



What I am writing herein is not meant to be a statement asserting that I have the full revelation about what is going to happen in the coming several years. In fact, I emphatically state, that I do not.

I have many times prayed and asked that what I am about to write be averted. But, I am pushed by the Spirit of the Lord to write some of what I have seen.

This nation is about to under go a great shaking. It will not be confined to the United States alone, but it will strike the greater global community. After a period of time what is of God will remain and grow stronger as a result. That which is not of God, even that which man is convinced is of God, but is not, will be shaken. Few, if any will escape some measure of this shaking.

What is coming is *not* what some might call the *Wrath* of God. I believe it is judgment, at least it is judgment as I will define it later. I also do not believe this is the "tribulation" as some would like to insist. It is simply a time when mankind has made a series of historical wrong choices. This is a time when greed and usury have corrupted business and sadly even some of the church has taken on too many worldly practices.

It is a time when society screams for the protection of baby seals and insist on the right to terminate the life of the unborn. It is a time when evil is called good and good is decried as evil. It is a perplexing time rife with self-satisfaction being viewed as a 'right.' I am grieved that perversion, and sexual infidelity are viewed, increasingly by the church, as normal and the term 'restoration back into ministry' is flaunted as if marriage was simply a convenience rather than a covenant.

HAVE WE CHEATED THE GRACE OF GOD BY ALLOWING THOSE WHO PREMEDITATE THEIR DIVORCE TO REMAIN IN MINISTRY? I KNOW SOME BEHIND THE SCENE STUFF WHERE THOSE IN DIVORCE SITUATIONS ACTUALLY HAVE AN AFFAIR BELIEVING OR KNOWING THERE IS NO LONGER A CONSEQUENCE TO THEIR SIN!! THEY CAN REMAIN IN MINISTRY WITH JUST A "SLAP ON THE WRIST!"

If we do not change this attitude, continued social and national decay is inevitable. There is a reason 2 Chronicles 7:14 was written. God spoke to a

people who no longer sought God for direction, a prideful people, a self-indulgent people, a prayer-less people, whose ways had become dark and wicked - we are this people. Yet, in spite of all that, God promised that if they would change their heart or attitude, He would bring healing or revive their land.

If we do not change, we will certainly see the plans of Satan carried out through our enemies that will rise up against us. Without God's protection, unparalleled destruction is coming to this nation and it will come from the five fronts I write about here. We are like the nation written of by the prophet Obadiah:

*“The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; you who say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me down to the ground?’ Though you ascend as high as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down,” says the Lord.*”

Our borders have had God's hand of protection, but without God's intervention, they will become porous and evil nations will bring broad devastation even to smaller communities and propagate fear on a scale never known in this land.

What is coming is in no way meant to say God is not a God of Love. He is, in fact, Love in its highest form. One cannot be loved by anyone more than God loves them. However, in God's love He also chastens (Hebrews 12:6). In the greatness of His love He must chasten all activity that will lead to destruction. His grace is pure and He has given the world much grace. We do not always understand the ways of God, however, we can be assured that God knows how to balance judgment, mercy, and grace.

## **Do Not Fear**

*You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.”*

**Isaiah 26:3**

Those who genuinely are walking with God, through Jesus the Messiah, will see marvelous sights and encounter mysteries of Heaven as God miraculously provides. That provision will not just be food, but ideas, innovation, inventions, and favor. They will meet needs that no one else can meet. Daniel said it like this, *“The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”*

The hope for the future will come from those who know and are strong in God; those who walk with Him. These people will have deep compassion that results in great strength and internal fortitude – character. Their value to the suffering will not be found in their possessions, but in their strength and faith built by God over the years.

Those outside the household of faith will be subject to the plans of the god of this world. Plans of pain, defeat, betrayal, jealousy, and bitterness. On the other side of this era, this nation and the rest of the world will emerge less confident, more humble and broken in ways that cannot now be anticipated.

A change of heart must and will occur in this nation. Evil will become more obvious and righteousness will be tried and tested. We will have to make a choice - either darkness and evil or God's light. There will be little wiggle-room between the two.

