. Whatever title you want to give them, they're going to take that for themselves.

Jesus says they're going to come, saying that, and they shall deceive many. Many have been deceived. There have been all kinds of things in history that show us that people have followed men claiming to be some kind of divine person and have deceived many and have started false religions and have led many to their deaths. It says here in verse 6 now, He starts getting into the specifics.

6And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Over the last 2,000 years since Jesus said this, we have heard of wars and rumors of wars. There have been wars, a lot of wars. In fact, during World War I, people thought it was the end of the world because it was the first time there was an entire world war as far as the known world. Now, not the entire world was technically at war. There were actually just several allied countries that were fighting against others, but it was the more powerful

countries at that time. Actually, back then, it was not called World War I; it was called the Great War. It wasn't until World War II that World War I was referred to as World War I because now there was another one, World War II. World War II was on a larger scale.

[Ms. Ypille:] Yes, more countries were involved.

Yes, but it still wasn't all of the countries that were involved; it was just most of the countries. But there have been wars and rumors of wars, so that's not a great big stretch. And today, a lot of the people in the world seem to be waiting for a World War III, which there is a World War III coming, but it's going to be a little bit different from what most people think. It's not going to be like World War I and World War II. This one's going to be full scale. The other two were limited scale. Not all the countries were involved. Not the whole planet was involved. But the one that's coming, we can call it World War III during the time of Tribulation, which we're going to get into in the next coming weeks. That's going to be full scale, planetary, global in scale and it's going to be controlled not just by a president or an alliance. It's going to be controlled by powers leading all the way up to the very top of the kingdom of Satan himself.

[Ms. Ypille:] I have a question, Pastor. I know what you're referring to. You're referring to the Tribulation, I suppose, but do you think that there will be a large-scale war even before then?

It's entirely possible. I'm not a prophet so I don't know, but it's possible. Why not? I do a lot of reading on many news sites. Almost every day. I try to dedicate at least a couple of minutes. In fact, some of my Facebook friends



sometimes don't hear from me for a few days and that's because I've entirely skipped Facebook and all the drama thereof because I'm very busy reading news, actual stuff that I have to keep up with.

It seems like a lot of people in this world are waiting for one big event. I don't know what that event's going to be as far as what's next on the historical schedule. I know about at least one great event that's called the Rapture, which we talked about a little bit last week and the week before, and we're going to talk about it again. But, sure, why not. There are a lot of powder kegs in the world right now that are just waiting for one spark. There could be a full-scale Middle Eastern war. That's really the one that's going to be most likely, some kind of Middle Eastern war involving most of the Muslim countries in the Middle East and Israel.

[Ms. Ypille:] Or it could be a cold war all over again.

It might be, but I'm inclined to think it might be an actual skirmish, a hot war, because of some of the things that we're going to get into here. Lord willing, dear listener, we're going to be spending quite a few weeks in this study. We have to go to the book of Daniel and some of the Old Testament prophets. We have to take a look at some of the things Ezekiel said and other prophets, as well as the New Testament. But one of the things that we're waiting for is we're waiting for a covenant or a treaty – another word for “covenant” is “treaty” – to be signed between a coming world leader and Israel, most likely some kind of alliance, probably mostly made up of Middle Eastern countries, because that's a hotbed right now. In order for there to be some kind of historical treaty of historical significance, there probably has to be something that happens

that's going to drive people to that treaty, in other words, an agreement that nobody wants to make between Israel and the Muslim countries. U.S. presidents have tried and tried and tried. Reagan has tried. Clinton has tried. Bush 1 and 2 have tried. Obama has tried. Nobody's been able to get the Palestinians, for example, that's the big issue, the Palestinian state and all that stuff, but that does not just involve the people that are calling themselves Palestinians. That's involving a lot of the satellite countries there in the whole area, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, all of the countries.

Nobody has been able to sit down and actually have all those countries sit down and shake hands and agree with a firm strong treaty or agreement with Israel. That is yet to happen. So, in order for that to happen, there's probably going to be a lot of bloodshed. There's probably going to be some kind of big flare-up, some kind of big war in the Middle East between Israel and the rest of those countries.

