

Are We in the End Times? Plus More Q&A

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FRANK:

Ladies and gentlemen, are we now seeing signs of the end times? You know, every single generation to this point, almost every single generation has thought they were the last generation. And obviously, they've all been wrong. But are we really starting to see end time signs that should say this is going to happen very soon? We're going to dive into that a little bit today. We have a couple other questions we'll get to. We have a question from someone who said that their loved one was a red letter Christian.

They only believed what Jesus said. And so, this person rejects the New Testament except Jesus said. So, she doesn't believe Paul, Peter, any of these other writers, just what Jesus said. What do we say to that? How do you answer that? And someone wrote in and said, hey, Frank. You should stop plugging books on this show. Never talk about somebody's book. Just talk about the Bible. We'll get into that question as well. All right, but let's talk about the end times right now. Let me point out that my particular view on the end times-- I mean, I have a position that I think might be right, but I'm not on the planning committee.

I'm on the welcoming committee. I know people who are much smarter than me who know all the original languages, and they come to opposite conclusions. So, I don't take a hard position on the end times. I do believe preterism is a heresy. Complete preterism, the idea that everything in Revelation has already occurred. I think that's obviously false. But whether the premillennial dispensational pre-trib view is correct or some other view is correct, I don't take a hard position on.

But let's take the premillennial dispensational view and analyze it for just a couple of minutes, because that's the probably most popular view in America anyway. That is the view that there's a rapture prior to the Tribulation. And then Christ comes after the Tribulation, and he sets up a



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thousand year millennial reign. And then Satan's let loose for a little while, and then ultimately you have the last judgment after that.

And that view rejects the idea that the Church has replaced Israel. It looks at the Scriptures and says there's a literal fulfillment of many of the prophecies for Israel that are yet to come. So, the Church has not replaced Israel. Now, whether or not this view is true, let's just treat it in these next few minutes as if it is the true view.

And let's see if what Jesus says, particularly in places like Matthew 24, if these signs are telling us, are actually happening now. So, we should consider the fact that Jesus could come at any moment because these signs right now are being fulfilled right in the newspaper or-- Who reads newspapers anymore--? Right here on the internet. So, is this the true view?

Well, if you look at Matthew 24, that's the Olivet Discourse. It says Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. "Do you see these things?", He asked. Truly, I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another. Everyone will be thrown down. And as Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately and they said, hey, tell us. Tell us when this will happen and what will be the sign of your coming and the end of the age. And pretty much from this point on, it would appear that these things would be signs of his coming.

So, this is verse 4 in chapter 24, Jesus answered, watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name claiming I'm the Messiah and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen. But in the end, or-- But the end is still to come. Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. These are all the beginning of birth pangs. Then you'll be handed over to be persecuted and put to death.

You will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time, many will turn away from the faith and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all the nations. And then the end will come. So, when you

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see standing in the holy place, the abomination that causes desolation spoken of through the prophet Daniel, let the reader understand.

Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. How dreadful will it be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers. Pray that your flight will not take place in winter on the Sabbath. For there will be great distress unequaled from the beginning of the world until now and never to be equaled again. In those days, or if those days had not been cut short, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, those days will be shortened.

At that time, if anyone says to you, look, here is the Messiah, or there he is, do not believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you ahead of time. So, if anyone tells you, there he is out in the wilderness, do not go out or here he is in the inner rooms, do not believe it. For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so it will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather. Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light.

The stars will fall from the sky and the heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he continues. He goes on to say that, truly, I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Okay, when did he say that?

Oh, oh, I forgot. There's one other section. He goes on to say, but about that day or hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. That's it. He goes, well, it continues, but I wanted to get that last point. No one knows when this is going to happen. But you have all these signs here. Are we starting to see these signs? Are these things happening now? Well, let me point out a couple of things about this passage. This passage has challenged many because it seems to say that all these things will happen before this generation passes away.

