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A CATASTROPHIC YEAR FOR THE HUMAN RACE?

A MESSAGE FROM GOD GIVEN TO JOHN S. TORELL

WARNING! *Reading this Newsletter is hazardous to a careless, sinful life style!*

During the early part of the month of April, 2006, swarms of tornadoes swept over the Midwest and caused, not only material destruction, but also the death of dozens of people who were killed in their homes. The northern part of Tennessee was hit the hardest and houses, businesses and trailer courts were hit with houses ripped apart and others lifted off their foundations and tossed hundreds of feet away. Church buildings were destroyed; power lines down and millions of people were without power for a long period of time. People are asking, *"What is going on? Why are these catastrophic events taken place in the area known as the Bible belt? Why could this not have hit Las Vegas, which is known as a sinful place, just as wicked as Sodom and Gomorrah? And what about San Francisco or Hollywood?"*

For the last 2000 years there have been no prophets living on the earth in the same class as the Old Testament prophets who spoke for God and foretold events which were going to happen in the future. Thus it is difficult for the believer in Christ to find out in advance what is going to happen. It is also hard for Christians to discern if catastrophic natural disasters are the result of judgment from God. Has God spoken concerning this issue? The good news is that He has and the first statement from God to which we are going to look is found in this Bible reference:

*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; **Hebrews 1:1-3***

GOD HAS SPOKEN ONCE AND FOR ALL THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

There will be no more prophets as in the Old Testament times. Prophecy from God will be given to individual believers in Christ as recorded in chapters 12 and 14 of First Corinthians. From time to time God will reveal future events to believers in Christ. The most well known prophecy is one that was recorded in 1852 and fulfilled in 1914 and given to the Armenian people living in Turkey. Here is a written record, which has been preserved by the Shakarian family:

Demos Shakarian (1913-1993)

Founder of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship

"Demos was named after his grandfather, a remarkable man who fled from Armenia in 1905 to settle in Los Angeles, California, USA. The family left their homeland in response to a prophecy in 1852 that a time of unspeakable tragedy would come to Armenia and that hundreds of thousands of people would be killed. When the same person who had given the prophecy announced the time for the tragedy was near, it was the sign for many people, including grandfather Demos to move.

"The prophet was a true prophet. In 1914 the Turkish people drove the Armenian population out into the Mesopotamian desert. Over a million men, women and children died. They massacred another half a million people in their villages, often by locking them in barns and burning them to death. Everyone who stayed in the home village of grandfather Demos died! The world did not respond to what was happening and allowed it to continue. Later on they reaped a reward for their shameful inaction. When Hitler started his campaign to exterminate Jewish people, he believed that 'no one cared about the Armenians; they will not care about the Jews.'" (www.christianheroes.com)

In order for the reader to better understand the structure of the New Testament Church, let me quote the following from the Bible:

*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. **Ephesians 4:11-16***

The Bible as we have it today with its 66 books is a completed work and God is not adding any more to it. What is written stands and the work of leaders in the body of Christ is to study the Bible, interpret it, teach it, and apply it. I have written this based on the understanding that the Holy Spirit has given me and now it is up to you to follow the instructions the Apostle Paul gave to the church in Corinth.

*Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. **1 Corinthians 14:29-33***

WHO IS JESUS?

In order to understand biblical truth, it is essential to know more about Jesus. Who was He, and what did He do? Over the years, Jews have accused Christians of having

more than one God and reject the concept that Jesus is the Messiah. The New Testament clearly teaches that Jesus is God; furthermore, Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit are one. Let's briefly look at the offices Jesus is holding:

JESUS IS THE CREATOR

JESUS IS THE SAVIOUR

JESUS IS THE JUDGE

When the translators of the King James Version did their translating, they chose to use the word "God" rather than the Hebrew words used in the Old Testament when referring to God. Therefore, unless an English speaking person is willing to grab a concordance and look up the names of God, they will not have a complete understanding of what God has said about Himself.

