

# Testing “2020: Reset for a New Era” by Shara Chalmers

This is an evaluation of a supposed prophetic message published by The Elijah List in January 2020.<sup>1</sup> Steve Schultz that runs the list called it “an excellent word”. It is in fact the complete opposite. Basically, everything predicted has failed to come to pass. It is not a near miss, but a complete failure. *This word was clearly not from the Lord!*

**I counted 40 predictions. Of these only 2 can be said to have come to pass, in some small way, but not on a level that makes justice to how the message was worded. 36 predictions failed. 2 probably did, but I am not able to evaluate them.**

The clearest predictions failed so completely that it is beyond reason that anyone would believe them to be true. Instead of stadium revivals we got COVID. There has been progress in the treatment for AIDS, but no cure, and progress in 2020 was not in any way extraordinary. There is still no single natural cure for cancer. There is no discernible uptick in spectacular signs and wonders. *There is still no massive revival!*

Subjectively, within certain small streams of American Christianity, it may seem so, but one must remember the scale of these supposed predictions.

This message was not chosen because it is particularly bad. It was chosen at random as a word for 2020, because that was supposed to be a breakthrough year according to the most seasoned so-called prophets. In fact, this word is typical for what has gotten published on the Elijah List. I have read hundreds of supposed prophecies, and the success rate is abysmal. So have other researchers.<sup>2</sup>

## Methodology

I have broken down the word from Shara Chalmers into separate propositions. When such a proposition has been a prediction of the future, I have evaluated that prediction for clarity (precision). A phrase like “The fear of the Lord will sweep the Church” is vague and unclear. The phrase “God will release a natural cure for cancer” on the other hand is very precise. Although my assessment of the clarity of each proposition is subjective, I propose that any reasonably neutral researcher would concur in my general estimation.

Every prediction is then further evaluated for its fulfilment. This was a word supposedly for 2020, but I have given it some slack and allowed for the fulfilment to happen in 2021, 2022 or 2023, where it is reasonable. The prophecy is quite clear that what it is saying will begin to happen immediately, and thus does not warrant a supposed fulfilment several years into the future.

*This is not how one normally tests prophecies, but since my conclusions probably will be contested, I have sought a way to make this as factual as possible.*

I have also made note of common prophetic themes within the NAR and certain theological beliefs within the movement. I do not expect anyone within the NAR to agree with my assessment. I will provide a critique of these beliefs in a forthcoming book and elsewhere. I keep the notes here, however, for everyone else to see my concern.

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<sup>1</sup> Chalmers, Shara, “2020: Reset for a New Era,” *The Elijah List*, 7 January 2020, [https://www.elijahlist.com/words/display\\_word.html?ID=23068](https://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=23068).

<sup>2</sup> I will give several more examples and provide sources to this claim in a forthcoming book.

## Explanation of the table

In between the predictions there are a lot of common *NAR-topoi*. That is the basic hinges that convey what I call the NARrative – the explanatory myth of the last days that give the NAR its identity and world view. They are marked **magenta**.

There are also common misunderstandings of what the Bible teaches, common to the theology withing the NAR. They are marked **red**.

All predictions have been numbered, in order to keep track of what is repeated.

The phrase “never seen before” or a similar sentiment is repeated and must not be ignored when evaluating this prophecy. It is marked **yellow**.

## Clarity criteria for predictions

A = Perfectly clear what she means and objectively testable.

B = In between A and C.

C = Reasonably clear and one should be able to look at the world and see something that resembles what has been said.

D = In between C and E.

E = Unclear, vague, multiple possible meanings. Only subjective evaluation is possible.

F = A prediction so vague it is impossible to test its fulfilment in any way. Success is an automatic F.

## Clarity criteria for success/fulfilment

A = Requires an A-C prediction. Happened as spoken.

C = Happened sort of like it was spoken and intended.

E = Happened in a way somewhat resembling what was spoken – “if you squint really hard”.