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And I don't know about you, but the sun hasn't darkened, the moon will not give its light, and the stars haven't fallen from the sky, and the heavenly bodies, they haven't been shaken. Yet he said this in 30 A.D. And if he said it in 30 A.D., a generation is about 40 years. That would have been 70 A.D. But even in 70 A.D., the sun wasn't darkened, the moon still gave its light, the stars didn't fall from the sky. So, is Jesus a false prophet?

Well, first of all, we need to realize that here in verse 29 when he quotes the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, what is that a quotation from? It's a quotation actually from Isaiah. This is Isaiah 13:10. And in Isaiah 13:10, Isaiah is pronouncing judgment on Babylon and he's saying this is what will happen when Babylon was judged. When was Babylon judged? Babylon was judged by the Medes and the Persians after Babylon judged the Assyrians.

Well, let me, let me back up in history. The Assyrians came down, and took out the northern kingdom in 722 B.C. And then in about, I want to say it's about 613 B.C. somewhere around there. The Babylonians defeated the Assyrians. And then the Babylonians came down to Jerusalem in 586 B.C. and took out Jerusalem and brought many exiles up to Babylon.

And that's where of course you get the famous prophecy. Oh, the plans I have for you. Plans to give you hope and a future. God was telling those people 70 years later he was going to bring them back into the land. Well, after that, Babylon was judged by the Medes and the Persians and Cyrus took over. And Cyrus allowed the exiles in Babylon to go back to Judah. And there they began to rebuild the temple in about 516 B.C. So, 70 years after 586 B.C., they began to rebuild the temple just as Jeremiah's prophecy said it would happen, Jeremiah 29.

This is, you know, so many people take Jeremiah 29 out of context, as if it's a promise to us today. It's not a promise to us today. It tells us about God's character, but it's not a promise to us today. It was a promise to those people back in 586 B.C. Why am I going through all this? Because when Babylon was judged in the 500's B.C. by the Medes and the Persians, I think the proper date is 539 B.C. I'm doing this from memory, but I think that's when it happened.

The sun wasn't literally darkened. The moon didn't stop giving its light. The stars didn't literally fall from the sky. This is known as apocalyptic literature, ladies and gentlemen. It's not meant to be literal. It's meant to point out what a terrible time it will be. How will the sun be darkened?

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Because the smoke from burning the city up is going to blot out the sun. The moon will not give its light because of the conflagration.

The moon is still giving us light. You just can't see it. The stars didn't fall from the sky. You just can't see them anymore with all the destruction, with all the fire going on, and all the madness going on. It is just an apocalyptic way of telling everyone it will be a terrible time. So, in 70 A.D. when Jesus is, or I, should say it this way. When Jesus makes this prediction in Matthew 24:29, he's not saying that literally the sun will go dark, that the stars will literally fall from the sky, no more than Isaiah meant it was literal back in 539 B.C.

It's just a dramatic way of saying it's going to be a terrible time. So, in my view, what you have here in Matthew 24 is a near term fulfillment, 70 A.D. which was within the generation Jesus said these things. But this is also foreseeing a long-term fulfillment, the end of the world. It can't be completely about the end of the world because this didn't happen in 70 A.D.

Also, would it make any sense to flee to the mountains if it was only about the end of the world? No. If it's about the end of the world, it doesn't matter if you flee to the mountains. That's going to end too. So, Jesus is talking about judgment in Matthew 24. He's not just talking about the end of the world. He's talking about the end of the age. The end of the age is the near-term fulfillment, and the long-term fulfillment will be the end of the world, when he comes back again a second time.

He came in judgment on the city of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., but he's ultimately going to come back and make, and judge the nations. And we're going to go into eternity. Now just how that happens, that's what theologians debate. But we are looking at the dispensational viewpoint here. And I think even many dispensationalists would say, okay, sure. There's a near-term fulfillment, but there's also a long-term fulfillment. And there will be wars, and rumors of wars, and what about Iran, and what about Russia and what about Israel, and are they going to come down from the north and take out, you know, Battle of Armageddon and all this?

