

Proverbs 30

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I've never heard, I mean, you guys can be part of the moron tabernacle choir, no problem at all. I preached one time at a little church, it has been years ago, I forget where it was, down in Alabama someplace. We don't have a church brochure in our church; we just tell you what's going on and don't waste the time to put that kind of stuff in a thing, which is fine if you do. But I'll never forget, I was preaching this church, and sometimes little church brochures are absolutely hilarious. This one said, "Come tonight at five o'clock and our choir is going to sing five wonderful hymns of the faith. And then, Bob Alexander is going to preach on what it's like to be in hell." And everybody thought that the music they were singing was going to be what it's like to be in hell, and that kind of put the thing together. That's not what it was, but you guys were great this morning, and I appreciate it.

If you have your Bible, let's go to Proverbs chapter 30. On the YouTube, we're going to look at some things. In Proverbs chapter 30, you're seeing this chapter begin to develop itself. Last Sunday, we began to move into the Tribulation itself with a set of verses that really begin to unlock the keys to that time period. The ability to see and understand how the Bible itself will be, and I say this all the time, all that we need to figure everything out. Great lessons for understanding that the Bible is all that you need.

All dealing in the last three or four weeks, in fact, this whole chapter so far, all dealing with and around the generation of God. God's hand moving down through the 19th and the 20th century, certainly into the 20th century, but focusing around that crucial time in 1948 when the nation of Israel again becomes the people of God. The Star of David went up and over a national nation declaring themselves as a nation. By the way, just so you know, the Star of David, that six-pointed star, has never been the Star of David. In fact, if you want to find that star, you'll find that in Acts chapter 7; it's the Star of Rephan, their false god. So even their flag has been called the Star of David, but it has nothing to do with David and has everything to do with the false gods that they followed back in the Old Testament.

We began to look at one of the greatest, or probably the single greatest, doctrine dealing with this time of the restoration of the nation of Israel in the Bible. Like many other great doctrines, this has been lost completely. Over 800 times in the Old Testament, you're going to find a reference to this aspect of God bringing back the nation of Israel. Certainly in the Minor Prophets, as I told you yesterday in Bible Institute, it's just through all of those. Each book is simply about that: Ezekiel, the Major Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah. Each one of the prophets, the Major Prophets, actually picture the nation of Israel going through the Tribulation Period. Each one of them, by their own commission given to them by God, will follow through, and you'll see all through those books how that all lays out.

When we get into the New Testament, we know that the Book of Romans is our handbook for Christian doctrine for the church. It's what we follow. It's the first book in the New Testament after the moving from the nation of Israel to the church and from the Old Testament to the New Testament through the Book of Acts and Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Then we have the Book of Romans, which firmly dictates down to us, the church, what we are to follow and what

we are to believe. In two chapters, he dedicates to the nation of Israel, and he says in Romans chapter 11 that he would have us not to be ignorant concerning the nation of Israel.

In the New Testament, and I've said this many, many times, there are seven things that the New Testament writers tell us as the church that we are not to be ignorant of. You might understand and might have guessed that those are the seven things that most of God's people have no clue about. Romans chapter 9 will show you and me how Israel got into the mess that they got into. Then you have chapter 10, which actually shows the Gospel going to the Gentiles, you and me. Then in chapter 11, you have the restoration, God bringing back the nation of Israel and restoring them. Even in the Book of Romans, he follows that chronological order.

I. Ezekiel's Prophecy and the Tribulation Period

If you want a book in the Old Testament that really, really lays it out in a chronological order, the best book would be the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel has 48 chapters in it. The whole aspect is about God restoring the nation of Israel. Ezekiel is a type of the nation of Israel. He goes into captivity, and the second captivity with Nebuchadnezzar comes down. He is taken captive, as Daniel and the Hebrew children are. He's a picture of the nation of Israel going under that captivity. So it's no wonder that that book itself will break down and show you what we're about to look at today.

As we come through Proverbs chapter 30, what it's doing, it's giving us sets of ideas or concepts that when you break them down, it gives you a complete picture of everything that's going on. In the Book of Ezekiel, it breaks down basically into three fundamental, large sections.

1. The first section is chapter 1 through chapter 24, and in that section, you're going to find God describing the judgment on the nation of Israel that they're going to go through in the Tribulation Period.
2. The second great piece of information will be chapter 25 through chapter 35, and that'll be God's judgment on the Gentile nations during the Tribulation Period.
3. Then when it comes to Ezekiel chapter 36 up to chapter 39, this is where you begin to see the generation that we have been talking about begin to see it unfold in this great chapter.

I want to read for you in our introduction today, Ezekiel chapter 36, verses 23 through 28. Now watch how this thing develops.

Ezekiel 36:23-28

23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Now this is a prophecy, and what he's saying here, he's saying that he's going to get a spot in the midst of the nation of Israel and that all the heathen are going to know who he is. Now look at verse 24. Here's how he's going to do that. He made a statement in verse 23. Now watch what he's going to do in verse 24. This is what we've been looking at. That's exactly what he did. He said in verse 23 that he was going to do something with them, and then he tells you what he's going to do in verse 24.

Now verse 25, notice there's a paragraph mark there. Now he jumps over the Tribulation Period and lands right into the Millennium. Look what he says here. That is jumping right over the whole Tribulation Period and landing right smack dab in what he's going to do. That clean water is like the Old Testament cleansing and the sprinkling that was a representative of their cleansing. It has nothing to do with their salvation or somebody being baptized. If you're a Catholic out there and you're saying, "See, that's where we get our sprinkling from." Well, that may be where you get your sprinkling from, but your sprinkler system is broke, so don't worry about it.

Now verse 26, continue on. We're in the Millennium still.

