



How Close Are We to the Mark of the Beast?

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AMIR: Shalom, everyone, this is Amir Tsarfati, and I am live from my home in Galilee. And today with me are Pastor Mike Golay, Nick DiGiovanni, and Pastor Jeff Cuozzo from the UK. Nick is from Canada, Mike is from the U.S., and I'm from Israel,

and we together will discuss the topic of: *How Close Are We to the Mark of the Beast?* It's something that captured the imagination of many people. It also bothers a lot of believers nowadays when it comes to new technologies that are being introduced to us, some of them in a direct way, some of them in an indirect way.

But before we do that, I would like all of us together to consider what the Word of God says about the mark of the beast. And so please, let's put on the screen the verses. We're going to read them together and then discuss them. So I'm going to start with the first time we hear about this mark of the beast. And that is, of course, in the book of Revelation chapter 13. I'm going to bring on the screen four [sets of] verses we're going to read together.

Revelation 13:7-8, “So it was granted to him to make war with the saints [and we're talking about the Antichrist] and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If anyone has an ear, let him hear. He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with a sword must be killed with a sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.”

So, we see those verses, and then we move on to Revelation chapter 16. In **Revelation 16:2**, we can see, **“So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worship his image.”** So, we can see there's a great judgment and punishment upon those who already received the mark of the beast.

And then we're moving to **Revelation 13:17**, **“And that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”**

So now we're moving to the chapter 19. **Revelation 19:20**, **“Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.”**

And then I'm going to read to you the last verse. And that is, of course, from Revelation chapter 20. And this is **Revelation 20:4**, and it says, **“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshipped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”**

We can definitely see that in the book of Revelation in chapter 13, we see for the first time the appearance of two beasts. One is coming out of the sea, and one is already on earth but is now coming to cause those on earth to worship the one who came from the sea. And this is, of course, the Antichrist that is rising out of nowhere, in a sense, because he wasn't there before, and the false prophet that must have been a religious leader who has been here already for a while. He is not coming out of the sea. He's on earth, and he's yet the one that is, in the sense, proclaiming the belief

and the mark of the beast as a sign of much more than a financial, political, but more so a *spiritual* mark.

And this is where we are, folks. We're talking about the seven-year Tribulation, towards the end of the first half. We are watching a certain event that is going to happen and that is, of course, total domination of the population of the world by which they will be... I would say given no chance but to receive a mark on their hand on their forehead.

Let me make it very clear: Satan is always trying to mimic and imitate God. He always wants to be like the Most High, as Isaiah 14 says. And it's interesting because when the Lord said to the people of Israel to love the Lord with all of their heart, mind, soul, He also said, "You shall have the Word of God on your arms and between your eyes." That is, of course, the explanation for what you see that the Jews are wrapping with leather strip around their arm, and they wrap it right here, a box that you see right on their forehead. And what is the Antichrist demanding the people to do? The same thing. It's another way to deceive people and to think that they actually worship the Lord God of Israel. So, we're watching something very interesting that is going to happen. We're watching something that has political, economic, and spiritual significance.

Now I'm going to bring to this discussion other members of our ministry. We have Nick from Canada, and I'm going to add you, Nick, right now to our screen. So just a minute, Nick, here you are, Nick DiGiovanni. You should be on the screen with me. We're going to add Jeff Cuzzo from the UK; he's our rep in the UK and in Europe. And Jeff, let me add you to the screen as well. And, of course, Pastor Mike Golay, our Operations Manager, Director of Operations of the Ministry, from Jordan, Minnesota.

Gentlemen, we are here live from the four corners of the world, basically. And all of you have tremendous knowledge and input to give to the many, many thousands of people that are now

watching us from so many different countries around the world regarding the mark of the beast. We're going to start with the thing that triggered me to want to give this update today. And that is, of course, that which everybody is speaking about because of the coronavirus and that is Bill Gates' association with stepping down from Microsoft first and becoming a philanthropist that is more into talking about pandemics and about vaccination, and more so into new technologies that will help the Third World to be part of the second and the first one when it comes to ID. And therefore, I ask you, Jeff, to give us an idea on what is ID2020, everybody is now suspecting to be the closest thing to the mark of the beast. Enlighten us, Jeff.