## **When Did The Message Begin?**

The Lord began to speak the message I am writing years ago in 1980. I spoke about this Storm in 1981 on KVVU Radio in Dallas, Texas. I again spoke of it on TV in Dallas in 1987. Parts of this message are not new to me. Other parts have been revealed to me over the past eight years, but in June of this past year, 2008, He began to push me to speak about it in several conferences here in the USA and abroad. I do admit to being reluctant to write and talk about it again. When God reveals to us the future, He sometimes reveals it decades in advance and in the case of Daniel and other Prophets, God reveals it thousands of years in advance.

I am delivering this message with a heavy heart. Those of you who have followed this ministry have heard me say more than once during the past eight years that as we approach the year 2010, things will become increasingly difficult. I have been praying and hoping that what I have spoken and now write might be averted.

I am now concerned that without people speaking up, the church will not play our redemptive part in bringing the necessary change in this nation and the world.

## **Has the Storm Already Hit?**

Because some facets of the Perfect Storm have already begun to happen I feel compelled to tell you, as a means of verification that I have been speaking about this for some time now. One of the places I recently spoke on this topic was in a conference held by John Kilpatrick in Daphne,

Alabama, July 2008. Prior to that time, the Lord asked me to write it down and to send it to my ministry partners. I did this the first of August 2008.

Though some of what I have spoken about and written has already come to pass, most of these things will take years to totally play out. Further, though most of what we see today is seemingly economic based, much of what I have seen is not. This *Perfect Storm* has several components, which I will later address.

I pray that you will understand my heart as I speak. I believe you will be given wisdom by the Lord about how to process and potentially thrive in the coming Perfect Storm that is brewing in this nation and beyond.

## **There are Five Elements to the Coming Perfect Storm**

As in the movie *The Perfect Storm*, the storm I see coming to the United States is a combination of more than one element, and when the elements unite, the storm becomes exponentially more dangerous.

However, unlike the movie, this storm is not just a storm of merging weather patterns. This storm is worse; it involves five different elements: religion, politics, economics, war, and geo-physical events.

At times these five elements will be so intertwined that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to distinguish which events are driving a particular manifestation of the storm. Massive problems in these five areas will come often, or in combination, and sometimes repeatedly.

Each element has potentially several events that will have national and international ripple effects. Some ripples will be worse than others, depending on where you live and how you make your living. Different areas of the United States will experience different severities. Some will experience more economic elements, others more geo-physical elements; some will experience all elements. Remember, it is the combination and the rapidity that will make the storm problematic.

Also, this does not mean all five elements will hit at the most devastating levels. For example, on a scale of 1–10 with 10 being the worst, one element may strike at a six while another strikes at an eight. It is the particular combinations of elements — the proximity of each element as well as the intensity of each element — that will make this storm so difficult and seem to last so long. This storm will not be short-lived; it will come in waves, one after another.

THEY WILL COME  
QUICK, FIERCE,  
AND FAST!

## Why is the Storm Coming?

This storm is coming because the Church (the Body of Christ) is no longer the backbone of this nation. From our inception, the Christian faith has been the plumb line of decisions made at all levels of life.

The Christian founding of this nation is what makes it different from every other nation other than Israel. Other nations may have become Christian in their focus, but none were initially formed with Christianity as the core of its DNA.

The Church is to make known God's manifold wisdom to the world and the powers of the air (Ephesians 2:2). This demonstration of the heavens is not accomplished by speaking to those powers but through righteous living. We see the doctrine of the Nicolaitans is alive and well in the church, as money is seen as the sign of success and anointing. Money has become a driving force. It directs far too many churches that have monstrous financial needs in order to pay for facilities designed to impress the worldly system it should be trying to change.

How we live opens or closes doors for Satan to legally afflict us and potentially rule over us via leaders who do not know the ways of God. The basic principle is that sin separates us from God. Since Adam and Eve through today, the actions of humankind have given room for the enemy to strike and attack us.

The only legal way the enemy has access to us is by the hand of God lifting. This results in there being a space between Him and us and that space increases as we distance ourselves from Him and His ways.

Anytime there is an increased distance between God and humanity, it leaves room for attack to come and for principalities and powers of the air (rulers of darkness) to take up residence. The longer dark powers reside over an area, the more the people begin to call right - *wrong* and wrong - *right*.

Here in the United States, leaders arise from the people; in other words, as the people believe and think, so do the leaders. So as the lines between right and wrong, as well as the holy and profane, become blurred leaders make choices that reflect their upbringing; choices that have dramatic impact on you and me.