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Now this will be found in Hebrews chapter 8 and Hebrews chapter 9 where God actually gives them a new heart and a new spirit. This is what they get in the Millennium. Now watch. That is the end game for God. They're getting the nation of Israel back into the land, and what you just saw there in the Book of Ezekiel was a picture of how this thing is going to develop itself. He made a statement that he is going to bring them back, and his name is going to be established through them to the Gentiles. Then he showed you how he was going to do it, bringing them out of all the nations that they were scattered in from 606 B.C. And he did that in 1948. Actually, if you want to put a transition time on it, 1918 to 1948, but certainly by 1948 they're back in the land. Then he shows you what he's going to do with them in the Millennium and how it's all going to bring them back to God, and God is going to be their God, and they're going to be his people. That is what God is going to accomplish with the nation of Israel.

Right now we're looking at all the pieces of that as we examine this generation that we saw in Matthew chapter 24 that is the last generation before everything comes back. Then in Ezekiel, going back there, we go into chapter 37, and in chapter 37, we have the great chapter on God restoring them and giving them life. He told you what he was going to do in chapter 36. Now chapter 37 is dedicated to that. This is the famous dry bones chapter. This is the chapter that talks

about, "Them bones, them bones, them dry bones." It's a spiritual song based on Ezekiel chapter 37, how that Israel is these dry bones. They've been dry and dusty and dried up for almost 3,000 years, and now they've been lost. Now God begins to bring them back, and during this time period, in this generation, he begins to connect the bones back together. Then he puts flesh on it. He puts muscle on it. It's all through the chapter. Then when he has a body standing there that has been put together from the dry bones, picture the nation of Israel. Then he breathes life into them. At that point, they become a nation.

Ezekiel 37:11 says:

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

Incredible, incredible. Chapter 38, he now preaches a prophecy against the Antichrist and all of the nations for their final destruction through addressing Gog and Magog and Meshech and Tubal. Then in chapter 39, we have the battle of Armageddon which ends the Great Tribulation Period. We talked about this in great detail yesterday in Bible Institute for those of you that were tuned in. We are going to continue on with it coming up here in two weeks as we stay with that.

Then what happens is this. I want you to see this whole aspect of this. Then we get into chapter 40, and from chapter 40 through chapter 48, he now has given us everything to bring us up to them getting into the land and becoming his people. The fulfillment of that generation that we have been focusing on and talking about. And how now the millennial structure of God's kingdom will operate. Without a doubt, it's the most complete and total picture from chapter 36 once you break down the whole book of Ezekiel. The God judgment on Israel, God judgment on the Gentiles, and then the systematic chronological order that God is going to now, in the end of the times, is going to bring all this to pass and going to establish what he promised in Matthew chapter 24 with the beginning of the budding of the fig tree. It's an incredible, incredible study.

II. Recap of Proverbs 30:14-16 - Signs of the Tribulation

Last week also we saw in Proverbs 30:14 the teeth as swords and knives devouring the nation of Israel. We now know that this is not only historically the nations that have been against them since 1948, but also the nations in the Tribulation Period. Then we looked at Proverbs 30:15, and we looked and talked about the horse leech and saw it as the devil himself. Then we talked about that the horse leech has two sisters, and we defined those for you as well as they can be defined. We saw the horse leech as Beelzebub, the king, Lord of the flies, the devil himself. Then the two daughters as being his two components in the Tribulation Period: the Muslim race and the Roman Catholic Church, and all the demonic activity that takes place during that time.

Then in Proverbs 30:16, four things that it says that is not enough from the Bible, and we laid all of that out. I showed you how that we're moving from the Church Age and the end of the Church Age into the Tribulation Period. We talked about those four things I identified. It's so important that you get these things down. There are five sets of them that we're going to look at, and every one of them will give you another piece of the puzzle, opening up the Tribulation Period and showing you a little better, closer understanding of it and what's going on.

4. In Proverbs 30:16, the first thing we saw was the grave. I showed you how that in the Tribulation Period many, many people died. There's no end of death until Revelation chapter 20, verse 14. In fact, Isaiah 5:14, I gave you this last week, tells you that hell was enlarged during the Tribulation Period. There'll be no death until the end of death until the one who has the keys of death and hell come back. We talked about that.
5. The second thing was the barren womb. I showed you how that Israel is pictured in the Old Testament by seven women who were barren, could not have children. When they have a child, each one of those male children that they have is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ and pictures something about him. We looked at that.
6. The fact that there was no water on the earth. The third thing. I ran you back to James chapter 5, and we now know that that's the former and the latter rain.
7. Then the fourth thing was the fire. That's a picture of God's coming judgment in the Bible during the Tribulation Period. That would be as we saw Ezekiel chapter 1 through chapter 35, God pouring out his wrath on not only the nation of Israel but also on the Gentile nations.

In all of this, and this is what I want to keep you focused on, in all of this, it's how we are dealing with a different component of the Tribulation Period. The Tribulation is in a broad general sense. Most people just chalk it up to 666, the Antichrist, and taking over the world. Much more to it than that. There's a design behind it. There's a purpose, and there are components to it. For most people, that's all the farther they ever get in it. Just like most of them, that's all the farther they ever get in the crucifixion is Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But we know when you go back to the Old Testament, in both cases, crucifixion and tribulation, there's much more to it. It really just depends on what level that you're going to say in your life, "I don't want any more Bible." Some people just take the minimum. Some people get a little bit more and take a little bit more. Some people, they just eat, sleep, and drink if they can't get enough of it. Every aspect of this, as you're going to see today, will be a different component. When you put them all together, you have a complete picture of what's going on.