PASTOR JEFF: That's a fair question that people are asking, obviously, because we, as Bible students, have been studying this for years. And we've been told that these things are coming. And again, granted, a lot of the technology and the stuff that we have been teaching for 20, 30 years yet wasn't really possible, you know, all those years ago, so we'd have a lot of questions. And all of a sudden, technology is ramping up so rapidly and we're seeing stuff happen so quickly that I could see where people would be concerned. However, when we talk about ID2020, what we find is that the ultimate goal that they would proclaim is that there are 1.1 billion people around the planet who actually are without any form of ID. And because of that, ID is kind of vital really for political, economic, and social opportunities...

AMIR: Well, in some states in America, ID is not that vital to vote, but never mind, go ahead.

PASTOR JEFF: Well, they're working on that too, aren't they? Anyway, so point being, for a lot of people that, whether they're refugees or in under-developed countries, their access to certain amenities are challenged by not having an ID. And so that's the *premise* anyway that's being presented of why there's this need for a digital or an international kind of ID that would be recognizable, kind of across the board. In 2015, the UN member states adopted a 2030 Sustainable

Development Goals, including in those Development Goals is this idea of providing legal identity for all, including birth registration, by 2030. So, there is a kind of agenda on the table of trying to keep everybody... well, you know, having a digital ID of some descript.

AMIR: So, you're talking about a UN basically grand plan that is now being taken by a private entity to introduce a way to create ID to a billion-and-a-half people that don't have a proper ID. And how are they planning on doing that technologically? I mean, why is it something that raises the red flag immediately?

PASTOR JEFF: Exactly, exactly. A couple things. There's two components really; one is just this idea of having something—well, as you know, you might be aware, and I know others definitely are as well—this microchip. There is the possibility of having a microchip that can be implanted. There's some also other technology that they're talking about right now of a quantum-dot tattoo that's being worked on at Rice University, where it is something that could be, you know, applying some sort of kind of mark that's helping to know if somebody has actually had a vaccine or an immunization, whether they have or whether they haven't, or whether they've had enough, so you could kind of scan that and check it. So that kind of stuff is being worked on to be able to track and figure out if people are being immunized with the way they need to be in these third-world regions.

AMIR: So basically, what you're saying, Jeff, is that what this whole pandemic world is going through right now is preparing the ground and the hearts of the people to somewhat want to have the world IDed by way of a vaccination for the sake of a broader and a greater knowledge of how to fight the next pandemic, in a way.

PASTOR JEFF: You know, I think we're seeing this. I mean, even in the UK today, I saw the headline, using a maybe an app now, right? And I know it's being used across the planet in other

countries already. This idea of being able to report where you've been and this tracking of your whereabouts and your movements.

AMIR: Yeah, that app is going to be on your phone.

PASTOR JEFF: Right.

AMIR: And the ID2020 is not about your phone; it's about your body, am I right?

PASTOR JEFF: Exactly. This is the point. People for the purpose of health and safety, it appears, are willing to compromise a lot of their actual freedoms just for that sense of peace and safety, that you're going to look after us. You're going to take care of us. Okay, we'll do whatever it takes to be safe.

AMIR: What you just said brings a new meaning to the verses in 1 Thessalonians 5, “so when they say, ‘Peace and safety,’ then sudden destruction will come upon them.” Because when I think about it, the mark of the beast will just bring sudden *destruction* upon these people, certainly not peace and safety. Wow.

Nick DiGiovanni, our BI Canada rep, how are you?

NICK: Good, thank you, and hello to everyone! Shalom.

AMIR: Just so you know, we are all wearing black shirts, and Nick's camera decided to make his look purple. Nick, tell us, why is it so important for us to study today about something that all of us here on this screen agree that it is going to be part of the Great Tribulation, which is not for the church. So, tell me why it is that you think that it is important that we look at it right now.

NICK: Well, what we are seeing are precursors to events that the Bible talks about happening within the middle of Tribulation, around that three-and-a-half year mark, and therefore, if we see these things that could potentially become a mark at *this time*, how much closer are we really? Because anything... Let's say the church is raptured today, these events don't happen until three-

and-a-half years from now, approximately. So, we are much closer than what it appears.

