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“BEHOLD, THE GREAT SHAKING”

The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hastens quickly, even the voice of the day of the Lord. There the mighty man shall cry out bitterly. Seek you the Lord, all you meek of the earth that keep his commands; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be you shall be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger. *Zephaniah 1:14; 2:3.*

I remember when I was a little boy, all the cartoons I used to watch on TV. Many of the TV cartoons back then, unlike the ones today, contained valuable moral lessons which you could glean by watching them. There was one in particular that I remember to this day. It is *the story of the boy who cried “wolf” once too many*. If you remember the story, the boy in trying to draw attention to himself, cried “wolf” falsely so many times, that when the time came there really was a wolf, nobody believed him.

Somehow, I feel the same thing is happening today with Christianity in America and in the whole world. From “88 Reasons Why the Lord Will Return in 1988” to the “Y2K Scare”, preachers have cried “wolf” so many times, that many people have become desensitized. *Everything is reeling and shaking, from the economy to the weather, as the signs of the Day of Lord are beginning to take place so fast you can barely keep up.*

The Day of the Lord is mentioned in the Bible 29 times; the Last Day is mentioned 12 times; the Day of Judgment 8 times; the Day of Wrath 4 times; the Day of Vengeance 4 times; the Great Day 3 times; Day of Darkness 3 times; the Day of God 2 times and the Day of Destruction once. All of these scriptures in the Bible mention the same event that will take place at the end of times a total of 66 times. We did not include many of the scriptures that allude or make reference to it.

You would think that an event that is mentioned in the Bible 66 times is important enough to be preached, yet you will not hear any message preached from the pulpits regarding this very important and timely topic. It is just not politically correct. *The early church fathers all talked about the Day of the Lord, a terrible day, but also a glorious day.* The Day of the Lord has to do with the return of Jesus to gather His persecuted Bride before pouring out His wrath undiluted upon a wicked and unrepentant world.

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens 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 a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” (Matthew 24:29-31).

The Lord clearly speaks of a time called the Day of the Lord, when great tribulation and cataclysmic events will come upon the earth, at which time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven and He will send His angels to gather His elect (Bride) from all over this earth. *I call this event the Pre-Wrath Gathering of the Saints, an event that takes place just prior to God's wrath being poured out upon the earth.*

This is not to be confused with the *Secret Pre-Tribulation Rapture* doctrine made popular by the *Left Behind* movies. Most Christians in America today have been taught for the last century that they will not suffer tribulation, but rather they will be *raptured secretly* before anything bad happens to them. This doctrine is not only biblically unsound, but it has no foundation in the word of God. This belief system is dangerous because it leaves the Christian weak, vulnerable and unprepared to face the difficult times ahead.

The Lord never promised the church that it would not experience tribulation on the earth. On the contrary, He said: *“These things I have spoken unto you that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” John 16:33.* Throughout the centuries, Christians have experienced tribulation, persecution and even martyrdom at the hands of evil men, religious people and Satan himself. *However, the wrath of God referred to in the Bible takes place during the Day of the Lord and is reserved for the wicked, unrepentant satanic system on the earth, not His children.*

Many of the terrible things that are happening now and those that will take place in the very near future are the result of greed, corruption and the fallen world we live in. *There are physical and spiritual laws in the universe that God has set in place that no one can alter. These laws affect those who do good as well as those who do evil.* The evil actions of a segment of our society can bring about judgments upon the whole city, state or nation that will affect not only those who committed the ungodly acts and defiled the land, but the righteous people who dwell there as well.

The Bride of Christ needs to know and understand these vital truths, for the wonderful but perilous times that are fast coming upon the world will shake us to the very foundation. Only those foundations which are strong and based upon the word of God will remain. We are now living in a time when we all need to check ourselves to see if we are in the faith (*2 Corinthians 13:5*). We need to watch, standing firm in the faith and check all the traditions of men and teachings that have been handed down to us against the Word of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord grant you wisdom to receive this word and the courage to act on it. Shalom.

Ministry Report

And they sang a new song, saying, *You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open the seals thereof: for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation; And have made us unto our God a kingdom and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*
Revelation 5:9-10

Thank God for His incredible mercy and kindness. It is kind of difficult to explain what I feel in my heart at this time, for it is a dichotomy. It is difficult to explain how at the same time I can feel both heavy and joyful at what is happening on the earth. The terrible things that are taking place in this nation, and the fact that *our country is taking giant steps towards the One World Government*, has triggered devastating judgments from which this nation and the world may never be able to recuperate.

We are now living in a time where fear and apprehension fill the hearts of multitudes of people. Many have lost their retirement savings, others have lost their homes, and many are without jobs. As I write these words, the stock market has lost billions, and many well known banks and financial institutions that have existed for over a century, have ceased to exist.