Illustrated, and I say this again, on the importance of key words in the Bible, key books in the Bible, and key words in the Bible. The Bible, and I try to put this into your head for years, the Bible is a book of components, a book of parts. Most people don't look at it that way. They look at it as a complete Bible. If you just look at it as a complete Bible, it's overwhelming to you. This is why so many people, when they start to read the Bible, even the study of the Bible, they don't have anybody with any intelligence to give them any kind of workable plan to go through it. So they try to jump into 31,171 verses, 66 books of the Bible, 1,189 chapters. They just jump right smack dab in the middle, and they drown. They don't know what they're reading. They don't know why they're reading it. They don't know what they're looking for, and they certainly don't know what God is doing. So after a while, hey, I get it, it gets boring. You lose sight of it. It's like watching a TV program with no audio. You can't understand what anybody's saying. It gets boring real quick. That's what happens with the Bible.

The Bible is a book of components. Here, in this church, I teach you the Bible just like I was taught and learned it myself. We teach it componently. That's what we're doing in Bible Institute. That's what we do in the people ministry. That's what we do on Sunday morning and certainly

Thursday night, is to take the pieces of the Bible and begin to explain to you how each piece works. Then, as you have that compartment, that piece, understanding it, and you get eight or nine or ten of those, then you learn how to bolt them together to get the whole concept. That's what we do. Week after week after week, I get texts or emails from people, or phone calls, actually, too, from people who are going through all the books of the Bible that we did, what, 15, 16 years ago? On a Sunday morning, I took every book of the Bible, one a week, and broke it down for you in every conceivable format that if you would just sit down and go through it and put it into your Bible, you would understand that book. I did that because the Bible is built by 66 components in a major way, 66 books. You learn each one of those books the way you need to, and then you bolt them together through the whole Bible. You got it. Then what you got to do is go back and engage one of those books broken down, but that's how you learn the Word of God: key verses, key books, and key words, and bolting them together.

III. The Four Wonders of Proverbs 30:18-19

Today, giving you that little recap, so you got to remember what we did because of where we're going today, we will look at our next set of four things found in Proverbs chapter 30. I'm going to read for you Proverbs chapter 30, verses 17 through 20.

Proverbs 30:17-20

17 The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon the rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid.

20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

Let's pray. Father, we thank you and praise you today for the Lord Jesus. Thank you for all those that are tuning in today and following this, and we pray Father as they open up their Bibles and their notebooks and they begin to go through this material because they love you and they love the Word of God, we pray Father that it will be a blessing to them. Help us through this time to stay together, to stay close even though we have to be apart. I ask his Father to give us the unity of the spirit that holds us and bonds us together. May the older ones, the leaders, take care of the younger ones, check on them, make sure they're okay. Do what we can do to help them. Help me come up with creative ideas to keep us together and keep us close even though we have to be separated. We'll thank you and praise you in Jesus' name, for the sake we ask it. Amen.

All right, look at verse 17. It says, "The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it." The eye here will be defined for you in Matthew chapter 6, verse 23. It's an evil eye. It's an eye of darkness connected with the Antichrist and his crowd. It would be the lofty eyes of Proverbs chapter 30, verse 13, we saw a week or two ago. This will be the generation that will start in 1948, how they

look at things and then how it degenerates through our time. Here we are, 2020, degenerates through our generation and then into the Tribulation Period with the Antichrist and his crowd.

Now look at there, the ravens of the valley who eat the eyes will be a reference to the battle of Armageddon itself. In the valley of Armageddon, sometimes called Megiddo, sometimes called the Valley of Jezreel, this is where the last great battle takes place. These are the ones of verse 14 whose teeth and jaw teeth like swords and knives to destroy the nation of Israel. This will be the people in the Tribulation who line up against, and the Bible says that all nations, we saw it yesterday, all nations will do that.

I want you to see this even clearer. Go back to Ezekiel chapter 39, and let me just read an excerpt out of this. I want to show you three places that define this battle and what he's talking about in this verse. If you don't have these verses up alongside this in Proverbs chapter 30 and all of them connected together, you need to do that, and it'll help you put it together. There are many more, but these are three of the major ones.

Look at Ezekiel chapter 39, verses 17 through 21.

Ezekiel 39:17-21

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.

18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.

20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.

21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

Now that's the battle of Armageddon. That's the great supper that he's calling and talking about where the men who despise their father and their mother, their eyes actually get picked out by the ravens and eaten by the eagles.

Another one, the second one, is in Revelation chapter 19, verses 15 through 18.

Revelation 19:15-18

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

We talked about that winepress in great detail yesterday in Bible Institute. So there again you should have that already ahead of the game so to speak on what we're talking about here. You always want to watch the term "small and great" in the Bible because the last place you find it will be in Revelation chapter 20 with the dead standing before God, small and great. So you always want to mark that. That's always going to be something that you want to look at.

Then the third one is Revelation chapter 16, verse 16, which gives us the location of this battle.

Revelation 16:16

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

Armageddon, the word Armageddon, means "the valley of the hill of the crowded." It's sometimes called the valley of Megiddo. Megiddo means "the place of crowds." It's also sometimes called the Jezreel Valley or Valley of Jezreel. It's probably, in the last 3,000 years, I don't know of another spot that has hosted more battles. Thirty-four battles have been fought in that valley in the last 3,000 years. It's lower Galilee of Israel in the northern plains. If you want a map of it, I taught this yesterday at the Institute, John Busquip, and then got a hold of me and said that he had already gotten maps up of it. If you would like a copy of that map, he can email it to you. Just either call him or text him or email him, and he'll be glad to get it out to you so you can actually see it. You've got pictures of it and everything exactly where it's at. So you can put a picture with it.