AMIR: And it will take, anyway, at least, two years to get to the population of the whole world with technology that will be implemented into all of them anyway.

NICK: It could be even quicker because they could use this pretense of a national world-wide pandemic, global, to say we need to track who's got the vaccination and who doesn't. Now not saying vaccinations are bad, but they will use that opportunity to possibly implant. There are also studies showing that they've done fingerprint testing. And it used to be believed that as a young child, fingerprints are too soft, and they don't get a mark. But with increased technology, they're finding that they're successful with that as well. So that's another method that seems to be used.

AMIR: I see. So you're basically saying it's not that far from now that the people are going to have it and, therefore, it's good for us today not only to talk about it, but to warn, not to warn *against* it because it's going to happen, but to *expose* it for the sake of those who unfortunately will not be taken, and they will have to understand what they're going to face.

We all agree on this screen right now, ladies and gentlemen, we all agree that the mark of the beast is something reserved for the population of the world during the time of the reign of the Antichrist, because it is in the portion of the book of Revelation that speaks of the Great Tribulation. It starts in chapter 13 when the church is no longer on Earth. The church is with Jesus in Heaven. The church was taken in chapter 4 of Revelation, verse 1, when John was taken up and they're out of here. Now why is it that we need to understand and teach and study that? A) Because God decided it's going to be in the book of Revelation, which means we need to. B) Because God said to those who teach and study the book of Revelation that they will be blessed.

And the most important thing is God is not allowing us to either add or to take away *anything* from the book of Revelation, or else we're going to be counted as non-believers, and

things that are written in the book of Revelation that will happen to non-believers will come upon us. So, it's important that we understand that we have the duty to teach and to study the book of Revelation, even the portions that are not *directly* speaking about *us*, but they are directly speaking about those in the world and what we can *see* from up there [Amir pointing up] that is going on.

Pastor Mike, what is it in your opinion that is the main reason for us today to study something that will actually not affect *us* personally as believers?

PASTOR MIKE: Because as believers now just at the cusp of what we believe to be the Rapture occurring sometime in the near future, we are able to read the signs of what God already said in Scripture. And because those signs are so clear in the Scripture and so vast across the platform of this world, we can then lead people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ *now*. And these signs that we see going on all around us, people, non-believers, that I speak to when I talk to them about prophecy, they had this response: “Oh, my goodness!” Or they'll say something like, “OMG!” or something like that. They are very fascinated by this! One of the verses that we want to focus on today is the passage from Revelation chapter 13. This is something I speak to a lot of people about because it's so popular in pop culture.

AMIR: You're talking about the number itself?

PASTOR MIKE: Yeah, and I'm going to read the passage.

AMIR: Go ahead.

PASTOR MIKE: This is from the New King James. **Revelation 13:16, “Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man; his number is 666.”**

AMIR: Wow! Mike, I know that unlike many, many people, you think you may have figured out what the 666 is all about. [Laughing]

PASTOR MIKE: Look, you're probably won't hear this in a lot of places, and I won't—if you put a gun to my head, I don't know if I would die for this one—but I didn't pull it out of the air. This is coming from my time I spent in Israel eight years hanging out with my brother-in-law, Amir, up in the left top corner [of the screen]. And the number is defined in the text. Could it be as simple as just taking it at face value and saying that this is a number that represents man? I mean, after all, let me make a brief case.

Originally, man came together and built the tower of Babel. “Babel,” in Hebrew, is the kind of name of the city that would come of Babylon, and it was, in the Hebrew, the word “confusion” or “melting.” The world melted together. They came together, the best of man, and they built this wonderful tower to worship whoever they decided. We've seen the phenomenon throughout history.

We also know that six represents man. On the sixth day, that's when man came about. God, on the other hand, His name is Holy and on the seventh day is the holy day. And the number of God is seven. Seven in the Hebraic mind is the number of perfection.

