

**Outline – August 16, 2020**  
**Ezekiel 3:17-21; Luke 21:11-19**  
**The Journey: The Changes Along The Way**  
**(God's Warning And Blessing As We Encounter The Changes)**

**Journey: The Changes, The New Normal, The New War**

**I. A war for control across the ages**

- A. Since the beginning
  - 1. Who do you listen to
  - 2. Who do you serve
- B. God's way or Satan's way
- C. Israel v. Philistines

**II. How does one gain control over a people/nation... Or even a person (Cults, tyrants, governments)**

- A. Gradually from within
- B. Isolate - create new loyalties
  - 1. Deprive
  - 2. Create dependence
  - 3. Take away, give away
- C. Create a new reality
  - 1. Take away traditions
  - 2. Take away God
  - 3. Take away the ability to think collectively, converse, discuss
- D. Take away religious freedom
  - 1. The Bible
  - 2. Church – corporate worship
  - 3. Music – inspiration
  - 4. Freedom to choose
- E. Create social meltdown/chaos
  - 1. That dismisses law
  - 2. That requires a new order
- F. Do away with constitutional protected rights, liberties, freedoms
  - 1. Right to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness
  - 2. Right to keep and bear arms
  - 3. Right to assemble

**III. What has happened in only 6 months**

- A. Three things we can all agree
  - 1. Lockdown
  - 2. All experienced it
  - 3. All impacted by it
- B. Basic freedoms removed
  - 1. No corporate worship
  - 2. No honorable disagreement
  - 3. Censorship of speech

- C. Division among peers
  - 1. Hate and "death wishes"
  - 2. No honorable disagreement

**IV. Questions and concerns that must be raised**

- A. How many will die because they did not get screened for treatable cancer and other diseases
- B. In the past 6 months 40% reduction in cardiac cases
- C. The increase in "deaths of despair"
  - 1. Suicide
  - 2. Overdose
  - 3. Abuse
- D. The confusion and diffidence among the "science and experts"

**V. What is possibly on the horizon**

- A. A greater division
- B. More violent rioting in major cities
- C. The spread of death on all areas
- D. Government overreach
- E. A constitutional crisis
- F. Greater dependence on government
- G. Loss of freedoms beginning in the area of assembly and worship

**VI. Areas of our journey that are closer than we realize**

- A. An election that will determine the rest of the 21 century
- B. Natural disasters with less help than before to recover
- C. Economic problems (nationally)
  - 1. GDP dropping
  - 2. Unemployment rising
  - 3. Business closing
  - 4. Hyper inflation
- D. Political, technological, academic changes
- E. Losing freedoms that may not return

**VII. How do we manage the changes**

- A. Focus on what you have control over and not waste energy and resources in what you can't
- B. Prepare:
  - 1. Spiritually
  - 2. Mentally/emotionally
  - 3. Physically
  - 4. Financially
- C. Choose to glorify God in this as a testimony of His grace and power

**We Are All On A Journey Through Life And This Pandemic**  
**How We Manage The Changes Determines Our**  
**Future And Those Of Others**