One consequence is that in this nation, the way to God through Jesus and the Cross is no longer seen as an absolute. In fact, absolutes have become touted as "intolerance" first in the world and now even within the Church. Yes, there are exceptions within the Church, but through compromise, the absolutes of heaven and eternity are clearly evaporating.

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HOW CAN WE ATTRACT  
THE WORLD IF WE  
ARE JUST LIKE  
THEM?

## God Can Fashion a Disaster

We must prepare for severe change for violent winds are coming. We are living in the days of Ezekiel and Jeremiah, who wrote that God can bring disaster on our nation if we continually choose to walk according to our own plans. God spoke this to Jeremiah:

*“The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, if it does evil in my sight so that it does not obey my voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.*

*“Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.”’”*

*And they said, “... We will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart.”*

*God is NOT  
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THE FLESH, WE  
REPP OF THE  
FLESHLY OR  
CARNAL!*

**Jeremiah 18:7–12**

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*Did you notice that God said that if we change our hearts and turn from our wicked ways, He will relent of the disaster He was planning to bring?*

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## What are Some Early Evidences that the Storm is Coming?

You can probably make this list far longer than I have made it here. The thought is not to provide a concise and detailed list of events, but to remind you that the early winds of the storm have begun.



## Geophysical

- Record cold and snow in California.
- Record ice storm in Northeast.
- 2008 coldest year in twenty years.
- Honey Bee Colony decline caused by Varroa mites. They feed on the honey bee pupae and adult bees, and in so doing they activate and transmit diseases which reduce the life expectancy of the bees and cause the colony to decline. The result will be a lack of pollination for fruit trees, flowers, and vegetables.
- Bat decline - White Nose Syndrome because many of the bats have been found with a white fungus around their noses and mouths. The result is that mosquitoes and other insects will multiply.
- The increase in tornadoes and hurricanes and other violent storms.
- Overall increase in straight-line winds.

## War

- Militants in the Gaza Strip, have launched dozens of rocket attacks against Israel.
- Israel retaliates by sending warplanes and helicopters that pounded the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip on Saturday, killing at least 205 people in the bloodiest one-day death toll in 60 years of conflict with the Palestinians.
- Iran 3X the number of long range missiles that was thought.
- Israel and Iran tension.
- India/Pakistan tensions.

## Politics

- Youth riots and violence across Greece.
- The growing cry for a one world government as the financial crisis and global implications of any war are pushing national governments towards global solutions, even in countries such as China and the US that are traditionally fierce guardians of national sovereignty.
- The corruption charges like the Rod Blagojevich, Governor of Illinois will not be the last political corruption discovered.
- The Russian state-subsidized youth movement "Nashi," staged a rally in front of the American Embassy in Moscow where nearly 20,000 young people held pumpkins marked with the names of "America's victims," among them the casualties in South Ossetia.

How many  
missiles would  
allow anyone  
to constantly  
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## **Religion**

- The demise of the Lakeland Outpouring.
- The increasing divorce rate among pastors not to mention divorce rate in the Body of Christ is slightly higher than the non-churched.
- The decline of the influence of Christianity.
- Lack of absolutes and Christians world view.
- Growing efforts to state that Islam and Christians serve the same God, which is not true.
- Decline in the belief of the Kingdom of God and the reality of evil.
- The decline in the belief that there is a coexisting spiritual world that is more real than the temporal world in which we live.
- The church is more interested in numbers than in Kingdom mandates.
- The church is more interested in “sin management” than personal transformation.
- Universalism has far too many adherents.

## **Economics**

- The 700 billion dollar bailout is not over with, watch out for the later part of 2009.
- The continued decline of the stock market, jobs, housing, manufacturing, service, banking and financial institutions.
- As the water table of economic stability decreases many rocks will be exposed. What do I mean by that? There are many problems that are now hidden and as the troubles continue and the economy drops, these matters will be exposed.
- The Bernard Madoff scheme that has been estimated to total as much as \$50 billion is not the last financial domino.
- States Face Financial Crisis - A recent study by The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities revealed that 41 states are facing severe budget shortfalls for 2009. Some states are worse off than others, with California (\$31.7 billion) and Florida (\$5.1 billion) leading the deficit pack. In all, the 41 states are currently facing a \$71.9 billion budget shortfall. The key word here is “currently.”