F = Failed

## The supposed prophecy evaluated

Proposition	Clarity/#	Success (A-F)
<b>The Two-Fold Cry of "Come"</b>		
2020 will go down as a pivotal year and be known as "a hinge of history." You will look back on this year as <b>a reset for a new era</b> .	C 1	F Only if one thinks of COVID-19
Joshua 3:5, "Joshua told the people, 'Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.'"	N/A	N/A

Proposition	Clarity/#	Success (A-F)
There is no road map to rely on for where we are going. There is no playbook as we pioneer <b>into new realms of the spirit</b> .	F 2	F (nothing in the prophecy happened) <b>Potentially dangerous!</b> <sup>3</sup>
I believe the key prayer to cry out for in 2020 is the final prayer in the entire Bible found in Revelation 22:17: "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!' And let the one who hears say, 'Come!' Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life."	N/A	N/A
This is the two-fold cry from Heaven being released on Earth today. There is the cry of the Bride for intimacy with Jesus like never before. The Church must ask Him to release <b>a revival which will not end, the culmination of every previous move of God which will usher in His return</b> . And there is a second cry for the lost to come home that the Father's house may be made full (Luke 14:23) and for the Lamb to receive the just reward of His sufferings.	N/A	"Like never before" – hard to say! "The culmination of every previous move" did not happen – but here it is not a prediction.
<b>His Spirit without Measure to a People without Mixture</b>	N/A	Only Jesus had the Spirit without measure. Common mistake.
This year, 2020, there will be an awakening of consecration, a return to the first love of Jesus. It will be marked by a fear of the Lord we have <b>never seen before</b> .	E 3	F Har to measure, but clearly no such wave of the fear of the Lord has come, especially not within the NAR.
The first quarter of this year through Purim (March 9-11, 2020), there will be a profound exposing not only of hidden sins, but of motives, agendas, ambitions, insecurities, control, self-promotion, and any leaven within us that hinders a move of God.	C 4	F
There is a window of grace extended to the Church today for purity and the healing of the heart <b>like never before</b> .	F 4	F "Like never before" may be logically testable but it is not feasible
Denominational walls of division will crumble as there will be an even greater cross-pollination between different streams.	E 5	F Nothing discernible Within the NAR, especially, they ignore outside critics.
The Bride's posture is coming up out of the wilderness limping and leaning on her Beloved (Song of Songs 8:5-8).	F 6	F

<sup>3</sup> It is never wise to disregard wisdom from our collective history! Old rules do apply!

Proposition	Clarity/#	Success (A-F)
We can do nothing without Jesus, but also we can do nothing without His Body. Our breakthrough is found in each other. Unity is key for moving forward. True strength is found in leaning into Him <b>like never before.</b>	N/A	This cannot be seasonal.
The fear of the Lord will sweep the Church.	E 3	F (repeat)
Just like Paul Cain had a reoccurring vision for decades of <b>stadiums being filled</b> with the very glory of God, where newscasters would proclaim that there will be no news but good news, revival and awakening is at hand.	A 7	F Has not happened yet, in 2024. The part Paul Cain never spoke aloud missing, why do you imagine the stadiums being available, which contradicts the “no news but good news part”.
Today, God is looking for those to share "His Spirit <b>without measure</b> to a people without mixture." Glory <b>without measure!</b> He wants <b>a measure of power and glory the world has yet to see.</b>	N/A	Common Latter Rain theme
However, the Father is looking for the broken and contrite heart that will not prostitute His glory for their own means or ministry (Psalm 51).	N/A	That is not happening, though.
The Church will stare at the dissonance between what Jesus paid and purchased through <b>the finished work of the Cross</b> , and what we are currently walking in when no one else is looking.	E 8	F A prediction: “The Church will...” They never talk in a reasonable way about the Cross as something to take up.
The only right response is to fall to our knees like never before in hunger for more. Humility is the only way forward. We must be obsessed with Jesus. <i>Hunger is a gift. Repentance is a gift.</i> Remember, it is His kindness which leads us to repentance (Romans 2:4). God is inviting us to more, but is looking for those whom He can trust. Judgment begins in the house of the Lord.	N/A	Amen
As we draw near as friends of God (Amos 3:7), we can actually move His heart, change His mind, wrestle with Him over nations, and release grace. As prophets, we are called to stand in the gap in the place of intercession to move the very heart of God (Psalm 106:23).	N/A	Open theism on steroids! Human centric Amos 3:7 badly misapplied Psalm 106:23 overextended
The Lord is asking us for <b>an extended corporate fast</b> , a season at His feet and nights of worship with no agenda or preaching.	N/A	More of the same for her stream of Christianity = nothing new to learn, no cross-pollination for her stream
Revival must begin with us.	N/A	Amen