Now here's where a lot of people lose me. Why three digits? Well, we have a counterfeit god in the book of Revelation with the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. But man will be doing the best he can in the end times to form a Babylon-esque Tower of Babel, come together type of environment. Pastor Jeff already talked about the ID2020; that is precisely what it is. When we as believers look at what's going on right now, people are trying to dig down deep in a collective one-world globalist mindset to bring out the best of man. Now here is where I learned something.

AMIR: Can you stop, Mike, for a second, just for a second? If you belong to the cult that believes that the New King James is corrupt, and only King James is the Holy Bible, and you keep you keep destroying the comments section [on YouTube and Facebook], let me remind you that the

Bible was not written in English. It was written in Hebrew, the Old Testament; in Greek, the New Testament. So, stop the nonsense, please, of giving the people the thought that the King James is holy and everything else is corrupt. No, there are better and worst translations, but the New King James is good enough. And stop the nonsense and get off this chat and let people listen to this update. Please, Mike, continue.

PASTOR MIKE: Right. So, three digits. Well, we know that God is three persons. He's the real deal. We know that Satan is very real, but he's not perfect. We know that he's a fake, we know he's a fraud, we know he's a counterfeit. The best man can produce out of himself is not 777. Even if he gathers together with others, it's still not 777. The best of man is three sixes. In a sense he becomes his own god, worships himself, he worships each other. There's ultimately tolerance.

Amir, one of the things that I realized, which I found really bizarre when I moved to Israel years ago, as I'd sit down in somebody's living room, they'd say, "Mike, how's it going?" I'd say, "Good." A few seconds would go by, and they'd put their hand on me and say, "Mike, how's it going?" I'm like, "Yeah, I already answered that question. I'm doing okay." And then the third time they look at me with all sincerity and say, "Hey, Mike, how are you doing?" And I'm like, "You know, I have a headache and I had a bad night last night." I'd get really honest with them. There's the power of three in Judaism, even within the greeting system, that on the third time that you say something to someone, within the culture everyone knows that's when you're being really serious. Because, of course, you can ask how's it going, so you just give the pat answer, right? Now in the Bible, there is precedent for this. Peter denied Jesus how many times?

AMIR: Three times.

PASTOR MIKE: In that culture, the third time would have meant, "Absolutely I don't know this man, get away from me!" And everybody would have said, "Okay." How many times did Jesus

approach Peter with the question, “Do you love Me?” as a means of forgiveness and his future mission that he stood in a forgiveness state? I'm only bringing this up because the number is a number of man and in the end times whatever this mark is it's going to be man, man, man.

AMIR: Basically, you're saying it is not necessarily going to be 666 on your hand or on your forehead. But whatever the mark is going to be will represent everything short of God.

PASTOR MIKE: Everything short of God. The religious Jews, you said it yourself, they wear what's called tefillin, phylacteries. There's a box with Scripture on their forehead and then on their arm. And then they wrap it in a very specific order. That is designed to show people they are worshiping God in accordance to His Word. Whether it be a literal mark—maybe, not saying there won't be—but I'm saying whatever it is, it is going to be human-centered, worshiping something that does something to embody this whole Babylon-esque glory of man, and it won't last because it'll fall short.

AMIR: I see. Take us back to the verse and you said the verse itself claims it's the number of man, am I right?

PASTOR MIKE: That's correct.

AMIR: And that's why it led you to that conclusion?

PASTOR MIKE: It did, and my observations of living in Israel and looking at the power of three deployed in *multiple* places in the Scripture. I only gave you two examples. It says here it is the number of man, and his number is 666.

AMIR: Okay, so basically what you're saying is the Antichrist who is a man, who is in a way almost Satan incarnated in a way. The Antichrist is a man. The false prophet is a man. And Satan himself wants to be like God, but he will never be. And so, you see all man, as well as Satan, they're short of God. And you're saying it's a number that represents who is behind the attempt to

want to be God or to replace God and take over God's people. Am I correct?

PASTOR MIKE: Absolutely, and you've got to admit, gentlemen and those who are listening, Satan may be evil, he may be arrogant, but he's not stupid. This is a plan that is going to work. I mean he is going to actually deceive people into thinking he can receive worship that belongs to God only. And the very best of man's arrogance and him coming together as a community giving away religious values and nationalistic values, you have this kind of cool Babylon-esque confusion of their nations coming together. It's such a counterfeit on a global level that I would... I mean, it's almost genius in a sense. And you've got to know what to look for with these signs; otherwise, you're going to be clueless. Your original question that you asked me, Amir, you got to know this stuff.