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. **Genesis 1:1-2***

In the first two verses of the Bible, we are informed that God created the universe and that the Holy Spirit was moving upon the earth. Later in this chapter, the translators tell us that God was speaking to someone else when He was ready to create man. Who exactly was God talking to before He created man? This was something I did not understand for many years. Look at these verses:

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **Genesis 1:26-27***

The Old Testament is written in Hebrew, the language of the twelve tribes of Israel. But Hebrew is not the language that Adam and Eve spoke. When God created Adam and Eve, they spoke a language that no one knows about. There is no archeological evidence for it, it is a language that God removed from the human race at Babel. Here is the description the Bible gives us:

*And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth. **Genesis 11:1-9***

THE BLOOD LINE OF NOAH

If we put the day God created Adam to year zero, we will find that Noah was born 1,056 years later. His ancestors are these: Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah and his father Lamech. The flood took place 1,656 years from Adam's creation. The Bible does not tell us how many years there were after the flood until God changed the languages on the earth. But for Noah, most of his life, he spoke and wrote in the original language of the earth; but with the change of languages, he had to write down the account of the creation in his new language, which must have been Chaldean.

Abraham was born 1,948 years after Adam and was raised as a Chaldean. He was ten generations from Noah, and it is obvious that Abraham not only had access to the written history kept by Noah, but he had his own copy of it. Abraham was 58 years old when Noah died, and it is therefore possible that Abraham had met Noah in person.

Moses came on the scene 2,596 years after Adam and was born, 473 years after Abraham had died. At the time of Moses, the descendants of Abraham had developed their own language, Hebrew, which is a mix of several different languages from the Middle East. Moses compiled historical events prior to his own life, and then set forth to write a written account in what today is known as the Five Books of Moses.

In the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, there are seven names for God:

YAHWEH – THE EXISTING ONE (Found in Exodus 3:4 and translated LORD)

EL – MIGHTY ONE (Found in Genesis 14:18 and translated God)

ELAH – AN OBJECT TO WORSHIP (Found in Ezra 4:24 and translated God)

ELOHIM – GODS OF WORSHIP (Found in Genesis 1:1 and translated God)

ELOAH – OBJECT OF WORSHIP (Found in Deut. 32:15 and translated God)

TSUR – A ROCK (Found in Isaiah 44:8 and translated God)

HAYAH – TO EXIST, TO BE (Found in Ex.3:14 and translated “**I AM THAT I AM**”)

Please note that the Bible does not tell us the personal name of God, but rather each name is an attribute. The same holds true for the Son of God. Jesus is Greek for the Hebrew word “Joshua”, which means “Saviour”. Christ is Greek for the Hebrew word “Messiah”, which means “The Anointed One”.

When Jacob wrestled with God, he wanted to know God's personal name, but it was not given him (Genesis 32:29). And in the book of Revelation we find the same thing, no man knows the personal name of the Son of God.

*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. **Revelation 19:11-13***

For many years I believed that Jesus, the Son of God, did not come into existence until he was born by Mary in Bethlehem. Even after I gave my life to Christ and had been active in the church for a number of years, I still believed that Jesus began his life in Bethlehem. I thought that God the Father was the creator and that Jesus actually was God, was foreign to me. I saw God as a mean and judgmental God, whereas Jesus was kind, loving and did not judge people.

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It was not until I began to really study the New Testament that the Lord began to open my understanding on this matter. In the following Bible references you will find Jesus explaining his relationship to the Father: John 8:54-55, 14:7-11, 14:23, 14:26.

Look at this statement: When Jesus walked on the earth, the Father was in heaven and the Holy Spirit made it possible for Jesus to communicate with the Father. Now let us look at this reference:

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. **He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.** He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth. **John 1:1-14***

When I did a deep study of this last Bible reference, it became clear to me that Jesus was God and that He was also the Creator. I now searched the New Testament to see if I could find some more references on this issue. Here is what I found:

*And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: **Ephesians 3:9-11***

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the

*invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. **Colossians 1:12-20***

With two solid references from the writings of the Apostle Paul, there can be no doubt that Jesus is indeed the Creator. In the beginning of this writing, I started off with a reference from Hebrews 1:1-3, which also asserts that Jesus Christ is the Creator. If we then add what the apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:22-28, it becomes clear that of the Godhead, the Father has chosen to manifest Himself to mankind in the form of the Son, who is the Creator, Saviour and Judge.