Revelation chapter 14, verses 19 and 20, tells us that when this battle takes place, there are over 200 million men involved in this battle, the greatest battle in the history of the world. The Bible says that when the Lord does all these things and he comes down, that the blood is three and a half feet high, and the valley is 160 miles in a kind of a circle with mountains on all sides with only one way in. This is where the Antichrist traps the nation of Israel right before the Second Coming. I showed you yesterday in Revelation 14 in Bible Institute how he comes down, takes them out, Tribulation saints, and then kills everybody in that valley. The Bible says that the blood from the dead of 200 million men is three and a half feet high for 160 miles around. It's quite a bloodbath, as we would use the term with Freddy Krueger and Halloween. It's quite a bug. Nothing that you've ever seen about it.

Now I want you to look at Proverbs 30:18. Again, watch how you just use your Bible here. The Hebrew is worthless. Most commentaries are worthless. You just let the Bible lay it out for you.

Proverbs 30:18

18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know not:

Yesterday in Bible Institute, I gave you guys a little test. I told you that you could try to look into your Bible and try to define what these four things are before I lay them out and give them to you. Kind of a little test of where you're at. So that was your assignment. I hope that you did that. Now you're going to find out. Like I said, there's no grading on this. You keep it to yourself, and I'm going to walk through it now. Let's see how you figured it out. If you got it wrong, it's okay. Now you're going to learn a little bit more about how you do it. How you lay it out. It's okay.

IV. The Way of an Eagle in the Air (and Understanding)

The first one here, your first test question, was "the way of an eagle in the air." When you read things like this in the Bible, I get it. Your first impression is to say, "What is this all talking about?" But you don't go there. You always want to fall back when it comes to Bible questions. You always want to fall back on what you do know that coincides with what you're looking at. This will be, I'll just give you the answer and then I'll go back and show it to you. This will be a reference to God in the Tribulation Period as a mother eagle, fluttering over the nation of Israel to protect her or deal with her and to keep her going in the right direction.

You're going to find in Deuteronomy chapter 32, it's a Tribulation passage, a very clear Tribulation passage. You're going to find there that it's called the Song of Moses. When you get over to Revelation chapter 14, verses 2 and 3, the Bible is going to tell you that they sang a new song. That new song that they're singing actually is the Song of Moses back in Deuteronomy chapter 32. It's a victory song. You'll find it in Psalms 118:4. You'll find it in Exodus chapter 15, verse 2. You'll find it in Judges chapter 5. It's a song that they sing when they get the victory. The reason why it's called the Song of Moses in the Old Testament is because we know Moses is one of the two witnesses that show up and lead them through the Tribulation Period.

Having said all that, look at Deuteronomy chapter 32, verse 11, talking about God the Father.

Deuteronomy 32:11-12

11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

It's showing you that God to Israel is like a mother eagle, and she's like the little chicks that she's protecting and taking care of. In Revelation chapter 12, verse 14, the Bible says when she begins to flee from the Antichrist that she's given two wings of a great eagle. Of course, that's a reference to God the Father bringing her through. In Matthew chapter 24, when we saw the great generation, that chapter, when they began to run out of Jerusalem again in verse 20, it says, "Pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath day, nor in the winter." It's not talking about Southwest Airlines or El Al, it's talking about them fleeing, the flight, like flying, not be on the Sabbath day or a woman with child because they're going under the wings of an eagle.

Another great verse on this will be found in Isaiah chapter 40, verse 31. You hear a lot. You get beautiful pictures of an eagle soaring in the air, and all those things. You can buy them at bookstores or places, and they always put a verse under it because they want you to see what it's talking about. This is always the verse they put down there. It's a great verse, and I like the picture. I'm not fighting at all. I'm just saying this is what they do. But you need to know that the verse is the Tribulation context, even though there is an inspiration, which I'll get to in a moment.

Isaiah 40:31

31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Obviously that's a, once we read that, put it into the context of what we're looking at here as an eagle in the air, we can see that as God over the nation of Israel with Deuteronomy 32. That's a reference to God as a mother eagle, who is dealing with them and restoring the nation of Israel. It says "the way of an eagle in the air."

Let me talk about it from an inspirational application for just a moment. I really can't pass this up. In fact, there are two great inspirational things here I want to look at. I don't want this to be a lesson of prophecy or just history. I want you to get something out of it besides just getting something out of it. Inspirational, for sure. It's a picture of you and me with the eyes of an eagle that are very sharp. An eagle can fly 200 feet above the ground and see everything in a panoramic view. She can see a mouse moving a quarter of a mile away and go get that mouse for dinner or whatever. She's soaring up there around and she's looking around and watching what's under her. She's with a sharp eye. Everything from a high vantage point in the Bible, it's likened to our high tower. Us being like an eagle through the Word of God, seeing all that's going on around you from an elevated position that the average person cannot see. It's like soaring above the very times that we live in. That's what the Bible does for you.

Down through history, when I was going to school, Dudley Do-Right was a famous thing. Everybody who did right was a Dudley Do-Right. Then a little bit later on, it was guys who always were doing things and the other guys would make fun of him. They would call him Andy Attaboy. He was always saying yes and Attaboy. But every Christian ought to be an Eddie Eagle. You ought to have the eyesight of an eagle when it comes to everything going around you. This is what the Bible calls understanding. I'm not talking about just being up in the air and looking around. I'm talking about how this relates. In life, you can get knowledge. Knowledge is simply facts. Any unsaved man can get knowledge. That knowledge, when you apply it, can turn into wisdom. Any unsaved man can get wisdom. But understanding is something that is reserved only for somebody who is an Eddie Eagle. It's a situation where understanding will always tell you in any given situation what God's hand is doing in it and where you're at in relationship to his coming.