Are we starting to see that now? Well, let's make a couple of observations. God hasn't told us the time. He's kept it from us. Remember, Jesus said, but about that day or hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Nobody knows. He didn't know

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as man. Jesus knew as God. Remember, Jesus had two natures. He had a human nature and a divine nature.

Because you know, sometimes Muslims and other non-Christians will say, well how could Jesus be God, you know, if he didn't know when he was coming back? Well, the answer is in the Trinity. He knew when he was coming back as God, but he didn't know when he was coming back as man. He's one person with two natures. He had a divine nature and a human nature. And according to Philippians 2, he emptied himself of the privileges of being God while being a man here on earth. And that way he could be our sacrifice because he is the perfect man.

But he also has a divine nature as well. But he didn't pull rank by accessing the divine nature all the time. He was just saying-- He just used his human nature, which was sinless. And there were things that he had to endure as a human being like the rest of us had to endure. He got tired. He got hungry. He didn't know all things as a human being. In fact, Luke, I, think it's Luke 2:52 says he grew in knowledge just like any other human being.

But in his divine nature, he knew everything. In any event, what is often overlooked here is that God has kept this from us. Yet, I see people on the internet talking all the time about this is it. The end times are getting closer? Well, of course they're getting closer. But just how close? Are you starting to date set now when God himself, Jesus himself said, no one knows the day nor the hour, the Father does, but not the Son?

No one knows the times or the season. The dispensational viewpoint, the pre trib rapture viewpoint, the idea that the Church is going to be taken out and then the Tribulation will occur, that viewpoint doesn't necessarily connect the rapture and the Tribulation. Now, why do I say that? My mentor was Dr. Norman Geisler, who's written well over 100 books in his lifetime.

He passed away in 2019, went to be with the Lord. But he was a big proponent of the view I'm talking about now, the pretrib rapture viewpoint. But here's what Geisler said, and some people will disagree with this. But this is what he said. He said there is no necessary connection between the rapture and the Tribulation. The rapture could occur, if this view is true, and the Tribulation could be years and years away.

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The beginning of the Tribulation, according to this viewpoint, is when the Antichrist signs the covenant with Israel. It's not the rapture. The rapture doesn't kick off the Tribulation. What kicks off the Tribulation is the signing of the covenant. Now, true. Most theologians will say they're right up against one another. The rapture occurs and then, and then the Antichrist signs the covenant with Israel. But the Scripture doesn't explicitly say that. It doesn't necessarily connect the two.

Throughout church history, the rapture-- Those that believe the rapture believe the rapture was imminent. Nothing on the prophetic calendar needs to happen for God to take his Church out, assuming this view is correct. It could have happened right after Jesus ascended to heaven. Although, that probably would have defeated his purpose of saying, make disciples of all nations. That would take a while. Right? We're still trying to make disciples of all nations. In fact, I know when Jesus is coming back. I can tell you.

It's according to Romans 11, when the full number of the Gentiles come in. That's when he's coming back. When is that going to happen? I have no idea. Okay. [Laughter] But that's what needs to happen. The full number of the Gentiles, when God has saved as many people as he can save, and only he knows that. That's when he's going to come back. But he expressly told us in the Scriptures, nobody knows when this is going to be. So, I know preachers love to talk about, oh, you're getting closer.

We're getting closer. Of course we're getting closer. But is it imminent? The rapture, if this view again is correct, is always-- It's always been imminent. This is why you have to be ready at all times. I mean, look. If God were to be real explicit about when he was coming back, then it would probably change our behavior for the negative. Like, if he predicted, if he said, hey, I'm going to come back in 2034, what are we going to do? We're going to go, hey, I got time.

I'll do what I want. I'll live it up. And about 2033, the second half of 2033, I'll start running up my credit cards. I'll live it up, and then I'll repent right at the end, and Jesus will come back and take me home. Yeah, yeah. I don't think-- [Laughter] I don't think God wants us to live that way. He wants us to live in a way that we're always ready, because he could come at any moment like a thief in the night. So, what I'm saying here, according to my mentor, Dr. Norman Geisler,

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is when you hear people talking about wars and rumors of wars and all of these things, those are things that happen during the Tribulation.