However, instead of moving into a life of consecration and prayer many are becoming more indifferent and oblivious to all the warning signs. *The Lord is about ready to move on the earth as we have never seen before. The devil knows this, and is determined to hinder the great harvest of souls that is fast coming upon us.* The level and fierceness of the attacks that he has unleashed upon the saints, and the depth of darkness that is now covering the earth has emotionally overwhelmed many of God's people, leaving them physically weak and helpless.

The people of God have always risen to the occasion whenever hard times came upon them, and it should not be any different now. The devil wants to keep God's people preoccupied and consumed with fear of the future, instead of keeping our minds set on the Lord, trusting Him and staying busy about our Father's business in the Kingdom. There is a call from heaven to the Church to rise up, take your places and get ready to fulfill your destiny. *The greatest battle for the souls of men we have ever seen is about to take place between the forces of light and darkness.*

As I have been traveling to many states, I am seeing a level of hunger in the people of God I have not seen before. More and more of them want to hear a word from God, no matter how strong it may be or how much conviction it brings upon them. *The Church is growing tired of the feel good-status quo messages devoid of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, and want to once again feel His presence and see the Lord do signs, wonders and miracles in their midst.*

We were busy during the summer months doing ministry in different parts of the country. In July we went to Madison, FL to be in Campmeeting with our dear friends Mickey and Jennie Starling. We ministered to the young people there in both services on Wednesday. As always, there was a mighty move of the Holy Spirit. *They were very hungry for the presence of the Lord* and many of them received a touch in their bodies and minds from God. Some of them seemed more mature and ready to get involved in ministry. I have watched through the years as many of these precious young people have grown and matured in the Lord.

In the month of August we ministered in the Spanish Church in Live Oak, FL where the Spirit of God moved very strong. There was *an older man there who received a mighty miracle healing in his body.* He had been suffering pain for many years, and felt heat go through him when we prayed for him. He told several people how the pain was gone and he was healed. We also went to be with Pastor Betty Jackson in Albany, GA. We were able to conduct a training seminar on Saturday with the leaders of the Church and had a glorious service on Sunday morning. They are getting

ready to build the new Sanctuary next door on the property. God is really blessing them, and there are many new families now in the Church.

That same month we went to be with our friends Bro. and Sis. Velie in Melbourne. We were with them in both Sunday services conducting an Intercessory Warfare Seminar. During both services *the Spirit of the Lord moved in a special way* touching the lives of people. Many of them felt the spirit of intercession come upon them as we preached. There is a level of hunger in that house that I had not seen before. They had been fasting and praying seeking the Lord.

In the month of September we went up to Ohio to be with our dear friend Billy Price. We had a tremendous move of the Holy Spirit in the Sunday morning service, as *the Lord healed and touched many of the people that were there.* People were crying and repenting at the altar, some were being filled with the Holy Spirit, while others were receiving wonderfully from the Lord as they were dancing before Him.

On Monday night we conducted the third Intercessory Warfare seminar with many in attendance. The Intercessory Prayer Group has grown quite a bit, with many more joining every month. On Tuesday night we had the Harp and Bowl prayer service which has become a favorite of the young people, and had a great time, and on Wednesday night we had another powerful service. There are some exciting things happening at City on a Hill.

We also went to be with our longtime friends Wayne and Lois near Hamilton. We were with them on Saturday night and helped them set the house in order with some issues. On Sunday morning we ministered the Word of the Lord and *the Spirit of God confirmed the Word by touching many that were there.* This is a season of change for this house, and I rejoice with them for what lies ahead for this ministry.

Finally, in the first week of October, we went to Idaho Falls to be with our friend pastor Michael Glaser. We had an Intercessory Warfare seminar on Saturday morning and as always, all the people there were hungry to receive training. On Sunday we had tremendous services both in the morning and at night. *There were many touched and set free by the Spirit of the Lord, and some were healed.* Many of those present received a word of direction from the Lord. The church is busting at the seams, and they are looking for a new building.

Afterwards, we went to Caldwell to be with pastor Joe Parker and Valley Pentecostal Church. We ministered from Wednesday night through Saturday night as the Lord confirmed the Word with signs following. As always, there was a great hunger in the precious people there and we had many who received a healing touch in their bodies and minds. *Some came to the Lord for the first time, while others were filled with the Holy Spirit.* On Sunday morning we were with the Spanish Church Acts 2Now, where the Lord moved powerfully healing many of the people who were there. A young man was convicted by the Holy Spirit and quit smoking, as *he went outside and threw away his pack of cigarettes.*

On Sunday night we held a miracle crusade at Valley Pentecostal Church with several Spanish churches in attendance. We preached in both English and Spanish through a translator. The power of God was very strong in the service, and many were healed miraculously by the Lord. Just one case I want to share; *a woman who had a cancerous tumor in her chest was miraculously healed as the tumor and the pain disappeared instantly when we prayed for her. Praise God.*

Well my friends keep us in your prayers as we are getting ready to go to Cuba at the beginning of 2009. Our new book "Open Heavens" is out, and may be purchased at our website, along with our other books and products. God bless you and have a happy Thanksgiving!

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