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He is looking for corporate prayer and the agreement when the brethren cry out in unity (Psalm 133).	N/A	More of the same for her stream of Christianity (again)
He does not want the prophetic to be a middle man, but rather is asking for His Joel 2 and Acts 2 army to arise where all can prophesy (1 Corinthians 14:31).	N/A	Amen – badly needed in the NAR
Just like in Exodus 20 when God invited all of the Israelites up the Mountain of the Lord, but the people were afraid of God and sent Moses instead, God is desiring a corporate visitation for all of us – a habitation of His glory.	N/A	Amen – but is this not always true?
Like Moses, we need to draw near "the thick darkness" where God is (Exodus 20:21). But the people stepped back when Moses drew forward. We must step forward. We have to run <i>to</i> God, not <i>from</i> God, like never before. The Israelites stood afar off and asked for a man to speak to them from God instead of themselves experiencing Him. But, Moses drew near the thick darkness.	N/A	
<b>A Reformation in the Prophetic</b>		
There is a prophetic reformation going on in America where God will use prophets to train and equip saints to hear for themselves, rather than being a middle man.	E 9	F In "America" or in some parts? The way the prophets <i>demand</i> ed obedience after the failed election says 100 % the opposite.
God desires to give us a measure of the fear of the Lord that would turn us away from sin and death (Proverbs 14:26-27; 16:6).	N/A (3)	Always
Just as Moses was a man with a stutter and a stick, the Lord is releasing signs and wonders <b>at the speaking of His Word</b> .	E 10	F No discernible increase Bad theology (decrees)
These signs will restore awe and wonder.	E 3	F
Light belongs in the darkness. Revival cannot be contained in the Church alone; we will go from revival to renaissance to reformation to transformation in a "9-5" revival within the 7 mountains of society.	C 11	F Nothing according to plan in 2020 Totally NAR/dominionist theology
You will see more revivalists, like Sean Feucht, arise who will put feet to their prayers, run for public office and try to become the solution to today's challenges.	C 11	C A trickle can be seen (a scary number according to the critics of NAR)
Out of Silicon Valley, there is an anointing of "imagineering,"	N/A	What is that? Impossible to even give an F!

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and there will be great salvations even in Google and Facebook as worship arises.	C 12	F
God is going to release a natural cure for cancer and call the Body to divine health.	A 13	F
<b>A Cry for the Lost</b>		
This cry is two-fold. The cry is for nearness to Jesus but also for the lost to come home.	N/A	N/A
In America, God is birthing the greatest Jesus People Movement of all time, with a bi-coastal revival crashing upon America.	B 14	F Nothing anywhere near this. Pockets of revival do not count compared to the prophecy
The Father is releasing the mantle of Billy Graham and Reinhard Bonnke upon an entire generation, using celebrities like Kanye West to offend the religious.	C 15	F Who, besides Kanye, appeared in 2020?
Kanye will continue to pack out stadiums and be a sign and a wonder of how Jesus the Evangelist is swinging the sickle for harvest time (Joel 3:13).	A 16 + 7	F Covid in 2020, since then no more stadiums packed by Kanye for revival meetings
The office of the evangelist is being restored in the Body of Christ like never before.	D 15	F "Like never before" – no evidence!
Jesus the Evangelist is here in America. Stadium Christianity is here, as God releases the Spirit without measure to a generation without mixture.	B 7	F No stadiums during COVID. None since then, either.
There will be a significant increase in the working of unusual signs and wonders. [My emphasis]	C 10	F No such increase can be seen
There will be an incredible harvest of souls among the gay population,	C 17	F
and among artists, as the spirit of Elijah is poured out to turn our hearts to the Father (Malachi 4).	C 18	F Maybe some, but not "incredible"
Look for a cure to AIDS as the Father comes to the fatherless.	A 19	D Some advances since 2020, but nothing like "a cure"
God will even restore forgotten promises and mandates as He did on Lonnie Frisbee from the past Jesus People Movement.	F 20	F Can mean just about anything
Baptism will again fill the Pacific Ocean.	C 21	D There have been some, but nothing that "fills" the ocean
The Father is after His sons and daughters. A revelation of the Father heart of God will sweep through the Millennials, ushering them home.	C 22	F No such "sweep" in 2020, no such sweep since then.