They're not signs of Jesus coming, necessarily. He could come at any moment. If this view is correct, he could rapture us, and then the Tribulation could be years and years away. There could be a gap. We don't know. So, stop trying to date set according to what Iran is doing, according to what Russia's doing. People have tried to-- They've tried to do that forever.

Hal Lindsay tried to do that with the book, 'The Late Great Planet Earth,' which actually saved a lot of people. Sometimes you can get a good result with bad theology, and how Lindsay did. What was his bad theology? He read the passage that this generation will not pass away until all these things have occurred. And he somehow attributed the starting point to this generation as the re-inhabiting of the nation of Israel in 1948. In 1948, the Jews came back into the land.

Okay, now the calendar has begun. The one generation has begun. So, by 1988, Jesus is going to come back. And we had a book in 1988 called '88 Reasons why Jesus Will Come in '88.' And then I think somebody wrote one in '89, '89 Reasons Why Jesus Will Come in '89.' Will you just read the Scriptures and see what the Scriptures say? Nobody knows. It was intended to be that way. God has kept it from us.

He wants us always ready. I think this is the same thing that happened in the first coming. In fact, if you go to 1 Corinthians, chapter two, here's what Paul says. He says, we speak-- This is chapter two, verses six to eight. We speak a message of wisdom among the mature. But not the wisdom of this age or the rulers of this age who are coming to nothing. He says no. We declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

He's speaking of Christ coming the first time. And now here's what he says in verse eight. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. Translation, nobody, none of the rulers, the secular rulers, the Jewish rulers, none of them knew what the plan of salvation was. Because if they had known it, they never would have crucified Jesus. They thought by crucifying Jesus they were somehow helping themselves. They were solving the problem.

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When in reality, the rulers by crucifying Jesus ensured their defeat because the crucifixion of Jesus was the sacrifice that frees us from our sins and ultimately led to the judgment that Jesus talked about in Matthew 24, that the whole city of Jerusalem is going to be destroyed, and the temple as well. So, if you look at prophecies in the Old Testament about Jesus coming the first time, they're scattered everywhere.

And looking forward from the Old Testament, it was really difficult to piece it all together to understand just when and how it was going to happen. But once you get the box top, which are the events of the New Testament, the box top to the puzzle of the prophecies of the Old Testament, the box top is the events of the New Testament, then you can see how all the prophetic pieces fit together. You go, oh, now I see how Isaiah 53, and Daniel 9, and Micah 5:2, and Malachi 3:1.

Now I see how all this fits together. I didn't see it looking forward. It was intended so you wouldn't see it looking forward. Not the complete plan anyway. But I can see it looking backwards because now I have the box top to the jigsaw puzzle of Old Testament prophecy. So, I think God wants it the same way. In fact, that's what Jesus said. No one knows the date or the hour. Always be ready. I could come like a thief in the night. So, stop trying to date set.

Even if the premillennial dispensational pretrib rapture view is true, the signs inside the Tribulation are not signs of the rapture. They're not signs of Jesus coming, necessarily. Now, there's another aspect of this I'm going to get to here in just a minute. It has to do with this controversy that people have been talking about lately about blessing the nation of Israel.

And it goes back to Genesis chapter 12. This came up in a conversation that Tucker Carlson had with Ted Cruz. Ted Cruz is saying we ought to bless the nation of Israel. And Tucker Carlson was saying, what do you mean by that? And what's the context of the passage, and all these things. And so, people have been debating this. Let's just read the passage from Genesis chapter 12. The Lord said to Abram, go from your country, your people, and your father's household to the land I will show you. So, Abram is being called.

This is after the Tower of Babel. God is now beginning his plan to reclaim the nations through Israel, and he's going to use Abraham to do it. And verse two says, I will make you into a great

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nation, and I will bless you. I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse-- And I will bless those who bless you. And whoever curses you, I will curse. And all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you. There's other passages. There's a passage in Numbers about blessing this. There's another passage in-- I want to say it's Genesis 27 with Isaac. This idea of blessing the offspring of Abraham, blessing, maybe even the nation of Israel.