So the eyes of an eagle should be the things around you that you see. You want to understand what's going on in the Middle East from an eagle standpoint. You ought to understand what's going on in the United States of America from an eagle eye aspect. Don't get caught up in the political realm of the Democrats and the Republicans or this or that and get caught up in all that.

See it for what it really is. Understand it. It's the same aspect with history. I've told you many, many times history can be a very complicated thing because man takes something that is very simple, and his greatest asset to history is making it really complicated. But all history is simply God moving in a direction to do his plan and then the devil moving to stop it. We've talked about that many, many times. But that's standing and seeing it from a high advantage point that you see all history and understand it that way. It changes the perspective of everything. No longer do you just look at the 6 o'clock news and just get it as you get it now from an understandable approach.

We talked last week or a week before last, I guess it was, about World War I and World War II. How World War I got the land ready for the Jews, World War II got the Jew ready for the land, and voila, 1948. Bang! There they were. That's understanding it from an eagle eye perception. 9/11. The terrorist attacks all around us. Even a virus that we're all scared to death of and is creeping across this country. They don't get a handle on it, and it's going to be coming across your lawn very quickly. It's a thing where everything. Looking at the Jews, looking at the Gentiles, looking at the church, looking at yourself in God's plan. Having the understanding of the eyes of an eagle to seeing it from an elevated position.

In the Song of Solomon, chapter 1, verse 15, it talks about that we need to have eyes of a dove. Of course, a dove is a picture of the Holy Spirit of God. When you get over in chapter 5, verse 12, you find that Jesus Christ Himself has the eyes of a dove. So what He's saying in those two passages is that you and I ought to see things the exact same way that God sees them. Where's He at? He's elevated. He's on the throne, brother. He sees it from an incredible advantage point that needs to be how we look at things. God's eyes are your eyes.

I deal with people all the time for almost 50 years. I love it. I enjoy it. But not everybody works out the way you want them to. There's never been a church that I've been associated with or a ministry or anything, including this one, that everybody does what they should do and what I'd like for them to do to make their life a lot easier than it really is. That's all I know how to do. I can take a man or a young lady and I can train him and bring him wherever God wants him to be. But I've learned two infallible truths. It is so true in all those times and all those years, I have learned two absolute infallible truths when it comes to trying to help people, work with people, deal with people, and get people to see and understand God.

8. The first thing I've learned is you're either going to soar with eagles or you're going to flock up with a bunch of turkeys. It's just that simple. You're either going to stay in the ground and you're just going to walk around picking in the leaves or you're going to get high above the circumstances one way or the other. You're either going to soar with the eagles or you're going to be a bunch of turkeys and just walk around.
9. The second thing I've learned, you cannot send a turkey to eagle school. You can't. They're unteachable. They're so caught up in what they're doing that they never will look past their own circumstances and see what they mean. Many times, and we'll see this in here a little bit, many times it's because they've gotten themselves in such a dire strait of problems and situations that they can't see anything around them but their issues, and I get that.

So the first thing we see is "a way of an eagle in the air." How about it? Did you get that one right? Did you? Did you figure that one out? You should have.

V. The Way of a Serpent Upon a Rock

The second one, "the way of a serpent upon a rock." This one might be a little more complicated. I guess I'll give you this one. Maybe this is the one you all got. I don't know. But you're going to find that in Revelation 12, verse 9, and again in various places, Isaiah 27:1 would be a good place, that the serpent is defined for you as the devil. So we get pieces of the puzzle here. This serpent is the devil. We already know that the context of this has to be in the Tribulation Period. So now we've got to deal with the rock. Of course, if you know anything about the Bible and the Tribulation Period, that will be a reference to the Jew running into the wilderness and hiding out in Salopetra, which is also called the Rock City. It's in the Jordan area of the Holy Land between the Dead Sea and the Red Sea. It was started by a group called the Nabataeans over 2,000 years ago. They went into this place that is almost impossible for anybody to get in. It's got one five-mile little trail coming in that's only 30, 40 feet wide with 300-foot mountains on both sides, cliffs. What they did is they got in here and they carved out a complete city in the rocks. Here again, if you want a picture of this and a map of it, John also did that. Just get it, he'll give it all to you. It's absolutely incredible. They actually carved whole buildings and cities out of the limestone rock.

Now this is called the Salopetra. What happens is, in the Tribulation Period, many of the Jews run into this place for a place of safety because it's almost impossible to get in. This is where they hold up. It's a place where in Isaiah chapter 2, verse 10, it talks about it. It talks about it in Isaiah chapter 2, verse 19. Here's what it says.

Isaiah 2:19

19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Of course, this is in history called the Rock City. So when it talks about a serpent upon a rock, it's talking about in the Tribulation, the devil going after them in the Rock City. How'd you do on that one?

VI. The Way of a Ship in the Midst of the Sea (and the Sons of God)

Now the third one, "the way of a ship in the midst of the seas." As I said, I don't know where to begin here, and I don't have the time to do this the way I need to do it. But this is going to be a reference, and I'm going to show you this in a moment, how you put this together. This is going to be a reference to in the Tribulation Period. We know, "as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of Man." We know what happened in Noah's time. The sons of God came down. This is going to be a reference to that time period again when the sons of God come

down from outer space, or however you want to say it, as they did in Noah's day. They came down then, and they're going to come down again.