- Deflation/stagflation/inflation/hyperinflation – all these will occur on the heels of each other. What intervention factor will start the flow of the absolutely unsterilized \$8.5 trillion dollars of liquidity into the business section?
- The answer is significant ‘fiscal stimulation’ through Quantitative Easing (aka wild-money printing). It will trigger the dollar’s demise by inflation of the dollar.
- When road, schools, special education, music, athletic, teacher’s salaries, the no child left back, road building and local infrastructure building providers are granted Federal contracts with Federal guarantees of borrowing, they go to the bank. Why bank against a Federal fiscal stimulus contract or guarantee will fail to lend up to 90% of the required funds?
- That will open the barn door of liquidity. This is followed by inflation then hyperinflation (a currency event not an economic event) all this in the midst of a deep recession.
- The answer to that question is also easy: \$8.5 trillion in government bailout.
- Though some time away, the table is being set for a global system.

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## What are Some Things, or Better Said Consequences that are Coming?

*Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past.*

**Isaiah 26:20**

### Geophysical

- There will be large storms in here and Africa, that do not move and last as long as two weeks. In Africa some airports will be closed for as long a month and travel in and out will be impossible.
- I keep hearing, the Woes of 2012, the woes of 2012, the woes of 2012.

*I WISH I KNEW  
MORE ON THESE  
"WOES" - THERE  
WAS MORE! BUT I  
JUST CANT REMEMBER.*

- Jets Streams will seemingly go wild and cause major weather shifts.

THE RAPID FLUXUATIONS IN THE PATTERN AND DIRECTION OF JET-STREAMS WILL Baffle WEATHER FORECASTERS.

- Drought in some areas and water from the faucet will be more expensive than oil.
- Some cities will evacuate thousands because there is not enough water to meet their needs. (As **Amos 4:7** says, "I made it rain on one city, I withheld rain from another city.")

- Earthquakes will strike not only coastal areas but even the Midwest will experience a devastating one.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER ?

- A volcano will erupt in the USA.

MT. HOOD ?

- Shakings and eruptions in the Northwest.

EVER BOISE, ID. WILL SHAKE

- There will be thunderstorms with softball size hail, 24 inches of rain in 24 hours.

- Places where three feet of snow fall in six hours.

- F6 Tornadoes with winds 319-379 mph. Strong frame houses lifted off foundations and carried long distances only to disintegrate; automobile sized missiles fly through the air in excess of 100 meters; trees debarked; even steel re-enforced concrete structures will be badly damaged.

- Appliance missiles, such as cars and refrigerators will do serious secondary damage.

- There will be tornadoes in unusual places, that have never had tornadoes before.

WINTER TORNADOES!!

- A Category 5 Hurricane with winds of over 180 MPH and storm surges that flood miles inland.

- Hurricanes diameters of 500 miles

- There will be an unexpected blight that will hit a type of hybrid seed and severely weaken the yield resulting in food shortage.

ONE SEED PLANTED WILL NOT GERMINATE,  
ANOTHER WILL BREAK THE SOIL BUT NO  
HARVEST.

- In addition, drought and devastation from storms will dramatically cut into various harvests, and national food storage will deplete.
- There will be an pandemic illness that will take many lives.
- Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars
  - The Bubble around our Solar System will weaken and harmful rays will come - new forms of major skin sores.
  - The Earth's Magnetic Fields will shift and as they shift large cracks will form in those shield – this will somehow allow solar winds to affect weather patterns.
  - This will also cause major problems with satellites and communications – airplanes will be grounded

TV RECEPTION WAS HARD TO GET &  
QUALITY NOT HD,

MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS AFFECTED - NOT GOOD!!!

## War

- A dirty bomb will explode in a port city. Entry to that city will be stopped for a long time, perhaps a decade or more.
- There will be an explosion in a city with many underground tunnels. Flooding of underground roadways and those tunnels will result.
- Israel will experience new and more devastating attacks with fiscal nuclear material being released.
- Israel will retaliate with missile strikes.

CHINA  
RELATED?

