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Jim Schneider: Well, hi and welcome to Crosstalk on VCY America. Jim Schneider with you today and trust that you'll find great benefit from our broadcast as it is our privilege to have in our studio today Dr. John Whitcomb. Dr. Whitcomb is founder and President of Whitcomb Ministries, a respected theologian and Bible scholar for more than 50 years. He taught for more than 38 of those years at a major evangelical seminary and has traveled extensively across the United States and throughout the world to share the Word of God. His perhaps most famous writing is the book that he co-authored with the late Dr. Henry Morris, *The Genesis Flood*, which is widely acknowledged as having a significant part in igniting the modern creationist movement around the world. Numerous other writings have been attributed to him as well. He happens to be here in southeast Wisconsin speaking at an area church this weekend, which we'll be telling you more about there in just a little while into the interview as well. Dr. Whitcomb, it's a privilege to have you back here on Crosstalk.

Dr. John Whitcomb: Thank you, Jim, it's a joy to be back with you again. Thank you.

Jim: Dr. Whitcomb, we consider you to certainly be a friend here as well and so appreciate the heritage that you're providing for us. Dr. Whitcomb is a former evolutionist, a remarkable testimony which he has shared previously on his seeking to prove the validity of evolution and certainly came to grips with the fact of the creator of the Bible, the creator of the world, and certainly has come to faith in Jesus Christ. Dr. Whitcomb, today though as we've had you numerous times in the studio talking about the alpha side of things. Today we'll look more at the future events. The end of the world and so on and maybe perhaps in bridging the two concepts together. In the book of Matthew 25:37 it says, but as the days of Noah were so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. You have extensively studied. You have extensively taught the book of Genesis as well as Bible prophecy. Tell us about those days of Noah and what we can anticipate at the time of the return of Christ.

John: Well, Jim, it's really something that's happening all over the world and even in America today, isn't it? People are beginning to think where are we going? What is the future of America, of my life, my family. And I say, well, thank you, God, for getting our attention. Only you know what's coming. Only you know how to prepare for what's coming. And as we turn to the Bible, which sadly has been a rare experience for millions of people who claim to be Christians, frankly, we are amazed to see that Jesus not only knew everything that happened at the beginning of the world, he was there. He not only knows everything that's going to happen, he knows what's happening now to every human heart and mind.

He knows what might have happened if something else hadn't happened. He knows everything about everything. And I say well, thank you, Lord, you're the truth. The way, the truth and the life. Help me, dear Jesus, to listen to you speak the truth. I'm tired of promises. All kinds of prospects, hopes, evaluations, guesses, fears. May I just hear the truth from you. And of course one day, according to Matthew 24:1, the disciples were with Jesus sitting on the Mount of Olives overlooking Jerusalem. And they were showing him the beauties of the great temple. It was magnificent. It's hard to imagine it's a ruin, really, today, compared to then. And Jesus said see not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

Forty years later it happened. The temple was totally destroyed by the Roman armies in A.D. 70. It has never recovered. Now, of course, we are all focused, are we not, on what's happening in Jerusalem and Israel today, in the near east. That is the fulcrum, the center, the focus that God would have us concentrate on as to what is coming next in the history of the world. So while he sat upon the Mount of Olives, Matthew 24:3, the disciples came unto him privately, saying tell us, when shall these things be and what shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world. Now that's my question, Jim. What are the signs? How can we see what's happening? Where are we heading? Economically, politically, socially, academically, politically, what's happening? To my life, my family, my community, my nation, my world.

And Jesus answered and said to them, take heed that no man deceive you. Listen to that. Thousands, yes millions of opinions, all of which have the wrong approach, the wrong perspective. Some people obviously were not extremists on this. We want to be very careful, very balanced. Some people have excellent insights that they have received from where? From this book, the Bible. Listen to what Jesus said. He said, many shall come in my name, claiming to be from God, saying I am Christ, and shall deceive many. And you shall hear wars and rumors

of wars. See that ye be not troubled for all these things must come to pass but the end is not yet – one thing after another is ahead in God's plan for the world. For nations shall rise up against nation, kingdom against kingdom and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in diverse places. And these are the beginning of sorrows. Now, Jim, I'll never forget. I was a soldier in the Second World War in Europe. I was in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium in December '44. I was almost killed. God really got my attention.

