

THE MISSING FACTOR

An Analytic Deep Dive into Revival Obstacles and
Rapture Disqualifiers

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Chapter 1

THE COLLAPSING WALL

" . . . they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:

Ezekiel 13:10

Just a few years before the collapse of the Soviet Union, an agent of Russia's feared secret police, the KGB, defected and gave an interview to G. Edward Griffin. Mr. Griffin is an author, lecturer, and founder of Freedom Force International.

The former KGB agent went by the name of Bezmenov and explained the ideological subversion that communist agents were using in the United States to achieve their goal of overthrowing America. He defined "ideological subversion" as "changing the perception of reality of every American to such an extent that despite abundant information, no one is able to come to sensible conclusions in the interest of defending themselves, their families, their community, and their country."

He called their operation a "great brainwashing" effort to "demoralize" the nation utilizing various institutions of the culture

and government. According to Mr. Bezmenov, it would take a minimum of 15 to 20 years to "re-educate" a generation of students to accept a different mindset.

This strategy has been all too effective over the past decades. Americans have been bombarded with subversive ideologies that promote transgenderism, gay rights, abortion, socialism, and Sharia law. All of these warped ideologies have been employed as a deliberate attempt to demoralize America and engineer its downfall.

Almost all moral absolutes have been erased by the emerging cancel culture. Subversive elements in our nation have redefined everything from gender, to marriage, to the definition of democracy, to even a fundamental understanding of right and wrong.

When a Supreme Court Justice can't even distinguish the difference between a man and a woman, then the nation is close to the point of no return. When millions of illegal migrants are permitted to cross our borders (many of them terrorists and criminals), then civil unrest is not far away.

The country is still reeling from the weakening effects of a social campaign that all but destroyed the nation's moral underpinnings. The globalist's contrived pandemic sent thousands to an early grave in 2021-2022. The situation was made even more complex by the issues of a border crisis, same sex marriage, transgenderism, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion mandates, and Critical Race Theory that pitted ethnic groups against each other. The times have taken a great toll and shredded the moral fabric of the country.

Mr. Bezmenov's statements are especially chilling when he described the outcome of years of communist brainwashing on the culture. He said once the population has been sufficiently indoctrinated by the educational system, the media, and the

culture, "you **can not** change their mind even if you expose them to authentic information. . . Even if you prove that white is white and black is black, you still can not change the basic perception and the logic of behavior."

This former KGB agent said in the interview, "exposure to true information does not matter anymore." He explained that "a person who is demoralized is unable to assess true information. The facts tell nothing to him." This expert in psychological warfare revealed, "even if I shower him with information, with authentic proof, with documents, with pictures: even if I show (a) concentration camp, he will refuse to believe it, until he (receives) a kick. When a military boot crashes on him then he will understand. But not before that. That's the (tragedy) of the situation of demoralization."

Communism was responsible for the slaughter of over 100 million people in the Twentieth century. Despite the fall of communist dictatorships in Russia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and, perhaps even Cuba; communist politicians, college professors, and the news media are joining with other subversive groups and doubling down on their agenda to hasten the downfall of America. The indoctrination campaign has been so effective that most Americans are willingly blind to the danger that lurks about us.

The most alarming moment in this interview came when Mr. Bezmenov said that there is a point when "exposure to true information does not matter anymore." According to a 2025 poll published on *The New American* website, fully 35% of young people aged 19 to 30 have a positive view of full-fledged communism. This reality reveals that the country is very close to falling into the abyss.

LAST DAY DEMORALIZATION

The sad fact of our times is that the demoralized mindset described by Mr. Bezmenov is seeping into the Church of Jesus Christ. The

prophetic Scriptures have different terms other than "demoralization" to describe the detrimental thinking prophesied to dominate professing believers in the Last Days.

The Word of God calls the prevailing mindset of the Endtimes, "rebellion", "departing from the faith," "the love of many waxing cold", "leaving your first love" and "giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils".

The Apostle Paul had much to say about the demoralization of believers in the Endtimes. The Spirit of God revealed to him that the same antichrist spirit which is active in the world will also find a welcome in the church:

*"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, **that they should believe a lie:***

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." II Thessalonians 2:11

The widespread defections from the Faith beg the question, "have we arrived at that moment when deception is so pervasive that exposure to true information doesn't matter anymore?"