- Suicide bombers escalate against and in Israel to the most frequent in history.
- Israel will bomb Iran, and anti-Semitism will escalate as fuel costs soar.
- The Russian Bear has awoke and is coming out of its hibernation.
- Russia will try to create an oil crisis by taking control of the Ukraine, and will arm Iran with weapons to further ignite an oil crisis as conflict is the goal. Russia's thirst for money to revive their plunging stock market will drive them to invade the Ukraine in hopes of spiking oil prices again.
- Russia will give Iran more military equipment, ships, submarines, and missiles not for their protection, but secretly hoping Iran will pick a fight with Israel so the increased oil prices will feed their nearly bankrupt economy. Putin banked his popularity on the growth of the Russian economy.
- Intentional, provoked unrest in the Russian youth will soon lead to a "mother Russia" patriotism that will cause continued international conflict.
- Missiles coming out of the waters of the Mediterranean Sea toward Israel.
- When President Mubarak is no longer the leader of Egypt a new terrorist leadership will take his place.
- Pakistan will become much more terrorist oriented.
- The United States will lose its military supremacy and bring many troops home from most nations overseas.

CHINA IS PLANNING ON US GOING DOWN AND BECOMING "THE" SUPERPOWER. HAS WORKING STRATEGY TO FACILITATE THIS.

### **Economics**

- A bubble of hope is coming but it will be short lived. In that span of the bubble there will be just enough time for godly people to make the necessary adjustments – it will not be a time to take on more debt.

- Commercial paper and credit card problems are another domino yet to fall as joblessness increases and buildings lay empty resulting in no lease payment to cover the owners debt service.
- Will there be Deflation – Stagflation – Inflation – or Hyperinflation – all these. They are waves on the quickly changing economic sea. What has worked in the past will work for only a brief time in this era.
- More difficult than ever before to forecast investments – but God will guide those investors He can trust.
- The Dollar will lose value and becoming near on par with the Peso and the Canadian Dollar. A new North American Currency will be established. The Euro has set the stage for what may be called the Amero-dollar.
- There will be many more reports of new financial corruption being uncovered and tied to politicians, especially senators.
- People will start to grow their own food and in some city there will be blocks where they will pull up the streets to try to grow food.
- In all this mêlée, there will be a new artificial Cornea or iris developed with a very unique ability to dilate the eye for light conditions.

ugly  
currency

I SAW MALLS WITH 2/3 OF STORES  
CLOSED 1/2

### Politics

- Pray for President elect Obama's protection. There is a plan to try to take his life. The worst thing that could happen.
- Islam wants to start race riots here as a means of destabilization and to divert attention from it's own activities.
- Worst riots in history coming.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE  
IN EACH MOB. INVADING  
LUXURY HOMES.  
THEY WOULD ROB HOME  
AND THEN SET IT ON  
FIRE.

- Economic difficulties cause mobs to roam streets with Robin hood mentality.
- There will be many more reports of new political corruption uncovered.
- Terrorists activity will hit America again as a flaw in the boarder detection system is discovered on both the Canadian and Mexican boarders.
- New wave of Terror in the Sky as groups of Terrorists work together to blow up airplanes. Targeting a specific airplane over a two-week span of time, several men will bring parts of an explosive device on board an airplane. The parts will look like parts of a shoe, belt, or briefcase, or normal carry on items. In addition, their comrades, who work for the airlines will slowly, each time that particular plane comes into the terminal plant parts of a device. Over time the parts will all be there to detonate the device. On the last run, the men who get on to bring the last few parts will then get off, while the person who will assemble the last of the parts stays on the plane to detonate the device. I know this sounds impossible.
- Rural land will become very valuable as people leave the city for security.
- Social Security and other retirement accounts will become of little value.
- The USA will bring most of it's troops home to save finances.
- Because of the severity of economy, the USA will end up cutting much of our foreign aid programs. International dictators and Islam will multiply as a result.
- Growing anarchy will come from the gay and lesbian community and in time there will be reports of mobs maiming and torturing heterosexual men.
- There will be a huge increase in "Arian-nation" type of activity – one of their bunkers will explode and the nations will be shocked at the level of armory they have collected.

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VOLUNTEER



## Religion

- Islam will try to force its way, into the school system. It will be given rights that Christians do not have.
- Islam will systematically work to control government in a large city as they mount a multiplication project.
- Islam will continue to use threats to intimidate congressional decisions.
- Islam will launch an initiative to have a president in White House by 2024.
- Medical advances in organ transplants will make it possible for homosexual men to become in vitro fertilized and given a Cesarean birth.
- Many large churches will file bankruptcy as payments on large buildings cannot be made.
- Large ministries will disband from financial difficulty.
- House churches will grow in number.
- Hidden sexual perversion in church leadership will be exposed and the numbers will be shocking.
- Two Church Patriarchs will pass away signaling a new and sad era of the church.