Accordingly, we can also draw the following conclusion: It was not the Father but Jesus Christ who walked in the Garden of Eden. It was Jesus that spoke to Abraham, Moses and all the other saints in the Old Testament. It was Jesus who came in the form of a man at times and was also referred to as the "Angel of the Lord".

*Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. **John 8:54-58***

The apostle Paul clearly states that Moses dealt with Jesus, not the Father.

*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; **1 Corinthians 10:1-3***

Knowing this, we can really understand the full impact of what Jesus meant when he said, **"If ye love me, keep my commandments."** **John 14:15**

Jesus was the lawgiver and judge that meted out punishment during the Old Testament times and now He is the Supreme Ruler in the Universe. One day He will come back to this earth, not as the Saviour of mankind, but as the Judge!

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he

that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Revelation 1:13-18

GOD HAS TWO KINDS OF WRATH

God is a God of love, but there comes a time when God will not extend any more mercy when believers in Christ sin, regardless if we are looking at people before or after the cross. God's wrath against his people has one purpose, to bring them back into repentance and to let unbelievers know that sin will not be unpunished. Let us look at some examples from the Bible:

MOSES

Moses was told to speak to the Rock, which in reality was Jesus himself. Instead, he became so irritated at the people that he took out his anger on Jesus, and instead of speaking; he struck the Rock with his rod. **Numbers 20:1-12**

Moses did not lose his salvation, but he lost the great joy of leading his people into the Promised Land. **Deuteronomy 34:1-7**

KING SAUL

Saul did not obey the word spoken to him by the prophet Samuel with the result that he was removed as King of Israel. **1 Samuel 15:1-31**

Even though Saul repented and confessed his sin, the judgment from God was not changed, and his entire bloodline was removed from the kingship of Israel. **1 Samuel 31:1-7**

KING DAVID

David committed adultery and then he became a murderer. God sent Nathan to confront David. **2 Samuel 12:1-12**

David repented and God forgave him, but the child which was conceived in the act of adultery was not spared. **2 Samuel 12:13-23**

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

The people of Israel sinned and the wrath of God was moved against them. As a result, God allowed Satan to entice David to sin, by numbering his armed forces. **2 Samuel 24:1-9**

As soon as David received the result of the survey, he recognized that he had sinned and he repented. God forgave him but there was a punishment. **2 Samuel 24:10-25**

NEW TESTAMENT TIME

God has made it very clear that He will judge His people and all believers in Christ would do well to heed this warning. God is not sentimental, and when a believer in Christ is in rebellion and unrepentant, judgment will come upon them. **Hebrews 10:26-31**

Discipline is part of the love of God and the Christians should be aware of this and be quick to repent. **Hebrews 12:1-13**

GOD'S WRATH AGAINST UNBELIEVERS

This wrath from God has no redemptive purpose, it is destructive and its purpose is to eradicate the people who have rebelled against the Lord. The first example of this is found in **Genesis 6:1-13**.

For some 100 years Noah had been preaching repentance to the people living around him; but they rejected the message of God, and as a result, God rejected them.

The second example we are going to look at is the drowning of Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea. God was making an example of Pharaoh; there was no repentance for him and the people in his army, only destruction and death! **Exodus 14:13-31**

There are many examples in the Old Testament of how God on a large scale exterminated armies and at times whole nations because of the wickedness of the people. There was no mercy or grace, just death and destruction. **2 Kings 19:32-37**

THE FINAL TWO JUDGMENT SEATS OF GOD

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST: This is the time that God will do a final judgment on His people, where punishment will be meted out prior to the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, and where eternal positions and rewards will be given to each believer. **1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11**

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT: This is the most dreaded court of all time that God has set up. This will be the final judgment of all unbelievers from the time of Adam to the end of the 1000 year kingdom. The people born during the 1000 year kingdom, who rejected the Devil and chose Christ, will be given their rewards and eternal positions in heaven. But for all unbelievers, this is the final time they will see the face of Christ, as he will judge them. Once a person dies without having been born again, there will be no second chance, just a terrible looking for an eternity of torment, which will be worse than what the unsaved people have experienced in hell.