[Ms. Ypille:] A catalyst.

Yes, so there has to be some kind of a big war like that in order for that treaty to come. Now, that treaty has to come. That's going to mark the beginning of the seven-year Tribulation, which we're going to talk about later in this study. But something that we need to know geopolitically today is that Israel is an extremely powerful country militarily, and what I mean by that is Israel is the size of... I don't even know what to compare it to here... probably the island of Leyte, I think. I have to look on a map again, but I think the entire nation of Israel is more or less the size of the island of Leyte, Philippines, the island that we're on right now. If I'm not mistaken, I think Leyte is like 100 miles long and 50 miles wide



or something like that. I have to refresh myself. It's tiny, but Israel is one of the most powerful countries in the world, one of the most technologically advanced countries in the world, one of the strongest militaries in the world, and it's also a nuclear power.

If you take the small size of Israel and you increase it to that scale where it's almost on par with China, Russia, U.S., now you're talking about, pound for pound or square kilometer by square kilometer, Israel can be in a sense said to be the most powerful nation in the world when we talk about its military power compared to its size.

[Ms. Ypille:] Land area, I mean the ratio.

Yes, and its population. You know, Israel population-wise is, I think, nine or ten million Jews there. There are more all over the world, but I'm talking about in Israel proper, nine or ten million only.

If all these Middle Eastern countries were to try to start a war with Israel, they'll find out and they have found out in the last few years very quickly that Israel can defend herself quite effectively, devastatingly. But that, of course, from a biblical perspective, we cannot forget is because the hand of God's protection is on the people of Israel. In fact, if we want to take a look at how close we are today to the end of the world and all these events happen that we're about to read, one only needs to look at history objectively. I'm talking about it doesn't matter if you are a Christian or a non-Christian, whether you like Israel, you don't like Israel. Here's something you can look at objectively throughout history.

In A.D. 70, in fact when Jesus talks in verse 2 here in Matthew 24, when He says not one stone is going to be left upon another, He was making a prophecy that actually happened in A.D. 70. Approximately 40 years more or less after He said this, the temple was destroyed by the Roman Government, the Roman military. Israel, for all intents and purposes, Judea, Jerusalem was destroyed as being a nation, as being a regional power, as being a regional region. It was destroyed, and the Jews fled and they went all over the world. That began a period called the Diaspora, where the Jews were just dispersed all over the world.

Israel ceased or stopped to be a nation at that time. For nearly 2,000 years, almost 1,900 years, there did not exist a nation called Israel. It simply did not exist, no borders, no culture; the language died away. Nobody spoke Hebrew anymore. There was no need to. I mean, there were probably a few sects of really devout believers who probably somehow kept the Hebrew language alive in very, very tiny parts, but they were dispersed all over the world. There was no more culture, no more center of their civilization, nothing. It just ceased to exist.

But then all of a sudden in 1948, 70 years next year, which is a significant number, all of a sudden Israel became a nation again out of nothing on May 14, 1948. Now, for nearly 2,000 years, many of the Bible scholars could not reconcile, could not understand how a lot of the prophecies in the Bible could possibly come to pass. For those of us who believe God, we know that with God nothing shall be impossible, but many of the students said how can it be possible that many of these prophecies that the Bible talks about, how could it possibly happen? There is no nation called Israel.



[Ms. Ypille:] Pastor, during that particular time, before Israel was reinstated as a nation, there are many prophecies, like, in the book of Daniel. Even in the book of Psalms, it said David's throne would be reestablished. And when people say "David's throne," that means Israel, Jerusalem, because he reigned there. In prophecies, they were saying that David's throne will be re-established. They were talking about Israel in kind of the present tense as if it existed. During the time of Diaspora when there was no official Israeli nation, people were wondering until 1948, and before that they were wondering, what's going to happen. What does the Bible mean?

How could it possibly be fulfilled? In fact, many over the years have departed from the faith thinking that either the Bible was in error or they had to readjust their theology since there was no more Israel. But up till 1948 there was no Israel politically; there was no Israel regionally; there was no Israel governmentally.