PRAYER ROOMS

## God has fashioned this time to be the most effective in getting our attention.

*“Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. Return now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.””*

**Jeremiah 18:11**

**Is this warning just for the United States? NO – but it includes the United States.**

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## ***Four Things The Church Must Do***

*“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

**Hebrews 13:20-21**

**First**, the Church must return to knowing God and His ways rather than just knowing *about* God. We have replaced power with programs, revelation with administration and the Father’s heart with organizational skills.

WE “KNOW ABOUT” PEOPLE ON TV, ACTORS, ETC.  
BUT WE DO NOT “KNOW” THEM.

**Second**, the Church must learn how to contend for the faith again. We are weak, and we fall away so easily when crisis is not at hand. We have not been tested, and we have lost our resolve. We understand little of the adversary’s plans.

We do not know how to debate our faith without becoming angry, and thus we have so few strong, clear, godly voices in political arenas.

We have lost our *witness* — the witness that convicts others and strongly testifies that God is still God and is very, very real. We have lost the witness that demonstrates that God is a personal God in a very impersonal world. The witness that says, “What I do *proves* God exists.”

WE ARE  
GOD’S  
WITNESSES!

**Third**, the Church must return to the love of God’s Word and the belief that it is infallible and inerrant. This would include the conviction, understanding and knowledge that God is absolute, and there is only one-way to know Him: through Jesus the Messiah.

We need a new revelation that God’s power is unlimited, His knowledge is unending, His presence is with us always and He never changes. We have made God far too small, and our lives prove it.

**Fourth**, we will need to declare sacred and solemn assemblies of repentance and corporate fasting in many parts of this nation — a time set aside for rending our hearts before God.

*“Now, therefore,” says the Lord, “Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.*

*Who knows if He will turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him — A grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, call a sacred assembly; gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes; let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room. Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, “Spare Your people, O Lord.”*

**Joel 2:12–17**

### **Crisis is the Fruit of Following the Wrong God**

God allows calamities to happen in order to draw us to Himself. What does that mean? It means that God allows us to reap the fruit of that which we serve. Walking in God’s ways brings blessings and fullness of life, while walking in the ways of the “god of this world” will bring the fruit of the god of this world: decay, destruction, deterioration and death. We make our choice, then the choice makes us.

Throughout Scripture, when crises hit the people of God, they turned their hearts to Him, and He heard and took action.

*“Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”*

**Jeremiah 29:12–13**

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*May the people of the United States seek the Lord  
... and find Him.*

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## The Beginning Winds of the Storm

You don't have to look very far before you see the beginning swells of the coming Perfect Storm. It seems this theme has caught the attention of many pundits and prophets.

Almost every day, there are multiple signs of the Perfect Storm's approach, and notice I said "approach" — meaning, it isn't here yet. What we are currently seeing is merely the early winds of the storm. Still, the scent of rain is in the air. Nearly everywhere we turn, we become more aware that without God's intervention, the world will not be the same 10 years from now. And we are correct when we think that.

**I believe we may well be living in a time much like Jeremiah the prophet described as, "Jacob's Trouble."**

"For thus says the Lord, 'We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale?

*Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of **Jacob's trouble**, but he shall be saved out of it. "For it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord of hosts, "That I will break his yoke from your neck, and will burst your bonds; foreigners shall no more enslave them. But they shall serve the Lord their God.*

***Jeremiah 30:5-9***

**However, the David in Psalms 24 has a prophetic word for those who experience such a time of trouble.**

The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters. Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to vanity (idolatry), nor sworn deceitfully.

*He shall receive blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. **This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face.***  
*Selah*

*Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you*

*gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah*

## **Psalms 24 - A Psalm of David**

### **What do we, who live in the Jacob Generation do?**

**First**, this will be a generation of those who seek the face of the Lord – not just knowing about Him, but becoming so close that you can see His face.

**Second**, if you meet the qualifications something wonderful will happen. What are those three qualifications? Very simple, but not easy in this culture!