This is the time when God will do a final rejection of all unsaved people throughout the ages, there will be no mercy and no grace, only harsh judgments and then they will be taken by Gods holy angels to the Lake of Fire, where they shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. This is the most terrible fate for a human being. (Revelation 20:1-15)

GOD'S ANGELS

God has from the very beginning of the creation used angels to carry out His commands. These holy angels are sinless, powerful, and perfect in carrying out the Lord's commands. Furthermore, they are not sentimental and will without question do whatsoever Lord commands. God uses them to discipline His people, execute sinners when their cups of sin are full, and even control the Devil and his fellow fallen angels.

Angels come in different ranks and powers. This is pointed out in the book of Daniel, when the angel told Daniel that he had been hindered for 21 days by the demon ruler of Persia, and was not able to break through the defenses of the Devil until Michael, a chief prince in the angelic world came to his rescue and destroyed the satanic resistance.

And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel; Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain

man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.

And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.

Daniel 10:4-14

The angel Michael is mentioned in the Book of Daniel as the protector of the seed of Abraham, which now is the Body of Christ, which consists of all saved people living on the earth, including Jews, Greeks and gentiles, both men and women.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galations 3:26-29

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. Daniel 12:1

Michael is also known as the commander in chief of the heavenly armed forces, which were sent out by God to combat the Devil and his fallen angels when they tried to unseat God and started a war in the heavens.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of

*his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. **Revelation 12:7-10***

GOD'S ANGEL

This reference to an angel who is more like a personal "servant" is found in the following scripture:

*Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. **Exodus 23:20-22***

This is a different angel which we know very little about. It is possible that this angel is Michael, who is an archangel, whom we have already looked upon as the Defender of God's people (Daniel 12:1). Regardless, God warned Moses and the children of Israel that this angel would not display any mercy if he was provoked, there would only be swift judgment. (Note now that when the Bible speaks about the angel of God (Exodus 14:19), it is referring to Jesus. Jesus is referred to as the angel of the Lord, but in order to fully know if the text is referring to Jesus or a holy angel, we must read the text in its fullness.

Moses understood that angels do not have the gift of mercy, and if they are provoked, they will swiftly meet out judgment. Therefore, Moses told God, that unless God Himself would go with them to the Promised Land, Moses did not want to go.

*And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle. And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto him, if thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. **Exodus 33:11-17***

ANGELS AS EXECUTIONERS

This is a subject that most Christians are not comfortable with, and thus most preachers avoid teaching on this subject. But that does not mean that the subject will go away, God's holy angels are here to stay and they will do their work, regardless if people know about it or not. Here are some examples:

When God was judging the people of Israel, the angel slew 70,000 Israelite men and he did not stop until God told him to. (2 Samuel 24:17)

In one night, 185,000 Assyrian soldiers were slain; no mercy was shown to them. (2 Kings 19:35)

A powerful warning is given to God's people in Ezekiel chapter nine, when God tells a squad of angels to move into Jerusalem and show no mercy but start executing all backslidden Jews who had been marked.

He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary.

*Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not. And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head. And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me. **Ezekiel 9:1-11***

The Book of Revelation is full of the God's judgments upon mankind, and therefore, we should not take anything lightly and think nothing of it. We are moving into a time when judgments of God are going to be manifested on the earth. We have already seen tremendous destruction on the earth with huge losses of human life.

- ☐ The communists in the Soviet Union murdered millions of people they felt opposed their regime.
- ☐ Including civilians, the total death toll in World War II was more than 80 million people.
- ☐ The Chinese communists murdered more than 80 million people in China.
- ☐ There was the horrible mass murder in Cambodia in 1975, when half the population was put to death by the communists.
- ☐ There have been mass killings in Africa, Vietnam, and Indonesia; and even continues to this day.