The behavior and conduct of the majority belies their claims of being Christians. If the statistics compiled by the George Barna group are accurate, then there are masses of self-deceived people relying on a false security for their salvation.

According to the Barna group, monthly church attendance has decreased by seven points, only 4% of American adults possess a Biblical world view, only 14% of self-described Christians agree with the Bible's condemnation of sin, and 72% think people are basically good and should not be called sinners.

The ungodly celebrate these statistics as proof that a modified form of Christianity is emerging. They are convinced that their efforts are successful in persuading the masses to dismiss the absolute authority of God's Word. This revised version of Christianity is gaining popularity, but it really indicates that the nation stands in the shadow of coming judgment.

According to a Pew Research report dated Feb, 26, 2025, 57% of Christians believe that homosexuality should be accepted by society, and 52% believe that abortion should be legal in most cases. This survey did not register the opinion of non-Christians, but of professed believers who no longer accept the Word of God as the ultimate authority.

These facts emphasize Mr. Bezemenov's assertion that there is a point when exposure to true information doesn't matter anymore. Isaiah's generation came to that point and he noted, "truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." (Isaiah. 59:14) Once that terminal point was reached, national collapse came soon afterward.

There is evidence that we have reached the terminal point when the twin abominations of abortion and homosexuality are turning our country from the United States of America into the United States of Sodom.

Megan Basham in her book *Shepherds for Sale*, lays the blame for the demise of the nation's morals squarely at the feet of the professional clergy who have abandoned the Word of God to placate the culture. She called out the National Association of Evangelicals for accepting money from a pro-abortion foundation that also funds Planned Parenthood. Her book faulted two successive presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention for suggesting that the Bible only 'whispers' about sexual sins'. (1)

She asserted that ordinary Christians are feeling like "sheep without shepherds" wondering "What is going on? Why is this happening now?" (2)

Prophecy watchers know that we are in a critical time when the forces of darkness are mobilized in a last ditch effort to snuff out the light of truth, and plunge the world into the chaotic darkness of seven years of Tribulation.

The Lord Jesus called these days "the beginning of sorrows." The Apostle Paul called them "perilous times." The prophet Isaiah foresaw these days as times of "gross darkness".

The Apostle Peter said that just before the great catching away of the true church there would be a proliferation of false teachers and hypocritical church leaders:

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. II Peter 2:1-3

The Lord Jesus revealed that there would be mass defections from the Faith and unprecedented betrayal of the Truth in the Last Days. He said, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

Pastor Lucas Miles in his book "*Pagan Threat*" calls out the "deconstructionist-oriented online influencers" who are devoted to "steering people away from the faith or toward more progressive variations of it." (3)

He noted that the "Marxists, radical environmentalists, technocratic scientists, LGBTQ+ activists, so-called racial justice activists, eugenists, witches, traditional Pagans, neo-Pagans, and theosophical elites" have aligned together to move the world away from Christianity toward a neo-Pagan resurgence. (4)

Added to this list should be the proponents of false grace, the seeker sensitive advocates, the organizers of the New Apostolic Reformation, the promoters of Chrislam, and the apostate denominations who have concocted a liberal theology to justify their liberal politics.

In the not too distant future, scores of backsliders, fence riders, apathetic and indifferent believers will hear the Lord say, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:33)

They will protest "have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (Matthew 7:22). They will call the Lord's attention to the many books they wrote, the broadcasts they aired, the meetings they held, the mega churches they built, the social programs they initiated, but to no avail.

These tremendous works would have been amply rewarded if they were built on the right foundation, but instead of building on the rock of timeless, unchanging truth, they "tickled the ears of the masses" with distorted teachings on grace and philosophies that made people comfortable in their sin.

The Lord will expose them for being career-minded, not ministry-minded. They used the ministry as a platform to promote themselves and were never about winning souls. He will dismiss them with the words, "depart from me, I never knew you."

In the words of the Apostle Paul, they built with wood, hay, and stubble, not with gold, silver, and precious stones. (I Corinthians. 3:12) The day has arrived when "the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." The Lord will never put quantity ahead of quality, yet so many in the church world are making a fatal mistake by putting such a high premium on size as the measure of success.