AMIR: Pastor Jeff, I want to ask you a question. The Bible says that the Lord God will allow him [the Antichrist] to overcome the saints at that time. Yet the Bible is telling us that the saints will not receive the mark of the beast. So, my question to you is: How can he overtake them, yet they will not take the mark of the beast?

PASTOR JEFF: So, help me understand exactly what you're getting at, Amir. What are you trying to...

AMIR: No, my point is this: basically, they will not receive the mark of the beast. The overtaking of the Antichrist of the saints at the time when the Word of God is talking about it has to do with basically wherever he sees them, he destroys them, and he beheads them. Am I right?

PASTOR JEFF: Yeah, I mean we know that obviously there's going to be Tribulation saints. There's going to be the 144,000 who are going to be these, I've heard it said, like Apostle Pauls, believers from Israel, Jewish believers who are going to be preaching the Gospel. And there's going to be many coming to a faith, but again, this is during the Tribulation period. There are people

coming, but yet there is going to be... it's not... honestly, for me, in my heart and talking about this now, here and now, is that if you're hearing us, if you're hearing this message right this minute now is the time, today is the day.

AMIR: Amen. This is where I wanted us to get with this question. The thing is what I'm trying to say is, folks, listen, the mark of the beast is actually for those who are *left behind*. And they have not been raptured to begin with. The mark of the beast will not even be applied by those who will become believers as a result of the 144,000 Pauls or Billy Grahams, they say, or the two witnesses that will be in Jerusalem for that time.

And so, my point is very clear. When you become a believer during the Tribulation, you will most likely be martyred. You will be killed. Today if you become a believer, most of the chances are that you are going to live and flourish and thrive and have the peace that surpasses all understanding and become an amazing radiating power to the rest of the surroundings to lead people to Christ.

And if you push Him away today, and you're thinking to yourself, "I don't mind living my life today the way *I* want, and then if the Tribulation comes and I see that the Rapture is true and this whole thing of Antichrist is true, then I will consider." Let me tell you something. During the Tribulation, there's only two options. 1) To worship Satan. 2) To worship the Lord and to be killed. Now if you worship Satan, you will be killed by God. And if you worship the Lord, you will be killed by the Antichrist because the Lord says he will have permission to overtake them. Let's make it very clear. The Lord is not talking about Satan overtaking us, the church. What did Jesus say at Caesarea Philippi? **"And the gates of hell shall not prevail against My church."** (Matthew 16:18, paraphrased) If you remember that. We are the church. And we are not a church that is being given the bad news that we are going to be killed now. Jesus said when He was praying

to the Father, **“Father, I don't ask You to take them out of this world, but I ask You to keep them from evil.”** (John 17:15, paraphrased)

And on the other hand, Jesus telling us that those who are going to be left behind will be given to evil. And yet, of course, at the very end they [the believers who came to Christ during the Tribulation] will resurrect, and they will reign with Jesus, with all of us, of course. But look at the difference between the promises that we have as the bride of Christ that will be taken and not be... We are not going to be going through this [the Tribulation]. The Bible says Jesus talked to the church of Philadelphia. And He says in Revelation chapter 3—before the Rapture is being described in Revelation 4:1 when John is taken up—He's telling the church of Philadelphia, which is probably the only church that gets all those compliments of those who are doing the right thing and going the right way, He's telling them, **“Because you kept My Word, I will keep you *out* of the hour of trial that is *about* to come upon this world.”** (Revelation 3:10 paraphrased) Not “I will keep you *through*,” but “I will keep you *out*.”

And let me conclude it also with one thing that a lot of people don't know. This is again a time when the church and Israel will have great distinction. On one hand, the church and the saints may have to pay the ultimate price of their life during that time. But, on the other hand, Israel, in chapter 12, the chapter *before* chapter 13, is going to run to the desert, and the Lord will sustain them and protect them and provide for them for 1260 days. Of course, I'm talking about all those who did not receive the mark of the beast. Those who ran away, still not believers in Jesus, but they ran away because they're Jews that are not allowing a man to declare himself as God in the temple of God.