We will do well to take heed to what Jesus said about the end times:

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Matthew 24:4-12

GOD IS CONTROLLING THE WEATHER BY HIS ANGELS

Most people think that the weather on the earth is run on some kind of automatic program and do not give it much thought, however, this is not what the Bible teaches. Not only do God's angels control of the weather, but they are also in charge of vegetation and the animal kingdom. Angels control the number of birds, fishes, insects, etc. They have to offset the damage man is doing to the environment. When men become careless and poisons the water and the earth, the angels allow plants and animals to die and in some instances to become extinct. Look at the words of Jesus:

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. **Matthew 10:28-31**

Have you ever wondered: "Who is controlling the gender ratio in the animal kingdom?" Once man began to study biology, he found out that the ratio varies very little. Do the animals know how many males or females are going to be born? No. Until lately, man did not know how to control the ratio between boys and girls when medical doctors were able through gene splicing to determine the gender.

Most "educated" pastors over the years have dismissed the following verses as some kind of an allegory and not true facts, but here is what the Bible says, regardless what the liberal clergy might think.

And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

Revelation 7:1-3

During the tribulation period, God's angels are going to inflict devastation on the ecological system of the earth. For starters, 33% of all trees will be destroyed along with 100% of the green grass (Revelation 8:7); then 33% of the oceans will turn into blood

(verse 8), along with 33% of marine life and ocean going vessels (verse 9). Then 33% of the earth's fresh water will be made bitter and poisonous. (verses 10-11)

This will be followed by a supernatural event that most Christians have not given much thought. I personally believe that the 24 hour rotation cycle of the earth will be changed, so that instead of the earth taking 24 hours to rotate, the speed will be increased and the rotation will happen in 16 hours. As a result, there will only be daylight for 8 hours, followed by 8 hours of darkness. Regardless how God's angels will do it, a day and a night on earth will shrink to 16 hours. (Revelation 8:12-13)

This event alone will create total havoc on the ecological system of the earth, since air and water temperature will be changed drastically. It will also upset the biological clock in all living beings, including man.

As God's judgments increase during the tribulation time, His angels are going to afflict all people who have taken the mark of the Beast with terrible sores which cannot be healed (Revelation 16:1-2). A second angel will cause the remainder of the oceans to turn into blood and all marine life will die at this time (Revelation 16:3). A third angel will destroy all the remaining fresh water on the earth (verse 4). Then a fourth angel will cause the sun's temperature to rise so that the earth will be scorched (verses 8-9). Other angels will pour out their vials and cause much suffering for the people living on the earth with darkness, pain, earthquakes, and hail. (Revelation 16:10-21)

GOD HAS WARNED US OVER AND OVER AGAIN

By reading the Book of Revelation, most Christians understand that things will be horrific during the end times, but what they have not grasped is that there will be a number of judgments prior to this time. These partial judgments from God will numerically increase and I now believe that we are in the Time of Sorrows mentioned by Jesus. (Matthew 24:8)

God will always speak to His prophets living on earth before the judgment falls. This is a promise that the Lord gave through the prophet Amos.

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy? Amos 3:7-8

Let us now examine what God has spoken in the past, which is applicable to the present time and the future.

WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE REFUSE TO LISTEN TO HIM

For the last 50 years, people in the United States have lived a life of luxury, with the standard of living increasing every year. There are people living in poverty in America but this is only a small portion of the American people. No nation on the earth has had so much food to eat, comfortable homes to live in, multiple cars to drive, and nearly unlimited entertainment.

The gods in America are the sport and movie stars who are worshipped and live a lavish lifestyle which would dwarf even the splendor of King Solomon. Throwing a birthday party by someone rich and famous will never cost less than half a million dollars, and the worshippers of these gods are more than happy to part with their money, so their gods can continue to live extravagantly.

Women in America are getting manicures and pedicures in beauty parlors, having their ears and navels pierced, tattooed on their bodies, wearing clothing that reveals as much skin as possible, driving expensive cars, and thinking nothing of sex outside of marriage.