- \* You must have clean hands – have not harmed others
- \* You must have a pure heart – have no hidden motives or agendas other than God's
- \* You must not be driven by ego or be self promoting

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### **What will happen to Christians in the Jacob Generation?**

1. First, there will be a much clearer definition of the term Christian – it will not include the current acceptance of “lukewarm” as it is included now.
2. You will ascend the Hill of the Lord or be elevated or promoted above those around you.
3. You will live in the thick, Holy presence of God. That means you will hear Him and be guided by Him.
4. The Gates of Heaven will open to you. Those spiritual questions that have been difficult to understand or know will become easy to understand.
5. The everlasting or ancient doors will open - meaning – Ancient, spiritual truths that have been hidden for a long time will be revealed.
6. The might, strength and power of the Lord and His hosts will come into your circumstances and situations to fight on your behalf.
7. Finally, the Glory of the Lord will rest in your house – Selah or think about that!

## Here are Six Ways to Weather the Storms

Here are six things to keep in mind as you weather this storm with the grace and, prayerfully, the glory of God resting on you.

**1. Don't overreact to media hype and spin.** They learned a long time ago that sensationalism sells, and they will play it for all it's worth. In the midst of the media flurry, this will be a time when God reveals His secrets to His servants — so look for one. God is not caught by surprise. In His omniscience, He has been preparing you for this very hour. You will not fail. Remember what God told Jeremiah:

*“Thus says the LORD: ‘Do not learn the way of the Gentiles [those who do not know Me]; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the Gentiles [those who do not know Me] are dismayed at them’”*

**Jeremiah 10:2**

When there is panic, we tend to make decisions we later regret. Don't assume the worst, and don't be afraid. Should you plan? Yes. Is this serious? Yes. But it's not time to panic.

**2. Simplify and streamline your life.** What things do you do that are pure convenience? Could you cut back on any luxuries? Keep your current car? Take in a roommate? How about reducing your latte count at the coffee shop? Selectively start looking to cut back in areas that don't really reflect your life's mission or calling, or aren't making a positive difference in others' lives.

This will be an opportune time to follow in the disciples' footsteps:

*“So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart”*

**Acts 2:46**

**3. Reconnect with Friends and family.** God is your Source — not your bank account, not your 401(k), not your gold, not your stock portfolio. Your friendships and other relationships are what feed your emotional health, and they stabilize you; you need them. Research shows that friendships play a dramatic role in getting people through difficult times. So reconnect today.

Remember that:

*“a man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother”*

**Proverbs 18:24**



**4. Rethink your focus.** You have a choice: You can live your life by *principles* or by *pressures*. Those who “fail” in life usually keep their eyes fixed on their current problems and lose sight of their life principles. As things change, it is vital to remind yourself of the principles you live your life by. Never lose sight of them during challenging times. They will help keep you focused. The difficulties we’re facing now may be God’s wake-up call to remind you of your original vision and purpose and why He made you the way He made you.

Take this time to rethink and re-evaluate. “*Where there is no vision, the people perish*” (**Proverbs 29:18**). If you have no vision, your only other option is to go backward or decay.

**5. Be an Influence.** Are you an influence in your culture? For many, this will be a time of innovation and invention. For others, it will be a time of study and preparation for the promotion that will come when this season eventually passes — which it will. Don’t chase trends, but study them to see where the culture is going. You should always be looking for original and innovative ways to engage the needs of others. Needs are going to abound, so ask God for a solution to those needs, and you’ll succeed when your secular peers are failing.

**6. Take More Time to Listen.** In the coming months and perhaps years there will be an entirely new set of needs that the people and this nation will have. The Lord wants to give innovative ideas and inventions to those who are close to Him. Set aside time to listen to Him. Prayer is great, but if all we do is make our needs known to God, it will be very difficult to listen. There is a lot we do not know about this coming time frame, God just might have something He would like to say to you.

You and I are living in a turbulent time. The Perfect Storm continues to swirl and won’t dissipate for a number of years.

## **What are the Tough Times All About?**

Obviously, tough times are just that — and they can go far beyond that description as well. They are often disappointing, frustrating and filled with tension and anxiety. However, if you focus on what you have lost or might lose, how difficult your life has become or what *might* happen, you will miss the most important aspects of why God allows times like these to begin with.