So, my point is we are watching something interesting. Nowadays in the world, the church is protected in a way, and Israel goes through a lot of trials, even a genocide not too long ago. And

then in the Tribulation, the church that will be created, the saints of the Tribulation, in a way, will go through that genocide while *Israel* is being kept. Then, of course, when it comes to the very end, Israel will see Jesus come back and the saints of the Tribulation that will resurrect, all will enjoy the physical presence of Jesus.

But it's important to me, everyone that is watching, and by the way, this is a record number of viewers that we have at the same time. Everyone that is watching right now it is super important for the believers to teach the book of Revelation, to speak about those things, and to study those things. Why? Because *now*, today is the day of salvation. And this is why God by His grace has allowed us to know what the future is going to bring in order: A) for us to be comforted, and B) for us to be the voice that is telling the world to repent.

And gentlemen, do you have anything to add? Nick, do you have anything to add?

NICK: Yeah, the taking of the mark. People think that it's going to be something that, “Oh, I didn't know.” It'll be a decision. It will be a willful and conscious decision. You will know without a shadow of doubt that taking this mark—and mark could be a brand—it's serving allegiance to another small god, the Antichrist, in essence. Just like the 144,000 Jews are marked by God on their foreheads, Satan the counterfeiter will want a mark for his followers. And it'll be... I take it to be equal to what Daniel's friends went through in Daniel 3 when King Nebuchadnezzar set up a large idol, sixty cubits high by six cubits wide. This was 90 feet tall, and everyone had to worship it. And they chose defiantly because they knew what that meant, they were worshiping another god.

This is not just taking a chip for commerce's sake. This is a spiritual decision that everyone will know. It won't be like, “Oh, I didn't know; I made a mistake.” You will know what you're doing. And Satan, the great counterfeiter, will feign death, resurrection, the whole thing. And he

will be the god that everyone will need to worship. And it will be very difficult when there's a spirit of delusion as Thessalonians talks about to not take that mark.

AMIR: Isn't that interesting, gentlemen, that **Daniel 7:21** speaks of the same thing that Revelation does? And it says (paraphrased), “**He made war with the saints and prevailed against them.**” I feel like I quoted Revelation, but I just quoted Daniel 7. Daniel is no doubt the Old Testament book that speaks the most on the Antichrist and he appears all the way from chapter 3, but then further in chapters 7 and 8, and definitely chapter 9, chapter 11, chapter 12, we see him all throughout. Maybe one day I'm going to give a teaching on the end times through the lens of Daniel. But I do want you to understand, folks, that both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament he will be able to prevail against the saints. And that is something contradicting to what the *church* is promised in Matthew 16 when Jesus spoke about that. And that is why it's another reason why we have to make a great distinction between the church and the saints of the Tribulation. The church, us, we'll be taken out of here before, and the saints of the Tribulation are going to go through that.

That is why God told us to *comfort* one another, and *encourage* one another, and *edify* one another with these words. The words and the promises of the Rapture are so edifying and comforting because we're not to go through the Tribulation. What is the encouraging message in “You're going to be beheaded but be of good cheer because I have overcome the world”?

PASTOR JEFF: Amir, I mean as you say that, exactly, you know, as the bride of Christ, right? We are not appointed unto wrath as His bride. He's coming for us, that's the beauty. I just want to encourage. We've already said, if you don't know the Lord today, today is the day of salvation.

But for those who do know Him, and they do see the news, and they do see the ID2020s and things like this that are coming, we knew, we'd been told this stuff is coming, that the pieces

are being put in place for what is going to happen eventually. But here and now, I feel like there's a lot of fear. There's a lot of fear right now because there's a lot of unknowns. And there's a lot of challenges that a lot of people are facing. And I just want to again just encourage all of us that we want to keep our eyes on Jesus. He's the author, He's the finisher, and if we keep our eyes on Him, He's going to keep us in perfect peace as our mind is set on Him because we really need to trust in Him.