I was a believer, I'd come to Christ as a godless evolutionist at Princeton University in February '43. But then I was sent to Europe in '44, like hundreds of thousands of millions of others, and there was a time right there where we thought, wait a minute, what are we doing here? We thought the first world war was to end all wars. My father was in that war. My grandfather too, and here we are in another war even bigger. Tens of millions of people being killed. Jews, six million in Europe alone. And I say well, Lord, what's going on? Is there any hope? How about the United Nations? How about the League of Nations? Can't we solve this? Jesus said, trust me, the end is not yet. And I say, well, Lord, they shall deliver you up, Jesus said, to be afflicted and they shall kill you.

You shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. Did you know in the last 100 years, Jim, more Christians have died for their faith around the world than all previous centuries combined? It's a hostile world to God's truth, God's Word, God's people. And then shall many be offended, verse 10, and shall betray one another and hate one another. Where is love? Where is mutual respect and confidence? People deceiving each other. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But, this catches my attention, especially, Jim. He that shall endure until the end. The same shall be saved. What's that mean? Well, that's what happened at the time of the flood. Jesus is going to tell us here in the next section of this amazing prophecy.

How many people survived? Eight people. How do they survive? By enduring to the end. How did they endure to the end? Because they were in a gigantic box called Noah's Ark and God shut the door and those eight people in that barge lived through the deluge under God's amazing protective program and provision. So people, Jesus said are going to live to the end of what's coming. It's called the Great Tribulation, the most awful time in the history of the world. Listen to how Jesus describes it, in fact. He said then, verse 21, there shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved but for the elect's sake, those days shall be shortened. Now, Jesus, of course, assumes here as he's talking to his own disciples that they have mastered the Old Testament, especially in this case the book of Daniel, because Daniel made it very clear as Jesus referred back in verse 15, he said,

when you therefore see these things happening, spoken of by Daniel, the prophet, who so readeth let him understand. Daniel saw by God's intervention and revelation. All the events and their sequence and significance at the end of the world. And I say, well, Lord, I'm absolutely amazed. Because he lived in a time of tribulation. He was in the 70 year catastrophe time when the temple had been destroyed, the first temple in Jerusalem. And millions of Jews were shipped off to Babylon for 70 years, including himself and his three friends.

You remember. And he saw tribulation. He read the book of Jeremiah. He knew the book of Lamentations, of what happened to Jerusalem. So the like of which had never happened in any city in the history of the world. But the worst was yet ahead. Think of the Holocaust in Germany. Think of the awful things that happened in Soviet Russia, in communist China, in Cambodia with Pol Pot. Think of the ten scores of millions who've been destroyed in holocausts of various types all over the world. Jesus said the worst is yet to come. So whatever politicians may offer, we're going to bring peace to the world and everybody be happy and prosperous. Listen to Jesus. And be prepared, Friend, for what really is coming at the end.

Jim: I think, Dr. Whitcomb also, Paul's writing to Timothy where he talked about in II Timothy 3, about in the last days, perilous times will come. And do you see the time in which we're living as being characteristic of those perilous times?

John: Yes. He said perilous times shall come because men shall be what?

Jim: Lovers of themselves.

John: Lovers of themselves. Disobedient to parents, hateful, hating one another, on and on the litany goes. You know, you don't have to have two eyes. One eye is enough to connect with your brain to see what's happening in the environment. We say Lord, I thought we were evolving. I thought we heard promises, just give us time and everything gets better. That's deception. That is deception. Because if you just look at the way natural things trend, downward, that's called the second law of thermodynamics. Every ordered, beautiful, functional system in the universe. Stars, comets, plants, animals, people, are going downward. Inherited mutations, isolation, inbreeding, corruption, catastrophe. You say, well now Lord, help them to know why this is happening and what to do about it. How do I fit in? I want to listen to you. When all else fails, God says, may I have a word? May I speak? And I say, Lord Jesus, please speak to us, please do.

Jim: One of the things you mentioned there from the book of Matthew is the aspect about false prophets and deceivers that are going to be characteristic going out and rising, deceiving many. What do people need to do today to be sure they are not one of those that are caught up in this deception?