What is one of the most noticeable things that set you apart from your neighbors and coworkers who don’t have a personal relationship with Jesus? Isn’t it often how you handle these tough times? There are four

things that must be etched onto your spirit in order for you to succeed in this turbulent time.

### **What you do with your circumstances?**

**First**, tough times are not about what happens to you — they're about what you do with what happens to you.

God, in knowing all things, was not ignorant about this era of your life. In fact, He has spent your whole life preparing you for this moment and others that you are yet to face. Will you keep believing that He'll use everything you go through for His Kingdom purposes? Or will you sour along with so many others who base their relationship with God on their prosperity? Tough times prove our faith.

### **You: Influencing others**

**Second**, tough times are about influence. How you handle these times will have great influence on two sets of individuals: those who watch how you handle your own adversity and those who will be changed by the counsel you give them.

Now, I don't mean the answers you may or may not have for them — everyone has answers, usually of the negative kind. But here I mean counsel that gives them hope. Hope that helps them discover a God who knows their potential, a God who's taking them on a journey of discovering new adventures and possibilities they may have never thought about. I am talking about hope that aids them in making different choices than they may have previously made. Hope that allows their creativity to spring forward when others around them are in despair. Perhaps you need this kind of hope as well.

God allows tough times to happen so that massive, change is the result. The hope is that in God's plan all things will be better in the aftermath. We will once again place Him at the front of our minds.

He will use *you* to deposit this hope in others. God looked through all of the future and chose to place you here for such a time as this. He birthed you, created you, shaped you for such a time as this. You won't only make it, but you will be an example for others, and as such you will have more influence than ever.

### **The stuff of champions**

**Third**, it is the people who focus on others and guard their words — i.e., people who order their conversation to reflect the provision and kindness of God, even in the midst of the storm — who will see His salvation.

There isn't a single generation that hasn't gone through tough times. Yes, some are tougher than others, but as the Lord once said to me, "Little battles produce little victories and result in little champions. Great battles produce great victories and result in great champions. Which do you want to be?"

### **The justice of God and a faithful heart**

**Fourth**, the first thought most Christians have when tough times hit is to diminish or even stop their giving. Wow — wrong move! It was the widow of Zarephath's faithful, sacrificial giving in the middle of a severe drought that threw open the door for her to weather the drought.

Paul exhorted the church in Philippi to give so that fruit would be added to their account.

He urged the church in Corinth to take as an example the Macedonian church, the poorest church, which gave to the Lord's work even in the midst of deep poverty and affliction (2 Corinthians 8:1-4). When Paul returned to the Macedonian church a few years later, he found them prospering.

It is the gift you willingly give that allows God's justice to be active on your behalf. In tough times especially, you really want God to act on your behalf! This is why Paul told the church in Philippi that, more than the financial gift he needed, he desired that Heaven's fruit would abound in their lives. That fruit is what God gives to feed and bless and meet the needs of all who give to Him.

### **Closing Statement**

*"With my soul I have desired You in the night, yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; for when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."*

**Isaiah 26:9**

I believe the only way for us to avert the crisis that lies ahead is through God's intervention. This nation must return to its godly foundations. We have chosen darkness far too long. We have made God far too small. We seek our own good over the good of others. We have forgotten the reality of God's Judgment and lost the fear of God. We need change, deep transformational change both personally and nationally. We need the AWE and Presence of God back in our services

For this to happen, we must have broad, national repentance. We must cry out with godly sorrow asking God to forgive and remove our mental strongholds that have alienated us from Him.

When this happens in the heart of the people, we will change and pass laws that will reflect the righteous convictions based on our creators design and we will believe what we print, “In God we trust.”

**It is all about choices!**

Wrong choices produce errant perceptions, which in turn produce errant decisions, which in turn produce wrong fruit. That fruit is then prone to make choices from errant perceptions – from the perceptions of their fore fathers.

Righteous choices will produce righteous fruit!

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*May the People of this Nation make righteous choices, and may we, in return, become a changed people.*

*Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you—the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.*

*“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, my great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame.*

*Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the Lord your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.*

**Joel 2:23-27**

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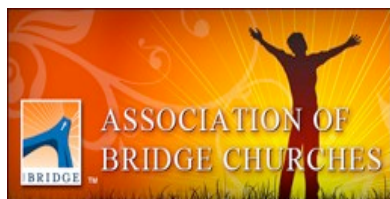
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