1 TRAGIC TIMES
   * Is the World Prepared?

2 Destruction in Haiti
   * On January 12th a catastrophic 7.0 earthquake struck the country of Haiti.
   * The devastation is rated at biblical proportions.
   * The whole infrastructure of the country is in shambles.
   * Official death toll now has reached 111,481, with 609,000 displaced.

3 GALLERY

4 CONTEXT
   * Of the top 10 earthquakes since 1900,
     - Where does the Haitian earthquake rank? (It doesn’t)
     - In what country was the largest earthquake? (Chile, 9.5 resulting in 1,655 deaths with 2 million displaced)
     - Highest Death toll? (2004 Sumatra, 9.1 resulting in 227,898 deaths with 1.7 million displaced)
     - What country has the 2nd, 6th, and 9th ranked earthquakes? (United States with all three in Alaska)
     - How many people have lost their lives in the United States due to these 3 Alaskan earthquakes? (15 from the earthquakes, 114 deaths from the tsunami)

5 REASONS
   * Scientists – It was caused by the movement of tectonics plates deep inside the earth.
   * Pat Robertson – Speculated that it may have something to do with Haiti’s pact with the devil.
   * Danny Glover – Believes it was because Mother Nature was angry that nothing was done about Global Warming in Copenhagen.
   * Paul Prather (Lexington Herald-Leader) – Is sure it is not because of any spiritual problems with the Haitians but no one really knows for sure.

6 Consequences
   * If you ever forget the LORD your God . . . you will surely be destroyed. (Deuteronomy 8:19 NIV)
   * But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; . . . . Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will be swept away.” (1 Samuel 12:24–25 NIV)

7 Consequences
   * Speculating the Guilt of the Unfortunate.
• Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” (Luke 13:2–3)
• Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them — do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” (Luke 13:4–5 NIV)
• Jesus is not saying that these people were just unlucky, but those who were sitting in judgment of them were just as guilty as they were and needed to repent.

8 Consequences
• Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Galatians 6:7 NIV)
• What about Job?
  • A good man who experiences great tragedy.
  • Some believe Job’s problems were due to unconfessed sin.
  • There was a higher purpose.
    • God was showing off Job’s faith.
    • Job’s faith wasn’t based on circumstances.
    • Satan’s accusation that God blesses those who don’t deserve it is unfounded.
    • God is righteous in all that He does.

9 Perfect Storm

10 Key Points
• The reason why a time of chastisement (divine discipline) is coming to the earth is because the church is no longer influencing society.
• Our lack of “righteous living” has given Satan an open door to legally afflict us and rule over us using leaders who don’t know the ways of God.
• The basic principle is this: “Sin separates us from God.”

11 Key Points
• When there is a distancing between us and God, it gives the enemy—the rulers and powers of the air to take up residence among us.
• The longer these powers of darkness reside in the area, people lose their ability to discern right and wrong.
• When what is right and wrong become blurred, spiritual blindness sets in.
• So God must then intervene with divine discipline to wake people up.

12 The Perfect Storm
• The Five Elements of the Storm
  • Religion
• Politics
• Economics
• War
• Geo-physical

13 The Perfect Storms
• Geo-physical Events
  • Large storms that last for weeks.
  • Year 2012 will be particularly bad.
  • Major Earthquake in the Midwest of USA.
  • A dormant volcano will erupt in USA.
  • Tornadoes in unusual places.
  • Hurricanes as large as 500 miles across.
  • Severe drought in some areas making water as costly as oil.
  • Crop blights.
  • Pandemic illnesses.
  • Strange problems with the earth’s magnetic field.

14 The Perfect Storms
• War
  • A dirty bomb will explode in a port city.
  • Israel will experience new and more devastation—fiscal nuclear material being released.
  • Russia will invade the Ukraine causing an great international crisis.
  • Both Egypt and Pakistan will experience destabilization from muslim extremists.
  • US will lose it’s military supremacy and bring many troops home.

15 The Perfect Storms
• Economic
  • A bubble of economic hope will be shorted lived.
  • The dollar will lose much of its value and a new currency will be created.
  • More reports of financial corruption by greedy businessmen and politicians.
  • Waves of Deflation, Stagflation, Inflation, and Hyperinflation.
  • God guide and use those investors He can trust.

16 The Perfect Storms
• Politics
  • Pray for President Obama’s protection. There is a plan to try to take his life. This is the worst thing that could happen.
  • Islam wants to start a race riots as a means to destabilize our attention and activities.
Worst riots in history coming.
More reports of political corruption.
Terrorist activity will hit America.
Rural land will become very valuable as people leave the city for security.

17 The Perfect Storms

- Religion
  - Islam will grow in its influence in the United States.
  - Many large churches will file bankruptcy.
  - Large ministries will disband because of financial difficulties.
  - House churches will grow in number.
  - Two Church Patriarchs will pass away signaling a new and sad era of the church.

18 Weathering the Storm

- According to John Paul Jackson there are four things we must remember.
  - Tough times are not about what happens to us, they’re about what we do with what happens to us.
  - Tough times are about influence. How we handle things has a great influence on people around us.
  - Tough times are a part of life. Great battles produce great victories and the result is great champions.
  - Hoarding and thinking of ourselves is the worst thing we could do.

19 Conclusion

- They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the LORD was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me. The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God. (Psalms 18:18–21 NIV)
- He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” (Psalms 91:1–2 NIV)
- The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. . . . Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me (Psalms 23:1 NIV)

20 This will be our finest hour!