Are we supposed to bless Israel? And what does that even mean to bless? Does it include the modern state of Israel? This is what the debate is about. Or has the church replaced Israel? Ladies and gentlemen, personally, I don't think the church has replaced Israel. I think there are too many passages that suggest that there's a literal future for Israel. But if there's any doubt about it, and unless I get some sort of other revelation that tells me I ought not bless the nation of Israel, I'm going to continue to do so.

But ladies and gentlemen, blessing doesn't mean that you agree with everything the nation of Israel does. No more than it means, if you want to bless your child, that you agree with everything your child does. In fact, if you want to bless them, you're going to correct them when they go wrong. Blessing doesn't mean approval. Love doesn't mean approval. If the nation does something wrong, then you ought to, if you want to bless them, correct them on it.

That's what a good parent does. That's what a good friend does. Now, Jesus said salvation is from the Jews, and the Jews are God's chosen people. They're his chosen people, but not their favored people. In other words, they have to come to God the same way the rest of us do. They have to accept the salvation that the Messiah Jesus has provided. You might say, well, wait a minute. Why should we bless the modern nation of Israel because they're apostate. Hey, news flash, ladies and gentlemen.

Just about every government of ancient Israel was apostate. Every single king of Israel was evil. And only a handful of kings from Judah were good kings. So, if you're going to say, well, apostate means we don't have to bless Israel. Their whole history is a history of apostasy. That's what most of the Old Testament is about. Quit going after false gods.

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Obey me. What's best for you is for you to obey Yahweh, not to worship these false gods, whether it's Baal, or Molech, or any of these other gods. Stop going after other gods. I'll judge you if you do. And how many times did he judge them? Just read the blessings and cursings in Matthew. I'm sorry, in Deuteronomy 28. How many times have they been judged? In fact, Dennis Prager, a conservative, Jewish man who does not believe the New Testament's true, but certainly believes the Old Testament's true.

He says, one of the reasons I know the Old Testament's true is because no people group would ever invent such an embarrassing history of themselves. I mean, you look at the history of Israel. They get the gold medal in sin every time. They never seem to learn their lessons. They're always going after other gods. They're always disobeying Yahweh, and they get judged for it. Who would invent this history? No one would.

We, you know, we just took a trip to Egypt. And by the way, our trip to Israel and Egypt, as far as we know, is still on. We've got a ceasefire now. It's going to be in October. If you want to go, go to Crossexamined.org and click on the events. You'll see it there. If that for some reason doesn't work out, we have a Footsteps of Paul Cruise planned around that same time. But check it out, it's going to be a phenomenal trip. We're actually going to go to Jordan, then Israel, then Egypt, for a few days. In any event, the fact that these people writing these things down about their own history would never invent this.

It's too embarrassing. When we went to Egypt and we went to all these great Monuments of Egypt, these great monuments essentially are propaganda monuments to how great the Pharaoh is. They don't-- They never acknowledge any evil that the Pharaoh has done or anything embarrassing that may have happened to the Pharaoh. Of course they're not going to report the Exodus, that they got dope slapped by Yahweh, and the 2000 year old religion of Egypt is a lie.

I mean who's going to admit this? They're not going to admit that. Although I don't know if you've seen, if you've been to our YouTube channel, we put out a video about the evidence from Egypt that the Hebrews were in Egypt prior to 1400 B.C. Let me find the exact name of this video. It just came out a couple of weeks ago and it's doing very well because it's called '8 Lines of Evidence from Egypt for the Exodus.' Is that the one?

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I thought we had more view. We have like a hundred thousand views on the new one. Anyway, it's on the YouTube channel somewhere. No, that's not it. I'll find it here somewhere. It is doing extremely well because-- Oh, it's called '9 Discoveries that Support the Biblical Exodus in Egypt.' There's 105,000 views on YouTube from about 12 days ago. It's about 28-- It's a 30 minute or so video. We go through these nine discoveries that support the biblical exodus in Egypt.