John: Right. Well, here's actually, Jim, of course what Jesus said. He said, if any man shall say unto you, lo here is Christ. Or there, believe it not. For there shall be false Christ's and false prophets and shall show great signs and wonders insomuch if it were possible they should deceive the very elect. That is God's people. God's own people might even be deceived in times like these. Wherefore if they say unto you, behold, he's in the desert, don't go forth. Behold he's in the secret chamber, believe it not. Here's how he will come.

Jim: Tell you what, we' going to hold that thought and come back after the break. Folks, you're listing to Crosstalk on VCY America. Dr. John Whitcomb is our guest today. Stay with us, we'll be right back.

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Jim: You're listening to the program Crosstalk here on VCY America. Dr. John Whitcomb is our guest today, founder and President of Whitcomb Ministries and certainly we're taking a look here as we started out the interview today looking, as it were, in the days of Noah. So shall the coming of the Son of Man be. Dr. Whitcomb is a theologian, has certainly preached and taught the Word of God and looking at those things that were characteristic during the times of Noah and certainly giving an eye to where things are today. And we were talking about there the whole aspect of being deceived as there are false prophets that have gone out into the world today, Dr. Whitcomb, and we kind of had to cut you short there as that break came upon us, but go ahead and continue on if you would.

John: Yes, if someone says we have found the Christ, the King, the King of Kings, he is come, he's out here in a secret place. He's over here in a desert area. Don't believe them. Why? Here's how he will come. Are you ready? As lighting cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west. So shall also be the coming of the Son of Man. In other words, it'll be obvious to every human being on this planet. When he comes down from heaven above the whole human race rotating under his gradual dignified descent from heaven will see him coming. You say really? What's going to happen when he comes? Here it comes. Matthew 24:29.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days, so shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light. And the stars shall fall from heaven and the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall appear the sign of the Son of

Man in Heaven. And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with the great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather together his elect, his people, from the four winds, north south east and west, from one end of heaven to the other. Now, Jesus said, learn a parable of the fig tree. When his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh.

So likewise yet, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled. When these things start happening, Jim, it'll all happen so quickly that one generation will not be completed until it's done. The generation that's alive when these things start happening will be here when they finish, namely a seven year period which Daniel predicted would be the last of seventy sevens of years. The 70th week of Daniel.

Jim: And Dr. Whitcomb we have talked about on this program before some of these false Christs, in essence, coming out. The Maitreya has been exposed here. We have seen Reverend Moon who has been called the True Parent. The Messiah. Some have even likened that name Messiah even to the current President of the United States. And there, it's also troubling in that we brought to light of course many churches and pastors that are doing things that are very bizarre in the name of God or in the name of the Lord and even in Matthew, the book that we're in right now, it says that not everyone that says Lord, Lord, is going to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

John: Right. Absolutely. And these are tests that God sends out way to see whether we really tune into him and consider his Word supreme and final in our life and in our perspectives. I mean, for this cause, Paul said, many heresies are permitted by God so that those who stand for the truth may be manifest, may be obvious. This may be conspicuous. That was true in Noah's day, wasn't it? One man understood and spoke the truth and by the final seven days of the pre-flood period, the whole human race realized when the animals walked into that ark, God shut the door, that somebody had spoken the truth. One man whose name was Noah. Now Jesus said if people were to trust in his words, listen, he says, when you see these things know it's near, even at the doors.

Verily I say unto this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but what? My words shall not pass away. You say, Lord Jesus, I trust you. I've heard of you. I've seen people who have trusted you. I want you. I desperately need you. Talk to me. And here's what he's going to say. Are you ready? Of that day and hour knoweth no man. Don't make a prediction it will happen next Tuesday or next month or next year. Nobody

knows. Now this is amazing. Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no not even the angels of heaven, but my father only. Jesus, you see, when he became a human being 2,000 years ago, set aside the independent exercise of attributes of greatness such as omniscience and omnipotence. All power and all knowledge. He came perfectly divine, perfectly human, but dependent on the Father for supernatural power and wisdom. He said I know something that nobody knows. I know something that no angel knows.

