

# OHIO CLERGY OPEN STATEMENT ON MAN-MADE CLIMATE CHANGE

With nearly forty-four million persons estimated in the path of the Great American Eclipse's totality, April 8th, 2024 was one of the most-viewed astronomical events in history. As the celestial phenomenon cut through the State of Ohio, for thirty-minutes locals saw temperature drop eight degrees Fahrenheit. According to NASA, depending on humidity and cloud cover over the region, people can normally expect temperatures to fall about ten degrees Fahrenheit for a total eclipse. (1)

Orchestrated by the Creator of the Universe, the attention of multitudes of people were directed to the heavens during the solar eclipse. The Bible says in Psalm 19, "The heavens declare the glory of GOD; and the firmament showeth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard."

Ironically, two weeks after the total solar eclipse, some will be celebrating "International Mother Earth Day" (2) and public schools will be indoctrinating children about man-made climate-change. (3) During this same day, progressive politicians will also be advocating for a global government to micromanage our lives in order to save the earth from certain 'climate apocalypse.'

Elites attempt to negate the existence of GOD by rationalizing that man is producing climate-change. According to Joe Biden and his Department of Defense, climate-change is the biggest existential threat in the world today. Mr. Biden belittles people that do not conform to his green policies by calling them "Neanderthals." (5) Last but not least, Mr. Biden harms the quality of life for Ohio citizens and the under-privileged, by weaponizing a bureaucracy to withhold access to natural fossil fuels.

**As lead clergymen representing one-hundred-five (105) diverse Ohio congregations, we believe this so-called climate emergency, supposedly originating from human activity, is a bunch of hot air, and that forcing the reduction of carbon footprints on individuals, corporations, and nations is tantamount to establishing a one-world religion paying homage to false deities.**

Climate alarmists allege the use of natural fossil fuels, (i.e. the generation of carbon dioxide) will bring hotter temperatures, shift weather patterns, threaten biodiversity, and cause the rise of sea levels which could threaten food production. This is contrary to what the Bible says in Genesis 9. GOD made a covenant with Noah and his sons saying, "I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to destroy the earth." Interestingly, the life-sized replica of Noah's Ark in the Greater Cincinnati area was in the solar eclipse's path of totality on April 8th.

To be clear, relying on computer models to predict global temperatures hundreds of years into the future when meteorologists cannot predict a ten-day forecast is absurd. Travelling around the sun, our earth's climate constantly changes every four seasons due to the tilt in its axis. According to the longest continuous instrumental temperature record in the world, the Central England Temperature Record documents temperatures have risen slightly one degree Celsius since 1850, a period that spans over the entire Industrial Revolution.

As faith leaders, we believe human activity has little influence over global temperatures. Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is necessary for plant-life to survive and is not a pollutant as environmentalists insist. During this so-called environmental crisis, the U.S. has more trees today than it did one-hundred years ago, and the world has seen a 14% increase in green vegetation over the past thirty-years. (6)

Furthermore, recorded events involving climate-change are acts of GOD, like the 1815 Mount Tambora volcano in Indonesia. This eruption emitted large amounts of CO2, methane, and other greenhouse gases into the air, causing lower worldwide temperatures and leading to snow and failed crops the following summer. (7) According to the U.S. Geological Survey, there are an estimated 1,350 potentially-active volcanoes around the world. (8)

The bottom line is the cult of climate-change has little to do with the climate as much as it does with power and control. As lead clergymen, we have not forgotten the Climategate scandals in both 2009 and 2011 involving the release of emails confirming an organized conspiracy by the United Nations. The U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was caught red-handed trying to trick the world into believing global warming was a crisis requiring a drastic response. (9) When leaders like Kamala Harris and Pope Francis warn climate-change could destroy civilization, (10) they are really advocating for global tyranny and for population-control policies. (11) When people become “the pollution,” authoritarian governments deem life expendable, which is directly counter to Judeo-Christian ideology that espouses to sanctity of life.

Romans 1:25 says, “They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.”

It is our observation that the fear of environmental apocalypse grows out of the lack of the fear of GOD. After Noah’s Flood, The Bible states in Genesis 8, “While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.” Climate-change events like a solar eclipse or a volcanic eruption are engineered by GOD. It is painstakingly clear, while climate alarmists inspire a false religion of despair and alarm, believers in Christ offer the world true hope of the all-powerful Creator and Sustainer who provides salvation thru Christ.

In closing, although the Bible commands us to be good stewards of the earth, as faith leaders, we will not be holding our breath on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Humanity, and not earth, needs salvation from sin. (12,13) The heavens will soon be speaking again when the Messiah cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him. Christ is coming back soon-and that is no science fiction.

**List of lead clergymen representing one-hundred-five (105) diverse congregations across (16) different Ohio counties warning the public about the global climate-change cult promoting a counterfeit gospel masqueraded as sustainable development:**