These evidences are again from Egypt. They're not evidences from the Bible. They're evidences from Egypt. Although the Egyptians didn't admit it, there's circumstantial evidence that the Hebrews were there. Archaeological evidence. So, let me go back to the point here. The point here is that yes, I think we should bless and look after the nation of Israel, but that doesn't mean we approve of everything they do.

Just like if we're going to bless anybody we should look after, it doesn't mean we approve everything they do. We correct them. But even if you just set aside what the Scriptures say about this, and you just look at this from a natural law morality perspective, it's not hard to see who the good guys and the bad guys are in the war between Israel and Hamas. Just go read the Hamas charter. We've done so on this program several times. They don't want a two state solution. They want a one state solution.

No Jews. Let's push them into the sea and all of Palestine is going to be-- Palestine, a word given to the area by Hadrian in 135 A.D. There's never been a nation known as Palestine. But that whole area is going to be devoid of Jews. And it's going to be the new Palestinian Muslim, Hamas state. They want Jews dead according to their charter. This is the new Nazi party, ladies and gentlemen. Don't take my word for it.

Google and read the Hamas charter. Also, if you take a look at this from a macro perspective, if you take the nations around Israel which are all Muslim dominated, those nations are 177 times the size of Israel, and they have 24 times the population of Israel. Yet somehow, Israel has to give up land for a Palestinian state?

Ladies and gentlemen, you know what the Palestinian state is? It's Jordan. It was established after World War I for that very reason. But the government of Jordan doesn't want the people who are in Gaza because they're all jihadists. They're going to cause trouble in their own

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country. So, it just amazes me that people are in some way trying to support Hamas through all this. Hamas are the new Nazi party. They are the new Nazi party.

Read their charter. Don't take my word for it. And if you think you want to protest for Hamas, go over to Gaza and try and hold say a gay pride parade and see how far you get. Go over there and try and exercise your free speech and freedom of religion rights and see how far you get. You're rooting for the wrong side. We need to pray for everybody involved because everybody's made in the image of God. But just from a natural law morality perspective, the people that want to eradicate Jews are not the good guys in this argument.

Doesn't mean everything Israel does is correct, militarily. But man, they are doing the best they can to avoid civilian casualties. You saw what Iran did. Iran kept firing missiles, and Iran supports Hamas. Iran's firing missiles into-- Not at military targets, but into civilian areas, whereas the Israelis are targeting military sites. I don't know if you saw that one attack. They took out an apartment within a high rise apartment complex.

They put a missile right into the apartment to take out some of these military or nuclear scientists. The rest of the building was fine. Would have been a lot easier to blow the whole building up and kill a whole bunch of civilians. But no, the Israelis spent the extra money to put a tomahawk or some other precision missile in there, because they don't want to kill civilians. All right, enough about this. The bottom line is, quit trying to date set. Even if your view is correct, there's no necessary connection between the rapture and the Tribulation.

So, the signs you're looking for may or may not be the end of the world. Just be ready, as Jesus said. Nobody knows the times. Nobody knows the day or the hour. Nobody knows the season even. I'm going to come like a thief in the night. Get ready. All right. Katie writes in. She writes this. Hi, Frank. I'm hoping for your help with a weird belief my "Christian" mother-in-law-- Christian she puts in quotes.

Christian mother-in-law has-- I've known for a couple of years now that she doesn't agree with everything the New Testament teaches. She's very progressive and a feminist. But today she told me specifically that unless Jesus said it, it doesn't matter. She said Jesus gave us the church, not the New Testament. And a bunch of guys wrote all the books. And a bunch of other

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guys decided to write these books. And a bunch of other guys decided these books were worth following. And so, Katie says, I don't have a good answer for the claim that Jesus didn't write the New Testament and therefore, we don't need to believe anything outside the Gospels.

I don't personally believe that. So, what do I do? All right, first of all, I would ask your mother-in-law the Greg Koukl question. How did you come to that conclusion that you should only trust what Jesus says? Where do you get that doctrine from? And then just be quiet, see what she says. Secondly, I would ask her, how do you know what Jesus said unless you're relying on the other writers of the Bible who wrote down what Jesus said? Because Jesus didn't write anything.