I know something that not even -- I know the Father knows, but I don't. It's the day of my coming. Now, what's going to happen when that day comes? As the days of Noah were, there's the connection. So shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. What's the comparison? Listen. Verse 38 of Matthew 24. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. That's all fine except that was their highest goal in life. Eating and feeding and multiplying. Animals can do that too. God didn't create humans in his image and likeness to be nothing more than animals. Until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not. They didn't care, they didn't want to know. They were in the darkness, spiritually, until the flood came and took them all away.

So shall also the coming of the Son of Man be. Well, what's that mean? Listen. Then shall two be in the field. One shall be taken, the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill. The one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore, for you know not what hour your Lord doth come. Now wait a minute. What's that mean? Well, as it was in the days of Noah means that in his time the evil people, the unbelievers were taken away. The righteous believers remained to repopulate the world. So when Christ comes, not at the rapture which could happen at any moment now, but at the second coming of glory that he's been describing here. Then unbelievers will be removed. The righteous will remain to repopulate the world in the coming kingdom.

So God says you better be sure that you trust me. That you know me. That you love me and that you're listing to me. Because when the hour of crisis comes to this planet, at the second coming of Christ at Armageddon, only the believer will be allowed to enter the kingdom alive on this earth, the 1,000 year kingdom that Christ will bring when he arrives on planet Earth at his second coming.

Jim: Dr. John Whitcomb with us here today on Crosstalk. Dr. Whitcomb, we know as we observe the times around us that the, certainly the spirit of antichrist is around us.

But we also know that there is one that is one who is going to be called antichrist or The Beast that will come to power. What's important for us to know about this person. What kind of origin will he have?

John: Yes. That is a very perplexing issue. We know one thing for sure, Jim. The bible says that Israel will believe in him. Daniel said so. That he will make a firm covenant with many, the majority of Israelis, for one shabua. That's a unit of seven years. They will make a seven year - why? Why do they have to have somebody of brilliance and great power and authority and respect and dignity. Why do they have to have a leader like that? Because even now watch Israel. They're becoming more and more isolated, more desperate for security and international recognition, appreciation, and they will sign a treaty with someone who promises them great things. Jesus said it this way in John 5. I have come in my father's name and they received me not. But one is coming in his own name and him you will receive.

You'll accept him. You'll look to him. You'll trust in him. But he will betray them. His name, the antichrist. Daniel calls him The Little Horn. At first he starts small and rises to international power, especially in Europe. He will take over the western world within three and a half years. I never believed it possible, Jim, but in the Second World War we had a man from Austria, relatively speaking, a nobody named Adolf Hitler who persuaded millions of German people to be -- to allow him to be their chancellor, their leader, and conquered almost all of Western Europe in three years. Now this man will do an even greater thing. In three and a half years he'll conquer all of Western Europe, which Hitler did not quite success in doing and he will then do what?

Set himself up as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords of the entire human race. He is nicknamed in the book of Revelation The Beast. The Beast. He will demand that every human take the mark of the Beast on their right hand, on their forehead, to allow them to buy and sell, to live. Billions of people will die.

Jim: Let me ask you a question pertaining to that because stories have been on the increase regarding the marking of people, the use of RFID, whether it be putting it in backpacks to follow students as they're in school, whether it be that of having in article of clothing or cell phones. January of 2008 we read a story in hospitals in the state of Ohio, they were tagging babies with the electronic chips in order to keep them from being ushered out of the hospital, abducted. We've also heard about the RFID ink, a special ink that has the RFID qualities right in it. Should these things be of concern to us at this point?

John: Well, not so much a matter of concern now, I don't think, compared to what it will be. Now that's the point. Things are shaping up. Jesus said you can tell what the weather's going to be like by looking at the clouds, at the sky. How about the science of the times? How about the trends of nations, economies, education, philosophy, religious. Watch how the worlds is

moving forward toward a one world government under one great ruler who will do exactly what you said. He will stamp his identity on every human body to claim for himself, for ever. And I say, well, Lord, spare me from even thinking like that and I see these trends now and the technology, obviously, Jim, is the point. The technology is almost there isn't it? To do all these things and I say, Lord, help us to keep our eyes on you and not be caught off guard or deceived as to what the trends really are that we see before our eyes today.

