

**"Living by Faith"**

**Part 1**

**Numbers 13-14**

**Introduction:** There are so many thoughts which I have to share with you, but time does not permit me to share them all, so I have to be selective. Several weeks back I had preached a series of messages about what is happening in our world today and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> were what I would see as the most informative. Borrowing from those two messages I want to refresh your memory and add a few things then we shall get to where we are going today.

There are two major points that we must keep in mind:

**1. The Radical Changes that are Happening.**

**Daniel 7:23-25**

*<sup>23</sup> Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.*

*<sup>24</sup> And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.*

*<sup>25</sup> And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.*

**2. The Push for a Global Economy.**

Listen to the article pertaining to Tony Blair as stated on Breitbart:

*In his most recent observations, he told NBC News he was worried about the lack of global coordination in tackling the crisis.*

*"The worry I have that an absence of global coordination and global leadership that's necessary for it is a huge problem," he said.*

*"When I think back to the times when I'm dealing with American presidents whether it's Bill Clinton or George Bush, Barack Obama as well, the most important thing at a time like this is to say, 'How do you bring the world together?'"*

*By building more and bigger global government, Blair believes leaders could find a vaccine together, accelerate the development of therapeutics and testing capability, while keeping the international economy afloat.*

*"It's that global coordination, the absence of which means that each individual country's less effective at dealing with the disease. That's the thing that worries me," he stated.*

*Earlier this month the **Tony Blair Institute announced it has "teams" advising world governments "to keep their people safe during this pandemic** — not just in respect of Covid-19 itself but also the political and economic collateral damage."*

Listen to these words:

*"Our teams are now **embedded** in governments around the world, helping them to keep their people safe during this pandemic - not just in respect of Covid-19 itself but also the political and economic collateral damage."*

This global push is setting the stage for the kingdom of the Anti-Christ for his kingdom will be global.

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Now along with this push for the global economy there is something else happening that is setting the stage for the Mark of the Beast.

There is a bill in Congress right now that is called:

### **HR 6666**

This bill contains \$100 billion for what is known as CONTACT TRACING. Listen to these words from govtrack.us:

*"This bill would provide \$100 billion in grants to faith-based organization, clinics, medical centers, and other organization which perform testing for COVID-19, tracing of exposure to COVID-19, or services for individuals who are isolating at home. The funding could be used to pay their staff or purchase personal protective equipment to protect their staff. No provision in this bill would make testing or quarantining mandatory."*

Now let me tell you what you are not being told, there was a recent update for smart phones and when the update is installed it loads a Covid 19 app on your phone. As of now this app must be activated to work. When it is activated it tracks your travels and it tracks people who have tested positive for Covid 19. Your travels are monitored and if you

were to come in contact with a person who tested positive there's going to be a team of agents appointed and one will be assigned to contact you, either by phone or in person. They will be sure you isolate from your family and all others and if not, they will be able to remove you from your residence. This is being set up globally.

I could go on with much more, but time is getting away so let me get to the point, our world is on a fast track toward the kingdom of the Anti-Christ. This means the Rapture is getting closer and closer. But we don't know when it will be, and we might see the establishment of a global government before the Rapture. Our liberties are quickly being stripped away and once the government gets them, we will not get them back. Satan is pushing hard for this kingdom just as he did in the days of Nimrod.

In the days which are ahead, if the Lord tarries, there is going to be a need for God's people to live by faith. Today I want to step into Numbers to show you just how important it is to exercise faith when the situations before us look to be frightening.

### I. The Report of the Spies and the Response of the People

#### Notice Numbers 13:1-3

There were 12 spies that were sent out and they returned after 40 days.

#### Notice Numbers 13:25-33

The land was full of challenges. It was full of dangers and people who were frightening. Caleb saw all the dangers in the land, but he also saw his God as being greater than the dangers and for that reason he encouraged the people to go. But the other spies discouraged the people of Israel and they frightened them with their report.

Let me give to you a few parallels from this text to our day.

Israel was at the edge of entering into a new land. It was a land full of blessings and full of dangers (humanly speaking). But God had promised to give to them the land and He had promised victory over the inhabitants.

#### Notice Numbers 13:1-2

#### Genesis 17:8

<sup>8</sup> *And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.*

They had the promises and they had proof of the power of God from the 10 plagues on Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, victory over Amalek, and water from the Rock. All they

needed was faith. But they allowed those with the evil report to send fear into their hearts in place of faith.

**Application:**

We too are entering into a new season of life. The corona virus has been used by those in power to change our world completely. There is a saying that says, "NEVER WASTE A CRISIS", and they did not waste this crisis. Life will never again be the same. Just as there were permanent changes after 911 so there will be after this. Satan will do all he can to instill fear into God's people to keep us from seeking the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

- a) He will send people with a message of fear to try to silence us. We see this in the way the Truth is being labeled as hate speech.
- b) He will send people with a message of fear to keep us from sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We see this in many places where God's people are told they cannot share their faith.

Satan knows if he can instill fear in God's people, they will not be effective, and many will do nothing. In this age there will always be fearmongering.

But just as God had given promises to Israel so He has given promises to us for such a time as this.

**2 Timothy 1:7-8**

*<sup>7</sup> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

*<sup>8</sup> Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

**Romans 8:31, 35-39**

*<sup>31</sup> What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

*<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

*<sup>36</sup> As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*

*<sup>37</sup> Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*

*<sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*

*<sup>39</sup> Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Then on top of these verses there is another:

**Romans 8:28**

*<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

**Notice Numbers 14:1-4**

I want you to notice closely what these people did. They took the evil report and they run it over and over through their minds all night long. They had many other things to think on, but they choose to focus upon the evil report. They should have focused upon all the miracles which they had witnessed. They should have focused upon the Almighty power of God, but they didn't. When morning came, they had not rested, and they had convinced themselves of the worst possible scenario. Now the fear had turned to paranoia. They had now made the choice to go back to Egypt.

**Application:**

Let us be very careful about what we focus on in these times of change. Satan will instill fear in your heart if he can and if you dwell upon the reports of fear it will completely rob you of peace.

**Philippians 4:6-9**

*<sup>6</sup> Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

*<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

*<sup>9</sup> Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

**Isaiah 26:3**

<sup>3</sup> *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

**Conclusion:**

Next week we will visit this passage again to look at the consequences of Israel's lack of faith.

As we close, I will just remind you that Israel missed so much because they were controlled by fear and not faith. If the Lord tarries there will be some trying times ahead. It is going to take faith if we are going to continue to seek the Kingdom of God. It will take faith in order to attain the blessings.

**Hebrews 11:6**

<sup>6</sup> *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*