The men in America are just as spoiled; they worship at the altar of pornography, frequent bars and whorehouses, and spend their money on pleasurable luxury items.

Did God bless America with the intention of turning people into sinful and lustful creatures, whose only purpose is finding the latest fad of sin to dishonor their bodies? No! God blessed America so that it could use its resources to preach the Gospel in every nation around the world.

In today's world, it is hard to see the difference between an unsaved sinner and someone who claims to have been born again. This is the cry of people in seeker friendly mega churches: *"Give us pleasure, make us feel good, help us to have more material gain and while you're at it, don't preach on sin and judgment. Give us worship services of rock-n-roll; we don't want hymns that speak of the blood of Jesus, Hell, and the Lake of Fire. We want a break between the worship and preaching with coffee and doughnuts, but don't condemn us, just love us so that we can feel good about our way of life. Don't tell us that Jesus is coming back soon, that is an old fashioned outdated theology. Oh, and don't forget to make the preaching short so that it doesn't take too much time away from the recreation afterwards. While you're at it, we want our bodies to be healed, but we don't want to live an obedient life according to the Bible. We want to live a pain free life and feed our flesh; we just want the good times to roll."*

Young people in churches have been deceived by their youth pastors into believing that oral sex or "Christian sex" is fine before marriage as long as it does not escalate into full-blown sexual intercourse. Many Christian teenagers that date are into this kind of lifestyle.

Are you a fundamental Christian who still reads the King James Bible and weeps over the sin in the churches? Read what God spoke to the people in Israel some 2,800 years ago:

Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border? Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David; That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed. The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. And a man's

uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No. Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue: for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD. For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts. Amos 6:1-11

WHAT GOD WILL DO WHEN PEOPLE REFUSE TO REPENT

In my opinion, the most vile and provocative sin in the church of Jesus Christ is the infiltration of secret societies, which for the last 150 years has been a growing cancer in the body of Christ. I am talking about Freemasons, the Moose Lodge, the Elk Lodge, Rosicrucian's, etc. Thousands of pastors, elders, deacons and regular church members hold a dual membership in the church and in the secret society. They have taken an oath of death and sworn allegiance to the society which supersedes their love and loyalty for God and their families. This is not something that has come up lately but something that has been going on for thousands of years. God spoke clearly about this to the prophet Isaiah some 2,700 years ago. He will show no mercy to a man or a woman who has taken an oath of death, unless they repent and renounce their membership, and confess their sins to the congregation. Charles Finney, the greatest revival preacher this nation has ever seen, came out of the clutches of Freemasonry. It is interesting to note that Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, was a Freemason, and took the rituals and oaths he learned and made them part of the Mormon doctrine.

Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. Isaiah 28:14-18

There are three judgments which are currently sweeping over the body of Christ in the Western World:

A FAMINE FOR THE WORD OF GOD (Amos 8:11-13)

This is showing up in the church starved by liberal and/or Freemasonic pastors who have taken away the use of the King James Bible. They have replaced it with a new version based on false manuscripts with thousands of verses tampered with and/or deleted. As a result, the poor church members don't know what the Word of God says, and since they do not know the Bible, they obviously cannot line up with it, which will bring them to the next judgment of God.

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND (Hosea 8:1-7)

For the last few years we have seen many natural disasters happening in the United States. On the Southeastern part of the United States, hurricane after hurricane has come in along with many tornadoes reaching deep into the Midwest. There has been draught in other parts of the nation, massive fires burning million of acres, and lots of flooding. FEMA and the Red Cross cannot keep up with all the disasters and millions of people have not yet recovered from the last year. As of April 2006, some 70,000 people are still homeless in Mississippi, yet the local government has managed to get the gambling casinos back up and running again.

The worst disasters have been in the so-called "Bible Belt". Is it possible that God selected this area because it is full of Christian churches that have left their first love? Revelation 2:1-7

There is a terrible divorce rate in our churches as thousands of pastors, elders, and deacons are hopelessly addicted to pornography; others are committing adultery, sodomy, child molestation, etc. Teenagers are not left alone, with pregnancy and suicide ranking high among them. This brings us to the third judgment.