I think about you know the story of Peter, right? There he was doing impossible. Something that you know seemed like it couldn't be done, being above the circumstances of the situation, walking on water. And as soon as he took his eyes off Jesus, that's when things went, well, as we say here in England, pear-shaped. That's where, things... he started to sink. I just feel for my brothers and my sisters who are feeling it right now, just that they keep their eyes on Jesus. Keep looking up. You know we've been raised with Him, and He's seated. He's seated on His throne right now. He's still seated. He's not pacing. He's not worried. He knows and He told us this was coming so we can really rest and trust in that.

AMIR: Yes. So, let's wrap it up by saying this: The Rapture is around the corner, by all means. The Tribulation is for those who are left behind, not for us. The mark of the beast is going to be a terrible mark of allegiance to Satan, and by which you can also do commerce, become a political player, as well as a worshiper of Satan himself. And it is *not for us*. It's important that we understand no matter what is being presented, while we're still here, the mark of the beast is not for us. Now we're watching everything shaping and forming and the human mind is getting used to all of those things. And so, by the time they come, nobody's going to be surprised.

However, for us, we have other things to think of. Colossians 3:1 (paraphrased), “If you indeed were raised with Christ, then seek those things which are above, where Christ is

seated at the right hand of the Father.” I know there's a lot of people that have a problem with the concept of the Rapture. Read 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 and tell me. You read 1 Corinthians chapter 15 and tell me.

And even by ways of understanding what Jesus Himself said to Martha, **John 11:25**, He said that, **“...I am the resurrection and the life...”** He said, “Look, he who died will resurrect, and he who is not dead yet, you will not die again, basically.” And this is the *ultimate* token of the of the Rapture. That's exactly what Paul talked about. **“The dead in Christ will rise first, and then we that are alive and well, we're not going to die, we will be taken.”** (1 Thessalonians **4:16**, paraphrased) You have to remember that Jesus promised that resurrection. He promised that Rapture. This was something He promised while He was here. And it's something that He promised to Paul, and Paul communicated that to the worried congregation of Christians in Thessaloniki.

Mike, would you do us all the honor of concluding this 50-minute long update so far with a prayer and invite people around the world to receive the Lord as their Savior?

PASTOR MIKE: So, I will close with the challenge and then we'll pray. My challenge is we can learn a lot from our Jewish friends that put the phylacteries on the head and on the arm. That's exactly where the mark of the beast is to be put. For us, we worship God in our mind. This is the control center; we dedicate our minds to the Lord so that we can make good decisions. Once those decisions are made, we act with our arms, with our lifestyle. And so, I'm going to be praying right now that instead of 666, which is man, man, man, worship of man, and whatever we want to worship because we're in control, we're giving control over to Jesus. Jesus gets control of our mind. And Jesus gets control over all of the things that we do so that people can see Jesus in us in these last days.

AMIR: And I would say before you pray, Mike, guys, when Mike is over, I want to encourage all

of you to share this message with this many people as possible. Let's go.

PASTOR MIKE: Let's pray. My friend, you're in this room today watching this video or you came to this video if it's on YouTube or Facebook and you're watching here and you could have been watching any other video, yet you're watching this one. And right now, I'm going to ask you to surrender and come clean and say in your heart to Jesus, “I am so sorry for my sins from my misguided lifestyle; please forgive me.” And if you've come this far, my friend, go all the way and just say, “Lord Jesus, I confess that I want You to be the Lord of my life, not myself. I want You to take control over my mind and my actions so that I can live Your purposes here on Earth. I give my whole life to You. Come into me and allow me to experience salvation and relationship with You. And I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.”

AMIR: Amen. Thank you, guys. I want to thank you for logging in and for being with us. Important message—by all means share it with as many people as you can. Thank you, we love you all. Shalom from Galilee in Israel. Shalom from Canada, from the US, and from the UK.

We pray also that these days will not be too frightening to you, that you will rely on the ultimate peace of the Prince of Peace, Sar Shalom. And in just a few hours we're going to post something very nice about Sar Shalom on Facebook, YouTube, and all of that. Follow us on social media. Thank you, God bless you, and Shalom from Galilee.

Scripture references from NKJV. Emphasis added.