I realize that this is rejected by all scholarship, because scholarship doesn't believe in the giants. They don't believe in the sons of God. They don't believe any of that stuff. Once you get out of track with that, then you're in trouble. I suggest that you that, I think it's on Netflix. Maybe it's, oh, I think it's Tubi. T-U-B-I. You get that channel? Go on there and scroll down to it, and there's a documentary on the giants. How the Smithsonian Institute, it's one of the most incredible things you'll ever see. They document the giants that they have found in earth, but nobody wants to talk about it because it disrupts everything that they're trying to teach us. It's an incredible deal. I suggest that you look that up. I'm sure it's Tubi. T-U-B-I. I don't know how you pronounce it. I'm not speaking a foreign language. Tubi. It's incredible. It's really, really, really an incredible thing. I wish I had two or three hours on this one, but on the web, I think it's on the website. We don't have a book on it, but I did this as a study. I don't know if I did it on a Thursday night or I did it on a New Year's Eve, but I did an exhaustive study. It's on the website on UFOs in the Bible. Obviously UFOs in the biblical sense, not in the Carl Sagan sense or the Van Damme sense or those guys, Von Däniken and all those guys. It's in the biblical sense because it's an incredible study to see how those sons of God came down.

Do you actually believe that when the sons of God came down, that they just showed up in Genesis 6 and said, "Hey guys, we're here. We're the fallen angels that come out of Genesis 1, verse 2. And we thought we'd just show down here, but you got some good looking women. We thought maybe we'd ask them out to date. Is it okay with you?" It's not how it happened. The pattern is so clear if you have the eyes of an eagle. Exactly how the whole thing took place. Whoever those sons of God were when they came down, and you say, "How did they know they came down?" Because they named all the constellations after them. Greek and Roman mythology and Babylonian mythology always paints the picture of these sons of God. You have Orion, the mighty hunter. That's Nimrod. By the way, in your Old Testament, there are seven astronomical objects, in New Testament too. In your Bible, there are seven, and they're called the ordinances of heaven. They are key to understanding what God is doing. It's an incredible study, and everybody just right over the top of their head. You have Orion. You have the Pleiades. You have Argo, the Ark. You have Scorpius. You have Serpens.

I don't know if you know it or not, but the whole sky up there has a biblical concept, because the Bible says that God created the heavens and the earth, and there is a gospel within the stars, because he told Abraham, "Look at the stars." It's one of the ways that God declares his glory. But at the same time, it has been masked over like everything else by the Greek, the Egyptian, the Roman mythology. You know where it came from? It came from the sons of God who came down, and the Bible says they were mighty men and renowned, and what they did, they named those constellations after them. You have Perseus, who rescues Andromeda from the great Kraken dragon. It's all the Bible laid out except in a humanistic Babylonian concept of mythology with a master real deal.

I don't know if you know this or not, but heaven is north. You say, "Where do you get that at?" It's a book called the Bible, and it's found in Psalms 76 and again in Job chapter 26. I don't know

if you know this or not, but you know you have two norths. You have a magnetic north and you have true north, just like you got two Christs. You got a true Christ and you got a magnetic Christ, and the magnetic Christ is based on the earth, where the true north is based on the stars, and we know who made the stars. Magnetic north is about two, three degrees off of true north. You know what? There's a lot of teachings about God. They're about two or three degrees off the truth, and they will send you straight to hell. It's true north and magnetic north, and in true north, you know what you have? You have the constellation Corona Borealis. You know what that is? That's the northern crown. Around the north, where heaven is, you got Serpens the serpent, and it's a picture of the devil completely circling where heaven is, and guess what? His mouth is devouring the crown. You got Draco the dragon. You got Scorpio the scorpion. You've got the Gemini twins. You've got the Perseus, and Andromeda, and Virgo all connected, and they're named after those sons of God that came down. This is so far above the average Christian and pastor that they'll never get it till they meet one of these guys at the gym, and he's pumping a thousand pounds. I mean, it's incredible.

Turn over to Psalms 104. We name the constellations after them. They fill the caves of the ancient people that drew pictures of them coming down, and scientists see it, and they say, "Oh, see, that's proof that there were aliens here." No, there ain't no aliens unless they come up from Mexico. No, the aliens I'm talking about are found out of Genesis 6, sons of God.

Now, look at Psalms 104, verses 24, 25, and 26. Just watch this, and let me show you one of the most absolute, incredible mystery passages in the Bible.

Psalms 104:24-26

24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

25 So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

26 There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.

You know what he's saying here? Years ago in 1200 and 1400, the Roman Catholic Church taught that the earth was flat, and if you could walk out there and see it was flat, and if you sailed out too far, you'd go off the edge, or they taught there were sea monsters out there that would devour your ship. You know where they got that sound piece of theology? Right here. They thought that sea there was the Atlantic and the Pacific Ocean. Of course, we know it's not. Say, "How do you know it's not?" Because Leviathan plays in it. That's not talking about any body of water on earth, it's talking about the great deep up there.

Isaiah 27:1 says:

1 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

This is Revelation chapter 19 now. There's Draco the dragon called the crooked serpent in your constellations. We already saw in Revelation chapter 12 that the dragon, the serpent, is the devil. So wherever this sea is, this is where the devil plays Leviathan, and he does his work. You remember when Job, the devil went before God with Job, and the Lord asked the devil where he'd been? He said he'd been walking to and fro in the earth and up and down in it, and at that point in time, he's up at the throne of God. He's traveling back and forth in that great sea. I'm telling you, they came down once, and they're going to come down again.

All this stuff about extraterrestrial life and science is looking for life out in the universe, they're going to find it, but it isn't the life that you're looking for. We have a SETI program where they're sending signals out to all of these stars and galaxies, and they're looking for somebody to answer back. They will, they will. You say, "Why haven't they?" Verse 27, "These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season." They're waiting for God says you can do it, but they're going to do it. Most people don't even know it's a ho-hum thing. The greatest radio telescope in the world is run by the Roman Catholic Church, the Jesuits, over in Rome, and it's got a large acronym that it's too large to lay out, but so they just take the beginning letters of the each one and lay it out, and I'll just spell it for you. I don't have the whole thing. It would take a whole service this morning. But if you just took the beginning letters of the acronyms of this Roman Catholic radio telescope who was committed by the Jesuits to look for life in outer space, it's L stands for something, U stands for something, C stands for something, I stands for something, F stands for something, E stands for something, R stands for something. Lay it out, Lucifer. The whole world just says, "I wonder if The Walking Dead is going to be on tonight."