Churches and ministries built on compromise are destined to fall. The Lord described the inevitable storm that will come and "beat" upon organizations, denominations, and churches. Only those built on the rock will survive. Those who chose to build on the shifting sands of popularity, compromise, and accommodation will be swept away. He said, "great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:26)

Isaiah contended with this same compromising mindset when his generation emasculated the Word of God to serve idols. He encapsulated their hypocritical attitude in Isaiah 30:10, "they say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth (flattering) things, prophesy deceits."

Ancient Judah no longer wanted to serve a God of holiness, so they pressured the clergy of that day to . . ."get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, **cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.**" (Isaiah. 30:11)

The Lord responded to their demands for new approaches by informing them that their rejection of truth and holiness would be the cause of personal tragedy and national collapse:

*Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, **whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.***

(Isaiah. 30:12-13)

Those with "eyes to see" are watching the bulge that fads and trends are making in God's protective wall. The compromises and accommodations are bringing down the hedge that keeps us safe from all the enemy's plots and attacks. The "breaking" is coming "suddenly and at an instant."

Ezekiel tearfully witnessed the leadership of his day purposefully cheapen and corrupt the Word of God. He compared their compromises to building a wall with untempered mortar. The Lord instructed the prophet "say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower." (Ezekiel 13:11)

THE WALL IS FALLING

The Lord left no doubt concerning the fate of this wall of false security:

*I will break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered, and **it shall fall**, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. . . . Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar, and will say unto you, **The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it;*** (Ezekiel 13:14)

Untempered mortar is a type of plaster that lacks the "binding" elements necessary to keep bricks together. This mortar gives the

appearance of a strong wall when it is really weak and unable to withstand the storm. The compromising churches and ministries have built such a wall with their deceptive practices and philosophies. Their teaching looks strong and Biblical, but when it is examined in the light of unadulterated Scripture, it becomes apparent that is a mixture of distorted Scriptures and pop psychology. It is a wall of untempered mortar ready to fall.

The building blocks of an abundant are held together by holiness, righteousness, sanctification, and godliness. Any teaching that lacks these vital Scriptural truths is "untempered mortar." Any church or ministry that does not impart these values in their members is guilty of building with a sealant incapable of holding things together in a storm.

The plethora of scandals that have lately erupted among mega churches should underscore that we can ill afford to judge by outward appearances. The music, the size of the crowd, the entertainment value of the services, the programs, and the activities may appear strong and beautiful, but a storm is coming and everything built on the wrong foundation, and constructed with "untempered mortar," will suddenly collapse leaving believers devastated and damaged.

The indictment given to priests and prophets in Ezekiel's time is relevant for our day . . . "And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken." (Ezekiel 22:28)

Regrettably, this Scripture will be the epitaph of denominations and mega churches who convoluted and abandoned holiness.

Chapter 2

WHAT LACK I YET

" what lack I yet?" (Matthew 19:20)

The rich young ruler in Matthew 19 was successful, prosperous, and motivated. He had everything going for him. He had social position and influence. He was an upwardly mobile individual. He had status and ranked in the upper crust of society.

Yet, he innately knew that something was missing. His life was incomplete. Neither his social standing or material possessions was bringing him the happiness he craved, or allayed his fears about Eternity.

His life was disturbed by a high degree of uncertainty. The question of Eternity nagged in his spirit. Neither his success or possessions could fill the void in his soul or bring him satisfaction.

He had no financial worries, yet something was missing.

He had education, career, and position, yet something was missing.

He was a good man, but something was missing

There was an empty place in him that could not be filled with Jewish ritual, ceremony, patriotism, ambition, or even philanthropy. There was something vital, essential, and necessary that was absent. So he asked the Lord, "good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"

He questioned the Lord about good things, so the Lord repeated the commandments.

The rich young ruler had been raised to obey the commandments of God. Those divine mandates formed his character and governed his conduct, but still something was missing.

He answered, "all these things I have kept from my youth up . . . what lack I yet."

The Lord didn't mince words with this rich young ruler. He didn't sugar coat the truth to make it more palatable. The Lord Jesus knows what is in the heart, and there was something in this man's heart that blocked him from a real relationship with God.

Jesus didn't tell anyone else what He told this young man, because not everyone had his problem. The Lord didn't say to Nicodemus, or to Bartimaeus, or to anyone else the words which He spoke to the rich young ruler.

The love of riches and material things were deeply rooted in this young man's heart, so the Lord zeroed in on the problem and told him, "if thou wilt be (complete) go and sell that thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven, and come and follow me."