<b>Proposition</b>	<b>Clarity/#</b>	<b>Success (A-F)</b>
An intergenerational revival of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be restored (Isaiah 44:1-4) as generations run hand in hand so that the baton will not be dropped.	E 23	F
<b>Kingdom = Family</b>		
God will restore His vision for the Kingdom, which is family.	F 24	F Dubious theology "K is family"
The restoration of family will be like the stitching of fishing nets to contain an unprecedented harvesting of souls.	B 14	F
I believe, 100,000,000 Christians will be raised up to reap the 1,000,000,000 soul harvest.	A 24	F
Just like when Peter obeyed Jesus' command to go fish and throw his net deeper, if Christians will look into deeper waters where they have judged people, there will be a double portion of fish (Luke 5). It is time to ransack Hell and populate Heaven.	N/A	Good advice, though
It is America's time.	N/A	Providing important context for the evaluation. It is not supposed to happen only in other countries.
<b>Jesus Is King!</b>		
"Jesus is King!" will ring from the radios to billboards to rooftops, as God has raised Kanye West up as a first fruit of Hollywood becoming "Holy-wood."	C 25	F
Bible movies will trend throughout the year.	B 26	F
The revival among the Jews in Hollywood will impact the Jews in Israel,	C 27	F
as media becomes a main sickle for the end-time harvest. Christians will look to media for a highway/byway revival.	D 28	F – probably. Can not check. Please provide evidence if you disagree.
Reality TV shows will be used for the Gospel	C 29	F – probably. Can not check. Please provide evidence if you disagree.
and watch the Lord visit Kim Kardashian in the next 12 months.	C 30	F – Probably She got baptized in Armenia, in the Orthodox Church, in October 2019. Divorced Kanye in 2022 – not really expected, according to this prophecy.
Leaders in the Body of Christ will lead the Body to worship, as God returns us to our first love. God is after purity. Prayer and evangelism will be married as the expression of worshiping the only One worthy.	F -	F I will not count this one as it is so amorphous.