I'm telling you, when you get into your Bible and you get in an elevated position, you get the eyes of an eagle. I'm telling you, in Revelation 12 and 13 and Job 41, the devil is Leviathan, and that sea is up there in the great deep, Genesis chapter 1. It says in verse 26, here it comes, "There go the ships." Now, you can do it out whatever you want. I really don't care. Now, you got to get that thing on UFO. I did a great expose on Roswell in 1947, what took place in Roswell, New Mexico. Over there, you folks that are listening over there in England, our brothers and sisters over there, you got to get on the thing and check it out in 1980 in the Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk, England, three days, just like it was in Roswell. Everybody's seen the myth that Roswell, before Roswell in 1947, there was literally virtually no sightings of UFO. Why did suddenly in 1947, that guy out there flying over Mount Rainier in that little Piper Cub, got seven little shiny disks chasing him all over the sky, why did it, up to that point, there had been virtually nothing. Since that point, there have been over a million sightings to the Air Force, comes up with a Project Blue Book to investigate something that they say doesn't exist. You know how stupid it is to investigate something you say doesn't exist? Of course, they missed the fact, but I got eagle eyes. They missed the fact that it happened in 1947 in preparation, getting ready for what took place in 1948, the greatest generation, and here we are.

So "the way of a ship in the midst of the sea," a ship doesn't leave any trail that you can, I mean, it's got a short wake on it, but after a while, you can't follow it at all. These ships are hard to follow unless you get the eyes of an eagle and you get up high. Understanding is the key. As I said, I wish I had time to get through all that, but I don't, but understanding is the key.

VII. The Way of a Man with a Maid (and Consequences)

Then the fourth thing, "the way of a man with a maid." Did you get that one right, by the way, number three? Now number four, "and the way of a man with a maid." This is not, and this is what most people would fall into, this is not a general concept talking about some moral issue with a man and a woman, but that's where everybody would go because you don't know what you're talking about. First of all, it has to fit in our context. It has to fit in the context that whatever this is has to do with something, not only through history and our generation, but in the Tribulation Period.

Let me just break it down for you and see if you got this one right. The man here, and it always says "the way," "the way," not the act, "the way," not what a man does with a maid, "the way." In other words, this is going to be a way of life through history for something. Well, let's just see here. I would just see, let's think of just spit-balling here, knowing a little bit about the Bible that I know. I'd say that the man here probably would be Abraham, and the maid would probably be Hagar, who if I'm not forgetting myself here in Genesis 16, verse 2, it was Sarah, or Sarai at that point, who said, "Here, take my maid and go into my maid." She says, "handmaid." The man Abraham here, when he took Hagar, "the way of a man with a maid," what he produced was Ishmael, who becomes the Muslim race who have given the nation of Israel fits for the next 3,000 years and up to this day wants to wipe them out. Anybody who knows anything about Islam knows that Abraham was the father of the Muslims. He's also the father of Isaac, the nation of Israel. What the Muslims do is they want to throw out Isaac, and they say all the promises in the Bible that were given to Isaac are not true, and all those will be given to Ishmael. What Abraham did, "the way of a man with a maid," had set up all the way back in Genesis what the devil was going to use in the Tribulation Period. You have to see that. You have to understand that. This is more than just a moral issue. This is a historical fact that a man with a maid created another kid, Ishmael, who becomes the Arabian, who becomes the Muslims, who the Muslims today trace their lineage back to God, their God, through Abraham, all because "the way of a man with a maid." This one bad choice plagued the nation of Israel all through the Old Testament, all through the New Testament, today, and into the Tribulation Period.

Now there's a moral here, and this is the second practical thing I want you to see, and I don't want to miss this one. The moral here is the long-lasting effect of the consequences of the bad choices that we make. I've taught you many, many times in people ministry and through other areas, I've taught you about long-term and short-term. I want to just stop here for just a moment. I want to tell you something, and if you're listening to me out there today, and many of you, your life is where it's at today, and I will do everything I can do to help you, and many of you have gotten past it, many of you have moved on, and some of you are still struggling now, and unfortunately some of you will never survive it probably. It's simply because one bad choice can change your life forever, as the way with a man with a maid.

I've seen families, and I know this is not true, but I've seen families through my years in the ministry that it's almost like you've got the curse of God on them. Every aspect of the family is just a total wreck. Going back to the moms and the dads and the grandkids and the aunts and the uncles, and every once in a while you get one person who will come to the surface and break out

of that, but on an overall concept, I've seen families where it's just the whole thing is a lost cause. I've seen their kids, I've seen their grandkids. It's an unending, catastrophic mess of just total, complete marriages bad, kids bad, everything bad. I mean an absolute disaster, and many of them, they never can get past that. I've seen individuals do the same thing. I've seen them make so many bad choices that they can't get out of it. It's not because God won't come down and get you out, it's because you have trapped yourself in your bad choices.