So, you're implicitly trusting these other guys that you mentioned, ma'am. You're implicitly trusting them to write down what Jesus said to begin with. So, you can't get away from trusting other people. They wrote down what Jesus said. Jesus didn't write it down. They wrote it down. Also, Jesus wrote the entire Bible because he's the second person of the Trinity.

And if he's the second person of the Trinity, he inspired all of the Bible, not just what he physically spoke as a man when he was here. So, this idea that you just trust the red letters of Jesus doesn't even comport with what Jesus did in inspiring the entire Bible. Also, I would add that Jesus said the entire Old Testament was about him, that Moses wrote of him. He says this, of course, in Luke 24. He says it also in John chapter five, and maybe another spot or two.

So, the entire Old Testament is about Jesus. Number four. Jesus used the Old Testament Scripture to defeat temptation from the devil. And he declared that the Old Testament was the word of God in several different places. So, are you throwing out the Old Testament too? Also, Jesus began his ministry by quoting Isaiah 61. He unrolled the scroll there in Nazareth and began to read from it.

So, he's relying on the Old Testament, basically, to inaugurate his ministry. And he relies on the Old Testament as we mentioned, to overcome the temptation that the devil tried to give him. He even corrected the Scriptures the devil quoted out of context by using the proper context and other passages in the Old Testament. Jesus said that he would lead his apostles into all

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truth. He says this in, let's see, that's John 16:13. And he says he would bring-- He would bring to remembrance everything I said to you.

I think that's John 14:28 or so, or maybe 26. In other words, Jesus is telling his apostles and informing them that they are going to write the entire Bible. He's going to bring-- (The New Testament). He's going to bring forth in their remembrance, or to their remembrance everything he told them and lead them into all truth. See, Jesus relied on them to record his words, and to complete the revelation that included much more than Jesus said on how to live the Christian faith.

In fact, if you take an honest look at the New Testament, in fact I might say the entire Bible, that more application on how to live the Christian life comes from the epistles more than any other place in the Bible. What are the epistles? Those are the letters that were written by Paul, by Peter, by John, by Jude, by other writers. These letters were written after Jesus has ascended to heaven.

And these letters are essentially, how do you do church? How do you live the Christian life? If you just read the Gospels, you'll get some of that. But most of how to live the Christian life doesn't come from the Gospels. Most of it comes from the Epistles. In fact, N.T. Wright made this point in his book called 'The Resurrection of the Son of God', a classic work he wrote back in 2003. We quote it in 'I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist', and I'm paraphrasing his quote. But he said something like, if the Gospel writer's intention was to tell you that Jesus rose from the dead, and by trusting in him you will one day rise from the dead as well, then they did a very bad job of it, unquote.

It's a paraphrase, but that's close to a quote. He's right. When you read the Gospels, you're not getting a lot of theological implications of what is happening. You're just getting essentially an accurate newspaper report of the life of Jesus, what Jesus said and did. What this means is that the Gospels are telling you what Jesus said and did, and what this means to the Christian on how to live the Christian life, that comes out in the epistles. And to just wipe all the epistles out, all the letters of Paul, and Peter, and John, and the writer of Hebrews, and Jude.

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If you were to just take all those letters out, you don't have a very robust theology of how to live the Christian life. And of course Paul says in 2nd Timothy 3, that all Scripture is God breathed and is useful for rebuking, teaching, correcting, and equipping the man of God to do good works, and to make you wise unto salvation. You can't just throw out all of the rest of the New Testament.

Jesus himself was the one who said that these things are going to be written down by his apostles or those who knew his apostles. So, it's not a good view that your mother-in-law has. It more seems that she just wants to pick the verses that she likes and avoid the ones that are inconvenient to her political ideology. But maybe if she's a feminist, she might be heartened to look at the treatment of women that the New Testament provides them.