Jim: You know, as in the first epistle of John as he talks about the return of Christ, he says and everyman that hath this hope in him purifyeth himself even as he is pure. How important do you see that? Keeping ourselves up right and pure in this day and age in which we live?

John: Right. Now there is a tremendous empowerment for purity, isn't it? I think about that from time to time. It doth not appear what we shall be, First John 3, but we know that when he shall appear, with the church, that's the rapture of the church, resurrection, rapture day, which could be today. Could be tomorrow, next day, we shall see him for we shall see him as he is and he that has this hope in him, in Jesus, purifies himself even as he is pure. Why? Because we're going to face him. He'll confront us for what we've done with what he entrusted to us and what he taught us. The opportunities he gave us, the privileges, the protections, the blessing. And we need to be prepared to give an account for our thoughts, our words, our deeds, when Jesus meets us in that moment.

Jim: Dr. John Whitcomb our guest here today on Crosstalk. We're going go open the phone lines. We're talking about as it were in the days of Noah, so to speak, and we're talking about the perilous times in which we live. Talking about keeping our eyes on the lord, keeping ourselves pure, our phone number here at Crosstalk is 800-733-9829. That's' 800-733-9829. Well be right back.

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Jim: You're listening to Crosstalk on VCY America. We have with us today Dr. John Whitcomb, founder and President of Whitcomb Ministries, respected theologian and Bible scholar for more than 50 years and as we mentioned also at the outset perhaps his most famous writing is the book that he co-authored with the late Dr. Henry Morris titled *The Genesis Flood*. Authored in 1961 and is a book that has stood the test of time. It is a book that has certainly ignited the modern creationist movement around the world and if you've not read or obtained a copy of the book we do have it available through Crosstalk. Our way of saying thank you for your support of \$20 or more, though we're not specifically talking about the flood we are talking about the days of Noah,

though, as well, and it's significance toward future events. But we do have that book available through Crosstalk. It is 500 pages of information, documentation. Dr. John Whitcomb along with Dr. Henry Morris, if you'd like to obtain a copy of that you may contact our switchboard at 800-729-9829. That donation amount does include shipping to your home as well, that's 800-729-9829. By the way, our guest today, Dr. John Whitcomb is here in studio because he is going to be speaking at an area church. That is at the Brookside Baptist Church.

They're holding a prophecy conference this weekend and he'll be speaking both tonight and tomorrow evening, Friday and Saturday night, at 7:00 and then also on Sunday during the morning services and Sunday School hour and Sunday evening as well. They're located on Pilgrim Road in Brookfield and if you'd like more information you can contact the church office there at 262-783-6180. That's 262-783-6180. The exact address, 4470 North Pilgrim Road. We're just scratching the surface on a number of issues, but certainly perhaps has whet your appetite to discuss some of these issues here today and maybe a question has been posed in your mind. We're going to be in Kenosha, Wisconsin where we have Nick calling in. Nick, you're on the air.

Nick: Yes, Jim, I'd like the doctor to comment on new upcoming NBC series *Kings* where it shows a one-world king with absolute power. And if it would be possible for the media to be conditioning the American people that we need a dictator, we need a one-world king. Just to have the doctor comment on that.

Jim: Thank you, Nick.

John: Yes, I think that's absolutely true. More and more people are thinking of a, just a focus on one person, because we're beginning to realize, aren't we, that a multiplicity of nations and cultures and languages, thousands of different people, groups around the world, there's no hope for anything significant to happen on this earth. And we need therefore to be what? Unified under one mind, one leader. One power center. Now, of course, the infinite difference is this. Who's the leader? Now there's an opponent to Jesus. Jesus Christ to whom the worlds were made and who is the final judge before every human will appear, John 5. Is in tense competition with someone else who's invisible. His name is Satan.

Now, when Satan saw Jesus appearing on this planet and preparing a public ministry, he had a confrontation with him. He said you bow the knee to me and I'll give you all the what? All the kingdoms of the world. He said I am the king of the world and guess what? He was. How? Adam, the first king of the earth, gave him the world. Turned the whole sovereignty of this world over to Satan and we

have never recovered from that. Thank God Jesus didn't say yes, let's talk. I'll do that. No. Jesus is the only perfect King of Kings and Lord of Lord and he says you must trust in me, not the competition. Not the opposition. Satan, the antichrist, or whoever claims to be, a unique world ruler today.