You're going to see a lot of God's people going through what we're going through right now, are going to fall apart, going to have issues, going to run fear, going to run panic, you know why? Because the time that you had to get the Bible down in your world, to get you through times like this, I don't know what you were doing. But here it is. Dads are scared to death when they ought to be leading their families. Pastors are, wherever they're at, they ought to be leading their people into church. It's a thing where the time that it all comes down to churches, dumping the book, walking away from the Bible. I've seen churches just like families that at one time they had the Bible, they came out of a great noble heritage of preachers and men who believed the book, and today they're in total apostasy. In every case, whether it be a family, whether it be an individual, whether it be a church, you know what? It all goes back to where the first bad choice came into your life, and then you added to it from there.

I say it all the time, and in our church when we all get back, I could show you kid after kid, couple after couple after couple. They came out of families like that, that the families are just a disaster. But those kids said, "I ain't part of it no more," and they broke out, and they broke that chain of bad choices, and now they're building a new legacy for their family by making the right choices. I've had people all my life, you see them every three or four years, every year. They'll come for a while, and they'll say, they'll cry, and they'll weep, and they'll say, and they'll start to do what's right, you start to put people to work with them, and then, you know what, six weeks later something comes up, and you never see them again. Now they're off back wherever their little world is, and then they get under such conviction, or they see something or hear something, and God smooths their heart, and so they tippy toe back in, "Here I am, I'm back." Yeah, you're back. We don't want you to come in this door anymore, or the one upstairs, we've got a special door for you, it's a revolving door, and it's right over here. They just revolve in and revolve out, you know why? You know why people cannot get a handle on things? I'm going to tell you why, because it's the bad choices they've made in their life, and you can get past that if you can, but there comes a time in your life when your bad choices hold you hostage, hold your family hostage, hold your heritage of your family hostage, because I told you many, many times the greatest asset that God needed in the Old Testament and the New Testament was families, moms and dads, kids, their kids, grandkids, great grandkids, aunts and uncles, everybody, carrying the gospel, and the devil wants to break it down, and he has.

Psychiatrists look at it, people look at it, therapists look at it, the world looks at it, counselors look at it, and they miss the whole thing. It isn't about how you were raised, it isn't about this or about that, it's about the choices that you made in life, and whether you're here today or listening to me out there, good or bad, your life, your life, good or bad, is based on the choices you've made. That's just how simple. "The way of a man with a maid" for 3,000 years, and the worst

part is coming. Israel's had to bear the brunt of that bad choice, "the way with a man with a maid."

VIII. The Adulterous Woman and Understanding Through the Holy Spirit

Look at Proverbs 30:20.

Proverbs 30:20

20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman; she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no wickedness.

Now we see a connection here to all this to an adulterous woman. There is so much here that we don't have time to get into it today, and I'm going to close this out here in just a few moments, but this adulterous woman will be defined for us in the book of Proverbs. She's the strange woman, she's the whorish woman. You can see her in action in Proverbs chapter 5 and chapter 7. This will be the religious system of the Antichrist in Revelation chapter 17 and 18, Mother of Harlots, Babylon, Mystery Religion. This will be typified in the Old Testament by a husband and wife team. One represents the Antichrist, one represents his religion, Ahab and Jezebel. You'll want 1 Kings chapter 16 also. You'll see a reference in the Church Age to it. Revelation chapter 2, verses 20 through 22, which we all know and love, is the Roman Catholic Church. Again, clearly. It's so clearly defined in the Bible that you couldn't miss it.

I want you to notice here, and I don't have time to get into it, but this is your second test. "She eateth and wipeeth her mouth and sayeth I have done no wrong." She eats two things. She eats two things. That's your test. You had one yesterday for today, now this is your test. Tell me Thursday night what two things she eats. Let's see what you got.

So you can see how this chapter is so important to define the Tribulation in a way never seen anywhere else in the Bible. You get the concept down and then Proverbs 30 just opens it up. With just your Bible. It's the key to understanding understanding. In John chapter 16, that's our great chapter on the Holy Spirit of God. It's where you want to go if you really want to build a relationship with the Word of God through the Holy Spirit of God. It's where you start because it shows you in chapter 16, seven things that the Holy Spirit of God is going to do for you. If you want to build a relationship with the Holy Spirit of God, which is the key to opening up the Bible, as I showed you in Luke chapter 21 many times, then you're going to have to understand these seven things.

Now, the first three are pretty direct.

10. In John 16:8, he says he's going to, the Holy Spirit of God when he comes, is going to reprove the world of sin. That means he's going to tell people you need to get saved.
11. The second thing is he's going to reprove the world of righteousness. That means he's going to show the people who need to get reprov'd of sin, Jesus Christ is the only way.

12. Then the third thing, he's going to reprove the world of judgment. That means he's going to show the world that if you reject the first, the middle one, you're going to wind up in a lake of fire, God's judgment.
13. The fourth thing is John 16:13, he's going to lead and guide us into all truth. So if he's going to lead and guide us into all truth, you've got to have the truth. Otherwise, there's no leading and guiding. You have a Bible, two Bibles, and they don't say the same thing, then you don't have truth. How can you guide somebody in that?
14. The fifth thing in John 16:13, he's going to show us prophecy, which we have seen how that works in our study on this generation.
15. The sixth thing, John 16:14, he's going to glorify Christ.
16. The seventh thing, he's going to show us what is of God and what is not of God.

There in these seven things lies the beginning of your understanding. It's a thing where that is the whole thing comes down to not your education, but your relationship with the Holy Spirit of God. Your ability to get the understanding of God through the Holy Spirit of God, who will take the Bible itself, open it up and show you and give you the eyes of an eagle that you can look at any circumstance in life and not see it from the world standpoint, but see it from God's standpoint and have understanding in the hand of God and everything that he's doing in this world, in history, around you in your own life, and around you in the world that we live in and knowing where it's going to that great day of the Lord when the Lord comes back and establishes his kingdom.

We'll hold up there and just have a word of prayer. Appreciate you.