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#### Introduction:

Matthew 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

1. We hear the words today such as "unprecedented times" or "the new normal"

#### Note:

historical usage of unprecedented

The adjective **unprecedented** is unremarkable in its formation (**un-** + **precedent** + -ed ) and meaning "without **precedent**, having no **precedent**; unparalleled." adjective

without previous instance; never before known or experienced; unexampled or unparalleled:

an unprecedented event.

- 2. Daniels vision of chapter seven was unprecedented Daniel 7:1-15.
  - 1. He sees ten kings and another coming up with them v8, revealed in Revelation 13:1-10

Daniel 7:19-21 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth [were of] iron, and his nails [of] brass; [which] devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; And of the ten horns that [were] in his head, and [of] the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even [of] that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look [was] more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;

- 3. Daniels vision was unprecedented / nothing like it / Jesus called Daniels seventieth week Matthew 24:15=21 unprecedented
  - 1. No other time before it or after it
  - 2. Daniel had nothing to compare it to (such as been taken away into captivity and seeing his home destroyed by a Gentile King )
  - 3. As with Daniel, we are the same, we have nothing to compare with it.

#### Note:

What Daniel sees concerns the god of this world Satan, who appears with these ten kings which are connected to Rome, the second beast is a false prophet who does miracles before the first deceiving the nations... 2 Thessalonians

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## Revelation 19:20

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

#### Statement:

why is it when there is a pandemic or a natural disaster or wars (Second World War for example) or signs or a stage being set for the Son of perdition 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (which is called the anti - Christ.) Do Pastors or teacher's of the word of God run to the book of Revelation when the word unprecedented is used "by the god of this world"

- Because they don't listen or hear: What the lord said "no other time like it"
- 2. They are like the servant in Matthew18:23-28 who didn't hear or receive the pardon.
- 3. The reason is found in:

## 1 Timothy 6:3-4

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, [even] the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

#### Note:

It amazes me how believers have been dulled to sleep and preaching has changed from "I am the way, the truth and the life " to worship or doing some great thing for God in times that are unprecedented in this sense that we have if so good, so much wealth and health.

# A. Since the time of Israel rejection.

- 1. Jesus Christ before Pilate. John 19:1-16.
- 2. The rejection of Stephens preaching Acts 7:51-59.
- 3. The manifestation of the Body of Christ, 8,9and 10.
- 4. We see this mystery:

#### **Romans** 11:25

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For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

- 5. Then we see the reason why, and the Romans 11:17-21.
  - 1. God grafts us in...into the commonwealth of Israel Ephesians 2:11-16
    - 1. Into a body that is already there, the Jews were already in God.

#### Romans 5:11

And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

2. Salvation puts Jew and Gentile into one body:

#### 1 Corinthians 12:13

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

3. God calls this body, the Church Ephesians 3:21, and shows that we are members of his body Ephesians 5:30-32. (His body, flesh and bones...no blood).

#### Statement:

they that don't believe in a universal church, one body, where now the Jew has to come in the way of the Gentiles, or the way of the cross: "Because" 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: And not as Moses, [which] put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which [vail] is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord [is], there [is] liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, [even] as by the Spirit of the Lord.

But in Christ the vail is taken away/to reveal too us that we are now in the family of God and we are now joint heirs with Christ.
( We got in, because God grafted us in, the salvation made without hands

Colossians 2:11)

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# 2. The local church is not the way in, the term Baptist is not the way in

#### **Titus 2:13**

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

(God will take us out, before this unprecedented time, because God grafted us in/ the Jews return is to the mosaic law / the temple is built but there is still a vail on their heart until they turn the **Lord** and not to the Land or inheritance.)

## B. Seeing the time we are in now.

1. The time we are in now is called the time of anti-Christ (There is a spirit that will deny that Jesus Christ was manifested in the flesh)

## 1 John 2:18 (KJV)

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

# 1 John 2:22 (KJV)

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

# 1 John 4:3 (KJV)

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that [spirit] of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

- 2. I want you to think the time you have had with the Lord, where you can say "there has never been a time like this"
- 3. Think of Peter consecration to go to the Lord in Matthew 14
- 4. Think of your mountain top experiences, where like James, Peter and John saw the Lord and heard from God. (I but they would have said "there has never been a time like this"

#### 5. Think about this:

### **Romans 8:18 (KJV)**

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

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- 6. Think about the time he lifted you out of the miry clay. Psalm 40:1-9
- 7. Think about the last time we met, as believers together: "Brother and sisters in the Lord" "The liberty we have in Jesus Christ"

## **Conclusion:**

Make sure you know and understand the way in "now" before an unprecedented time present itself.