Jim: Nick, we appreciate your call here today. And Doctor Whitcomb, even with this current economic crisis our nation is enduring, we have heard the terminology come up from government leaders saying only government can solve this problem. Only government can handle this. We have seen Henry Kissinger of recent, who has come forth and stated this, you need to use this opportunity to bring about a new world order. And so, as Nick pointed out here on his call, there's some kind of conditioning going on for that world leader or knowing that government is going to be the savior, so to speak.

John: Right. Big daddy. In other words, listen to me. I will meet all your needs. I'm, and of course you know there are strings attached, don't you? When the government sends money to people, there's a string attached. You owe your life, your destiny, to me. And I say, Lord, help me to be careful here. Now Jesus said this. He said, you pay to Caesar what belongs to him. But you pay to God what belongs to him. And there's an infinite difference. They're not – Caesar was a wicked ruler in the Roman Empire when our Lord Jesus was here. So Jesus said pay your taxes, give your tribute, but you owe to God what? Your heart, your mind, your soul, your eternal destiny and your hope forever.

Jim: We have Nancy calling next from Pedal, Mississippi, Nancy. You're on the air.

Nancy: Good afternoon, Dr. Whitcomb. I have a comment and then I've got a question for you, so please don't cut me off until I finish it, okay? I studied a few years back the seven Jewish feasts to where the spring feast, which was the Passover, that was the death of Christ. The unleavened bread was when he was buried. The first fruits was when he was resurrected and Pentecost was when the Holy Spirit came. The spring feasts have all been fulfilled. Okay, the fall feast that's coming up is the trumpet feast, which we studied and it sounds like coincides with the rapture of the church. And then there's the Talmud feast which is the Great Tribulation, and then the Tabernacle feast which is the kingdom millennial. Okay. Have you ever studied that and do you consider that?

Jim: Thank you, Nancy.

John: Yes, of course. Zechariah 14, the last chapter of that great Old Testament book says that when the kingdom comes the one feast that will be required for everybody in the world is the feast of Tabernacles. And those who

come must honor the King of Kings because Tabernacles represents what? The tabernacling, the dwelling of God with his people.. Which he did in the wilderness for forty years with Israel. He came and dwelled among them. And so he's coming back again. And when he does, he will say to the people of the world, I'll meet you in Jerusalem. I'll meet you there. And we're going to talk and I'm going to share with you my love, my provision for your eternal need. So yes, all those feasts throughout the year had significance prophetically of how the world will work out step by step in terms of salvation and God's perfect provision. And I say thank you, Lord, for giving us a glimpse through the history of Israel and it's feasts. What has happened and what's going to happen at the end.

Jim: Mileou is calling next. You're on the air Mileou.

Mileou: Okay, thank you, Doctor, for taking this chance. And my question is, because I'm working around technology of this computer as you early said almost things are getting [xx]. The other say I was reading about the Internet of things. They want to put a mark, a talking mark almost, on every equipment that's there in the world so as a Christian how will I supposed to guide ourselves or be in mind of these things. What do you say about that?

John: Yes, if I understand you right sir, there is a technology available to mark, a mark of identity or control, on every person, if I understood you correctly. And I have been told that that is true and nobody can question the fact that technology is so advanced now that absolutely amazing things can happen. But, anything that promises control is to be avoided at all costs. If the control is not who? Jesus Christ the Lord. He's the Lord and I say, well Lord Jesus, the only mark I want is your mark of identity and what is that? It's faith in which you have said and done and he died on the cross for my sin and yours, Friend, and for the sins of the whole world and the mark of a believer is what genuine, child-like faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross confirmed by his resurrection from the dead.

That's the heart of the gospel, the good news, the only good news there is. And Jesus said you take, you make disciple so fall nations. Get them to take that mark of identity by trusting in me. And you teach them all things whatsoever I have taught and I say, well, Lord, that's an enormous job to tell the whole world who Jesus is. And I say, well, Lord we can't and you know what his answer was? Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. I am with you. I will guide you. I'll protect you if you want people to know who I am and have, as it were, my mark on their heart and soul forever.