Jesus had women in his inner circle. He appeared to women first. He elevated women. Paul, contrary to popular opinion, elevated women as well. In fact, modern feminism wants women today to act more like men, to be non-monogamous. But Paul and the other writers of the New Testament want men to act more like women, to be monogamous.

You see, in Paul's day, in the first century in Rome or in the Roman Empire, a man could have sex with whomever he wanted to have, whether he was married or not. But a woman had to be very loyal to her husband. Paul and the other writers of the New Testament come along, and they say, no. That's not right. A man, a husband, your body belongs to your wife, and wife, your body belongs to your husband. And you have to be faithful to one another.

You have to be monogamous inside this relationship because this marriage is one flesh. And it's actually an illustration of our union with Christ, ultimately. You can't just go out and have sex with whomever you want. So, modern feminism is the opposite of what the Bible says. Modern feminism ultimately degrades women. It makes them anxious. It puts them at a disadvantage in life.

It doesn't tell them the truth about the proper order of relationships. Whereas the New Testament elevates women to the equal status of men, but they have different roles in the relationship. And to tell men in the Roman Empire, you know, you can't keep doing what you're doing sexually. You've got to be faithful to your wife. That was revolutionary. So, you may want

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to point these things out. The most unhappy people just statistically in the world today are progressive feminists.

And Ryan Burge over there, he has an X account. He tracks a lot of this. If you go to his X account, he'll talk about, and post studies of how religion intersects with politics and a number of other connections, data between certain religious ideologies, or secular ideologies, and happiness, and all sorts of different data. You may want to check him out on X. So, just from a data perspective, the feminists are not putting forth a very helpful ideology.

Forget what the Bible says. You can just look at it and go, no. This isn't working from a human flourishing perspective. But from a Bible perspective, it certainly doesn't work. And if you're a feminist, you ought to be a Christian because Christ elevated, and the writers of the New Testament elevated women to be equal with men in their essence, even though they have different roles in the family and different roles in society. Just like, by the way, Jesus was equal with the Father, but he submitted his will to the Father, even though he's equal to the Father as God. He submitted to the will of the Father.

He said, not my will, but your will. And Kathy Keller, the wife of the late Tim Keller, said this at a women's conference once. She told women, she said, if you can't submit to your husband, you're saying that you can't do what Jesus did with the Father, that you can't follow Jesus. Is that what you're saying? Look, in any relationship, in a relationship of two, there's got to be someone that makes a decision when there's an impasse.

And I can tell you, in my own marriage, there's been very few times I had to make a call. We usually agree. But if there's a disagreement, who's going to decide? And the Bible says that the man needs to decide. And if you think that's wrong, I'm going to ask you, by what moral standard do you think your position is right? Do you think the woman ought to decide? Where does that come from? So, any objection to this kind of, to this kind of morality assumes a moral standard.

Where are you getting that from? So, ask them. It turns out that they're stealing a moral standard from God and they're twisting it a little bit. The problem is, if there is no God, there are no moral rights. Men don't have rights. Women don't have rights. No one has rights.

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Because if there is no God, there are no rights. There's no rights or wrongs. There's no purpose. There's no objective for life. There's no right way to live it or wrong way to live it if there is no purpose. So, if you follow what the Scriptures say, things are going to on average, turn out a lot better than if you deny what the Scriptures say and make up your own moral standard.

All right, I had some other questions I'm not going to be able to get to here in this program. We'll save them for another Q&A show. But we'll do that next time. Now, you're not going to want to miss, actually, the next two programs. The Friday podcast, the one that will be broadcast on the American Family Radio Network and some other radio stations, has my friends Dr. Chip Bennett and Dr. Warren Gage on. And we're going to talk about the Book of Revelation. And you're going to probably hear things you've never heard about the Book of Revelation.

And then it's going to bleed over into the following week's midweek podcast. It's going to be a fascinating discussion. You don't want to miss it. I'll tease it this way. There's a very real connection between Jericho, and Joshua, and the Book of Revelation. Check it out. We'll see you here next time. God bless.

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