<b>Proposition</b>	<b>Clarity/#</b>	<b>Success (A-F)</b>
In America, the impeachment scandal will boomerang like Haman's evil plot to hang Mordecai.	C 31	D It galvanized his supporters, but no "boomerang" effect
I Trump will be that trumpet of the Lord and I believe [he] will be re-elected	A 32	F
followed by Vice President Mike Pence for a 12-year season of financial restoration.	A 33	F Do not forget how they prophesied over Mike Pence until January 6 <sup>th</sup> .
We will look back on these years as golden years	D 34	F COVID + 4 years of Biden (not golden according to her standards)
but the main purpose is for America to fully align with Israel, and catalyze many other nations to follow suit and move their Israeli embassy to the spiritual capital of the world – Jerusalem – the apple of God's eye.	N/A	N/A Not spoken as a prediction. Only 4 countries have followed the USA (Guatemala, Honduras, Papua Guinea, Kosovo – lightweights!
<b>The Creative Power of the Tongue</b>		
Words create worlds	N/A	Mentally yes, but not as she thinks.
The Hebrew year 5779 was represented by the Hebrew letter "Ayin," which means eye. This Hebrew year, 5780, is represented by the Hebrew letter "Pey," which means mouth.	N/A	Factually correct but a bad way to prophecy
The past decade has been all about "seeing" what God is saying. 5779 year was a transition year, as we reset into awakening.	E 1	E – "Seeing" was indeed a big emphasis within the NAR, but it took clearly unbiblical forms. The "awakening" is not happening, contrary to what is being repeatedly said within the NAR.
Now is the time to declare things that are not as if they are. (Emphasis in the original.)	N/A	Not a prediction, but NAR/WOF- "decrees and declarations" is an unbiblical practice.
There will be an increase in creativity and creative miracles.	C 10	F Increase in creativity is hard to measure, but there has not been a discernible increase in creative miracles.
We must decree weather patterns, headlines of newsletters and watch our words.	N/A	Clearly unbiblical
Gossip, slander, division, exaggeration and lies will not be tolerated.	E 35	F What does it mean not to be "tolerated"? <i>She is describing the way Donald Trump has been speaking perfectly, and the do tolerate that!</i>

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Our decrees will become the table of contents for our next season.	D 36	F They decreed a quick end to COVID and a Trump win in 2020. Did not happen!
<i>It is time</i> into step into the Promised Land after years of being prepared in the wilderness seasons of our lives, learning to live before an audience of One. (My emphasis)	E 1	F I do not think that 4 years of Biden is what she expected as a "promised land"
<b>2019: Restoration of Family</b>		
My husband Daniel and I released a word that 2019 would be marked by the "restoration of family" from the life of Mephibosheth.	F 37	F
Just like when Jesus visited Zacchaeus' household, we declare that 2020 is when Jesus will visit each of your own families.	E 38	E What does it mean to "visit" in this context?
Household salvation is our promise and the Father's plan.	N/A	Where in the Bible is such a thing universally promised?
Estranged family members will call as Jesus restores what feels forever lost.	E 39	E To what extent must this be reported for the prophecy to come true?
Our own kids will not be sacrificed on the altars of ministry, as God raises up double-portion sons and daughters and a baton of leadership is transferred.	E 40	F Lots of stories of children of Church workers leaving Church and often also the faith
Prodigals will run home as family will be safe.	E 39	E Repetition
Let us all reset for a new era!	N/A	

## Summary-tables

Number	Clarity	Success	Short description
1	CCE	F	New era
2	F	F	New realms of the spirit
3	E	F	Fear of the Lord
4	C	F	Exposing sins, purity
5	E	F	Denominational walls
6	F	F	"Bride's posture"
7	AAB	F	Stadiums
8	E	F	"The Church will see.."
9	E	F	Prophetic reformation
10	ECC	F	Signs and wonders
11	CC	F	7MM
12	F	F	"Imagineering"
13	C	F	Salvation at Google and Facebook
14	BBA	F	Massive revival

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15	CD	F	Evangelists
16	A	F	Kanye
17	C	F	Harvest among gays
18	C	F	Harvest among artists
19	A	F	Cure for AIDS
20	F	F	Forgotten mandates
21	C	D	Baptisms in the Pacific
22	C	F	"sweep" among millenials
23	E	F	Intergenerational revival
24	F	F	Restored vision of the Kingdom
25	C	F	Holy-wood
26	B	F	Bible movies
27	C	F	Revival among Jews
28	D	F?	Media revival
29	C	F?	Reality TV
30	C	F	Kim Kardashian
31	C	D	Impeachment will boomerang
32	A	F	Trump reelected
33	A	F	Mike Pence for 8 years
34	D	F	"The Golden Years"
35	E	F	Gossip etc. will not be tolerated
36	D	F	Decrees "will be our table of contents"
37	F	F	Restoration of family
38	F	F	Jesus will visit every family
39	EE	F	Return of prodigals
40	E	F	No children sacrificed for ministry

Clarity A	Clarity B	Clarity C	Clarity D	Clarity E
7	26	1	28	3
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