Jim: We're going next to Sue calling from Racine, Wisconsin. You're on the air, Sue.

Sue: Yes, good afternoon. Yes, sir I was wondering if you could comment please on the U.N. recently handing out a prayer calling the Prayer of Invocation, which is supposedly a prayer of goodwill which they are trying to get as many people around the world to pray this prayer at the change of the season to usher in the world teacher. I will just hang up so that you can comment. Thank you, sir.

John: Yes. You know, everybody in the world to some extent, with rare exceptions, such as militant atheists, have one kind of a prayer or another to one kind of a God or another one. It makes an infinite difference, Dear Friend, in whose name are we praying? Jesus said if you pray to my father in my name, in my name, your prayer will be answered. You will be heard. And I say well, Lord, protect me please, from just anonymous prayers that can be offered in the name of any god whatsoever. Think about. There are a thousand different cults in America alone, official cults. Whose prayer? Whose name? Whose identity are we connecting with? And I say Lord, there's only one name that has a guarantee to answered prayer. The name of Jesus Christ. The Son of God the Father.

Jim: And that's why his name is under such attack today from city council meetings to Christmas time to, even the National Day of Prayer, struggling over the issue of whether to say the name of Jesus or not. Let's go to another Sue, Hermiston, Oregon. Sue, you're on the air.

Sue: Hi. I just want to tell you folks thank you. I have just been starved to hear somebody concentrate on the returning of Jesus Christ and his near return and to keep looking up. I have been so hungry for that. I also wanted to share with you, it's been my personal opinion for years that Hitler was the counterfeit antichrist and if you want to see what the real antichrist is going to do, just read history, and that's all I have to say. Thank you.

Jim: And I think you kind of alluded to Hitler being a type of antichrist.

John: It just shows us, doesn't it? The advance of technology and the unification of nations under a single leader is a horrible combination if God is not involved. And I say Lord, I see the trends, I see the ability of modern nations to do this kind of thing that Hitler did. I mean we're still looking back 60 some years ago now, nearly 70, to the amazing things that Satan accomplished in that one man. And course he's not the worst man who's ever lived or the worst one who is ever going to live. But if one Austrian with the name of Hitler could do under Satan what he accomplished, It is incredible what human beings apart

from God under Satanic delusion and empowerment, can accomplish to destroy vast numbers of people. And I say Lord, help me. Help me to keep my eye on Jesus the Savior of the world.

Jim: Dr. John Whitcomb with us today. We're going to take a quick break, come back to the final segment with more of your phone calls here at 800-733-9829. This is Crosstalk on the VCY America Network.

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Jim: You're listening to Crosstalk here on VCY America. Dr. John Whitcomb with us here today. He's been with us several times on Crosstalk. And we're talking about the days of Noah and the comparison, of course, of what has taken place in history past and what is coming forward to the future here as well and certainly the understanding of the times in which we live. By the way, his book, *The Genesis Flood*, is available through Crosstalk, our way of saying thank you for your support of \$20 or more. For more information about obtaining that you can call our switchboard at 800-729-9829. And just so I don't forget, Dr. Whitcomb will be speaking in special meetings this weekend for those of you in southeast Wisconsin. Brookside Baptist Church prophecy conference there tonight and tomorrow at 7:00. Also services on Sunday. For more information on it you may contact the church at 262-783-6180. And the phone lines are jammed here this afternoon. We're going next to Jay who is called from Pittsville, Wisconsin. Jay, you're on the air.

Jay: Say, hello, Doctor.

John: Hello.

Jay: How are you? Just to say I got two comments I got to make and then I'll hag up and then I'll listen to you your comments. Number one is could you talk more about the rapture? I'm not following where that comes from in the Bible. And the other comment is kind of troubling to me is one-rule dictator, the republican President George W. Bush was the one that kind of coined the phrase, new world order, and both him and his son George W. Bush, my understanding were both for one-world dictatorship.

Jim: Okay, we'll have him comment on those issues here. Dr. Whitcomb?