Pastor Mark Meyer, Lexington Gracepoint	Pastor Mark Wireman, Shiloh Pentecostal
Pastor Paul Lintern, Southside Christian	Pastor John Bouquet, Savannah Bethel Baptist
Pastor Paul Lintern, Oakland Lutheran	Pastor Joseph Yerger, First Evangelical Presbyterian
Pastor J.C. Church, Victory in Truth Ministries	Pastor Doug Tackett, Taylortown Community Church
Pastor Michael Constantino, Girard New Life	Pastor Glenn Phillips, Hillside First Church of GOD
Pastor Dallas Waggle, Lucas Foursquare	Pastor Layton Broome, Hayesville Methodist
Pastor Layton Broome, Lakefork Methodist	Pastor Dave Rentzel, Shelby Kingdom Life Church
Pastor Hank Webb, Belmont Community	Pastor Chad Hayes, Mansfield Caesarea Baptist
Pastor Hank Webb, Belmont 96 Church	Pastor Dink Porter, Mansfield Open Bible Church
Pastor Denny Nezrick, Lexington Presbyterian	Pastor Russell Stanford, All Believers in Christ Church
Pastor Brian Phillips, New Beginnings Freewill	Pastor Robert O’Brian, Mansfield Apostolic Faith
Pastor Matthew Pond, Shelby First Freewill	Pastor Taylor Howard, Apostolic Holiness Church
Pastor James Marshall, Ganges Community	Pastor Bobby Edwards, Jesus in Alive Holiness
Pastor Joe Nichols, ARK Empowerment Ctr.	Pastor Louis Blevins, Latter Rain COGIC
Bishop Sylvester Ginn, Ontario Hesus Agape	Pastor Steve Burkhalter, Ontario Potter’s House
Pastor Rob Ratcliff, North Woodbury Freewill	Pastor Emeritus Steve Schag, Shelby Calvary Baptist

Pastor David Bates, Galion Unity Freewill  
 Pastor Duane Hennen, Cortland Maranatha  
 Pastor Art Kennard, Shelby Maranatha Center  
 Dr. DeWayne Smith, Pricetown Methodist  
 Pastor Mike Rose, Hope on the Hill Chapel  
 Pastor George Lewis, Shelby Temple of GOD  
 Pastor Matt Merendino, Clear Fork Alliance  
 Pastor Matt Potosky, Albion Church of Brethren  
 Rabbi Bob Bauer, Crestline Beit El Elyon  
 Pastor Clint Zeigler, Sovereign Christ Church  
 Pastor Faron Cole, Eastern Rd. Church of GOD  
 Pastor Brad Gentile, Shelby First Baptist  
 Pastor Robert Kurtz, Mansfield Temple Baptist  
 Pastor Rick Sutter, Elm St. Freewill Baptist  
 Pastor Jack Williams, Walker Lake Baptist  
 Dr. Jeff Mills, Mifflin Little Flock Fellowship  
 Pastor Bill Fox, Crestline Faith Community  
 Pastor Larry Hill, Bethel Freewill Baptist  
 Pastor Clyde Kerby, Hope & Healing Ministries  
 Pastor Jeremy Huff, Church of Jesus Christ  
 Pastor Wade Hartzell, Shiloh Full Gospel  
 Pastor Steve Baldridge, Rome Community  
 Elder James DeWeese, Providence Church  
 Pastor Floyd Hall, Philippian Community  
 Pastor Ben Gregg, Plymouth Church of GOD  
 Pastor Kevin Evans, Ganges New Liberty  
 Pastor David Holbrook, Warren Revival Ctr.  
 Pastor Rusty Wills, Christ Community Church  
 Pastor Charles Burgess Jr., West Salem COG  
 Pastor Patrick Bailey, North Bend Brethren  
 Pastor Aaron Rose, Madison Fusion Church  
 Pastor Aaron Boggs, Fredericktown Freewill  
 Pastor Jason Price, Mansfield Victory Baptist  
 Elder Henry Bradley, New Community Temple  
 Pastor Spencer Mencer, Mission 3:16 Church  
 Rabbi William Hallbrook, Ontario Sar Shalom  
 Pastor Jeffrey Lord, Mayflower Congregational

Pastor Ed Colegrove, Edison Enterprise Baptist  
 Pastor Walter Moss, Canton Foursquare Church  
 Pastor John Campos, Bowman St. Church of GOD  
 Pastor David Mahon, Galion Apostolic Assembly  
 Dr. DeWayne Smith, Newton Falls United Methodist  
 Pastor Troy Thompson, Lorain Church on North Coast  
 Pastor LaMont Lindsay, Book of Life Church  
 Pastor David Koehler, Loudonville Temple Baptist  
 Pastor Robert Caw, Newark Church Triumphant  
 Pastor Joe Silvestri, Wooster Bible Church  
 Pastors Les & Grace Farley, Lexington Irresistible  
 Pastor Bryan Schatzinger, Calvary Chapel Mansfield  
 Pastor John Temple, Loudonville Trinity Church  
 Dr. Ricky Branham, Willard Ripley Chapel  
 Pastor Randy Raynes, Mansfield Fellowship Baptist  
 Pastor Les Vnasdale, Cornerstone Grace Brethren  
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 Pastor Danny Akers, Victory Rock Praise & Worship  
 Pastor AJ Platt, Poland Gospel Ministries  
 Pastor James Mitchell, Polk New Liberty Baptist  
 Rabbi Michael Oyler, Star in the East Congregation  
 Pastor Chris Spencer, Crestline Grace Baptist  
 Pastor William Cole, Mansfield Recovery Church  
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 Pastor Joe Maggelet, Ashland Fellowship Christian  
 Pastor Dana Gammill, Cathedral of Life Church  
 Pastor Miler Montoya, Kingdom Vision Church  
 Deacon Dean Shifley, Abundant Grace Fellowship  
 Pastor Patrick Bailey, Danville Church of Brethren  
 Pastor Dan Barker, Cortland Trinity Baptist  
 Pastor Joseph Smith, Ontario Westside Baptist  
 Pastor Ferlie Yates, Hanna Rd. Church of GOD  
 Pastor Jimmy Barnes, Mansfield Foursquare Church  
 Pastor Nickolas Kelly, North Liberty Church  
 Pastor David Howell, Powerhouse Worship Center

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