PEOPLE DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE (Hosea 4:1-14)

Disease is rampant in the Christian community with cancer, arthritis, heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, etc. As bad as that may be, worse still is the moral decay in our young people; they are having mental breakdowns and thousands of children being prescribed Ritalin to control their behavior. How many Christian men are taking sexual enhancement drugs in order to be able to fulfill their lusts and filthy sexual fantasies? How many abortions are taking place by those who confess Christ as their Lord and Savior? What about the terrible number of obese Christians? What about the increasing number of Alzheimer patients in the Christian community?

Jesus came not only to give us life and life abundant; yet how many Christians actually live a victorious life? John 10:7-11

YOU CANNOT FLEE FROM GOD!

God has made it very clear in His Word, if a sinner tries to flee from the Lord, the punishment will follow him. The prophet Jonah is a perfect example. He tried to flee but was caught by God and placed in the belly of a great fish where he suffered greatly until he repented and thereafter released (Jonah chapters 1 & 2). God is not a respecter of persons, what He did for Jonah he will also do for you and me. Look at this scripture and tremble:

And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this. Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard. Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction unto them! because they have transgressed against me: though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me. And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me. Though I have bound and strengthened their

arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. They return, but not to the most High: they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt. Hosea 7:10-16

Sooner or later God will catch you in an iron grip and deal with you. When this happens, it will be too late for you to try to repent. If you are reading this and living in sin, there is only one thing for you to do, turn from your wicked ways and repent right now.

GOD IS CALLING FOR HIS PEOPLE TO REPENT

God doesn't get any pleasure and joy in destroying people, rather, He wants people that are warned to repent and seek His face. Few people take the warnings from the God seriously; they believe that they can sin and repeatedly do so, and that somehow "God will understand." Listen to these words from the Lord as He pleads with His people to repent:

Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. Joel 2:12-18

There is only one thing that God asks his people to do, **OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS!** This is what Jesus said: ***If ye love me, keep my commandments.*** John 14:15

God operates on the principle of love, if we claim to love our Lord and Savior; there is only one thing that He asks of us. We find it in a simple statement made by Jesus, ***"If ye love me, keep my commandments."*** (John 14:15)

I believe that the 2006 year is going to be violent with a number of disasters striking not only the United States but also in many other parts of the world. As believers in Christ, there is one thing that we can do in order to make the world better and perhaps stay the hand of God at the same time; repent and make sure that we are living a holy life to the best of our abilities.

Let me close with this message from the Word of God:

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our

sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:4-10

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The prophetic message you just read was given to me by the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, as I was writing it down, the Holy Spirit also instructed me to make this message available by audio. The result was five strong messages which I preached in my home church, Resurrection Life of Jesus Church. The part of this message that made a deep impression upon me was the severity of God's judgment once He cut off the grace period and the people had to receive judgments from the hands of an angry God.

During Noah's time, all the people on the earth perished in the flood, except for Noah and his immediate family. Along with their sinful parents, all babies, toddlers, and young children all had to drown in the flood. The entire population in Sodom and Gomorrah was burnt alive with fire and brimstone from heaven. From the time of Moses up until Jesus, the children of Israel went from one judgment to another. The Bible makes it very clear that even the women and children were not spared; they were all put to death through various plagues and the edge of the sword. Only small remnants of the children of Israel were spared from these horrible judgments.

Currently we are living in a time of grace, but this grace period is coming to an end and in many places of the world there is no more grace. AIDS is ravaging the entire continent of Africa, Islam is holding a death grip on more than one billion people, and the Communist leaders in China also have a stranglehold on their one billion strong population. In Western Europe and North America, people are slaves to a luxury lifestyle, drugs, alcohol, gambling, pornography and sexual immorality (i.e. adultery, fornication, homosexuality and bestiality).

In these audio messages, I have gone beyond what you have read in this newsletter, and I firmly believe it is vitally important that you obtain copies of these audio recordings. It is my hope that you will share the written message and audio recordings with people around you and do your part in being a watchman on the wall!

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