[Ms. Ypille:] As a matter of fact, I think also isn't what stemmed from that, because there was no nation of Israel, something theologians of other religions began to make up something that's like the replacement theology? Since there's no Israel, then the people of God must have changed to another group of people. But that's not the truth because then you make God a liar if you believe that.

That's correct. They changed the theology and came up with all kinds of weird stuff, not counting on that God said what He said, He said what He meant, and He meant what He said. Even if we don't understand, we have to be patient and faithful.

All of a sudden, then, one day certain documents and treaties and things were signed and Israel declared herself and hundreds of thousands of Jews came back to their motherland Israel, their promised land, and they established some borders and they became the nation of Israel after nearly 2,000 years of nonexistence.

[Ms. Ypille:] Which was recognized by the United Nations.

No, in order for a nation to be a nation, one of the requirements is it has to be recognized by another nation. The first nation to recognize Israel was the United States of America, and that's one of the reasons she was so singularly blessed. She became a nation with borders and a government and a military. They had, like, used rifles that were left over from World War II and a whole bunch of stuff, but they became a political region, a politically recognized power since the U.S., and there were several other countries that followed suit and the U.N. and all that stuff, but the U.S. was the first one. And they brought their language back. After nearly 2,000 years of nobody speaking Hebrew, all of a sudden there's Hebrew again.

[Ms. Ypille:] Also, too, we must not forget that they had scribes. They had keepers of it.

But they had very few to the point where it wasn't even acknowledged as even possibly existing for so many thousands of years, but I mean, you're right. There were those dedicated ones, but there were so few that it was almost in doubt. Of course, now, when everybody comes to this central location, now there's a lot of them. They're all centralized. There's no doubt that there were, but who is the One that preserved that? How could it be possible for an



entire culture, both written and spoken language, and a people who are pure in their bloodlines as pure Jews who can trace their lineages back thousands of years? Who preserved that?

[Ms. Ypille:] God.

God Himself, because God is faithful. That's why we trust in God. That's an authentication. So, going back to one of the things that we said earlier with prophecy, why is there prophecy? Why does it exist? It's because it's an authentication to us.

What's really interesting is that there was no direct prophecy in the Bible as far as... I'm sorry. That's not true. There is kind of a direct prophecy with Ezekiel. God gave Ezekiel a vision where there was a valley of dried bones and all of a sudden the bones got their flesh back and became a troupe again, which is a prophecy of Israel coming back from the dead. So, excuse that error, but what I meant to say is there's no word that says, "Israel one day will not exist and one day will exist again."

[Ms. Ypille:] In other words, that prophecy was allegorical.

It wasn't allegorical. It was a prophecy, but what I'm saying is that prophecy was not specific in its timeline. There were some theologians, some Bible study students, who thought that Israel would become a nation again during the Tribulation time, because they knew that, for the Tribulation to occur, there had to be a nation Israel.

But what's really interesting about that is that it happened way before anybody knew. There still hasn't been a Tribulation and we're almost 70 years later. What I'm trying to say is that's how close we are to the Tribulation, the Rapture, the end of the world, that it's been almost 70 years since Israel did become a nation when nobody was expecting that at least until the Tribulation time.

And by the way, something else we're going to get into, we don't know exactly when the Tribulation is going to begin. Most Christians who pay attention to this stuff and know about the Rapture, they assume that the Tribulation is going to start the moment the Rapture happens. That's not what the Bible says. The Bible says the seven years begin with the agreement, the covenant. If the Rapture were to happen tonight, that agreement between Israel and the nations with the Antichrist still may not happen for a week or a month or a year. There is no specified time between the Rapture and the beginning of the Tribulation. So that's another interesting point and that's something we're going to get into another time.

We've come to the end of our show and I hope that this has been stimulating to you through the process. I hope it's been something that you're interested in. We're going to get into some hard things that are hard to be spoken as well as hard to be heard, but I don't want your heart to be troubled, dear listener. I want you to be reassured that we serve a living God and that if you know Him, if you know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, if He knows you, none of these things should move you into fear but into hope, and that we will live because He lives.