John: Yes. The rapture of the church of course means the catching away. This will be a spectacular, global miracle of God to end the existence on earth of the true church, the body and bride of Christ, born again Christians will be

involved. Now Jesus gave a little hint of that, a little hint in the upper room just before he died, to his apostles. John 14, he said let not your heart be troubled and their hearts were troubled, they knew he was leaving them. Believe in God, believe also in me, because he and the father share deity. They're two distinct persons of the Godhead. In my father's house are many mansions, dwelling places. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. Now watch carefully. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am ye may be also. In other words, this is not the second coming of glory. This is a secret rapture.

We call it secret because it's something that won't happen on this planet. It'll, all of a sudden millions of people will disappear and go meet Jesus in the sky and he'll take them to their heavenly home. Of course, our citizenship, Paul the Apostle, said, is in heaven, not on the earth. We're just wanderers, pilgrims here, temporarily. Our heavenly home is up there with him. And he'll take us there. That is the beginning of the 70th and last week of Daniel, the tribulation and ultimately the Great Tribulation, is going to come upon this earth. And all the horrible things he predicted, that Paul predicted, John predicted, the apostles all through the New Testament, as well as Old Testament prophets, will take place when? After the church has been removed. Has been carried away at the rapture.

Jim: So he was also asking what about this one world dictator.

John: Yes, of course. Well, as soon the church is gone, then the dictator will appear according to II Thessalonians. Because the Holy Spirit will restrain him, keep him under control, his lack of exposure to his identity, until he is taken from the midst. He's taken out with the church. He disappears with his people. Then shall that wicked one be revealed. He will sit in the temple of God, claiming himself to be god, that is in Jerusalem. Then the whole world will know that he is the antichrist, the one world dictator and ruler who will dominate the human race at the end of the 70th week of Daniel.

Jim: Going to pick up on an international call now from Birmingham, England. Robert, good afternoon, you're on the air.

Robert: Thank you. Quick a sidebar way of greeting, that when I was a student in the early 1970s at Imperial College in London, the book *The Genesis Flood* came out very timely to give us some scientific basis. We were clinging on by faith to creation and so thank you for that. My main point, and then I'll hang up and listen to your comments, is this.

That part of the attack on Christians and Jews in these days is that we have a scientifically credible alternative to evolution and one of the tentacles of evolution that's been seen recently is in the concept of changing the American

Constitution, not as an absolute, but something that can be evolved. And so it reaches not only into science but into every area. And we are under attack because we have a scientifically credible alternative. Put evolution and creation side by side and if you come at it without prejudice I believe that creation has the scientific validity to stand up every time. Thank you, I'll listen to your comments off air, off the phone line.

Jim: Thank you, Robert.

John: Thank you, sir, it's been my joyful privilege for many years to discover more and more how marvelous the designs the universe and the world and living things really are. In fact, there's a whole global movement that I'm sure your familiar with called the Intelligent Design movement. Which has discovered and confirmed that the design of intricately programmed living things, the DNA molecule, the cell and so forth, could never have happened by chance, no matter how much time you have, chance could never have brought into existence these complex things that we see all around us and inside of us.

And I say well, thank you, Lord but that's essential but it's infinitely insufficient. God says you not only must believe that everything was designed, you must know who I am. And Jesus, the creator of the world, says you must believe in me. Don't be ashamed of me. Tell the whole world that I, Jesus Christ, was the designer of the world. And that's of course over and over again in the New Testament is that all things were made through him. John 1:3. John 1:10, the world was made through him. Colossians 1, all things were made through Jesus Christ. Hebrews 1, and so on and on and on. The essential characteristic, I believe, of Biblical creationism, is the intently of the creator, the designer himself, Jesus, and thank you, Sir, for sharing that insight with those who are listening to this program today. Thank you.

Jim: Thank you for all your calls and I apologize we didn't get to more calls but certainly our privilege, Dr. Whitcomb, to have you here in our studios today.

John: Thank you, Jim. A great privilege.

Jim: Dr. John Whitcomb has been our guest here today on Crosstalk. Again if you'd like to obtain his book you can contact our switchboard at 800-729-9829. And in light of these perilous times, Folks, preach the Word. The instant in season, out of season, reprove, rebuke exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. Thank you for joining us on Crosstalk.

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