

The world today is full of conflicts, chaos and challenges and has been so throughout the history of mankind. However, occasionally there are epoch times where destinies of people or nations are in the balance. This was true of Israel as God delivered them from the tyranny of Pharaoh's oppression, but He did it through the courageous leadership of Moses. He was not a perfect person, but he was God's chosen man for the monumental task of guiding millions of people out of Egypt and through the desert on the way to the promised land. Most of the Israelites failed to reach their inheritance, but died in the desert. They had 'sinful, unbelieving hearts' that turned away from the living God' - Hebrews 3:12. They also complained and murmured against God and Moses, which revealed their ungratefulness for all the good things God had done for them. Even though God had freed them from 400 years of slavery, they never fully recovered from their 'slave mentality' which they had developed while under Pharaoh. God wanted them to see themselves as His children and heirs who could walk in victory. It is 'through faith and patience we inherit God's promises' - Hebrews 6:12. We honor Moses for his amazing leadership and faith despite some of his human failings. He lived out his identity which was revealed in his very name of Moses, which means 'to draw out', because he was drawn out of the waters of the Nile after his birth. However, God also used him to fulfill his life assignment; to 'draw out' the Israelites from Egypt and out of the Red Sea!

God chose Joshua as the successor of Moses to lead the Israelites to enter and take possession of the promised land. Joshua means 'God is salvation'. God used Moses to deliver His people out of slavery, but he used Joshua to take His people into their inheritance. It would involve serious warfare. (stop and read Joshua chapter one now, this was the chapter God had me meditate on before I went to England for several years as a missionary)

A few years ago I wrote about how I discovered an important principle of warfare from a thick book by British General Viscount Montgomery. A key factor to the success in warfare is the morale of the soldier, which we also see in God's encouragement to Joshua before he led the army of Israelites to take possession of the new land. God told him that he was giving them the land, but they would have to set their feet on it and fight for it, but God would be their strength as they obeyed his battle plans. Before God sent Joshua into battle, he wanted him to have the mind of a victor. As we mentioned in a previous message, it is the helmet of salvation, of hope and the mind of Christ. Here are the words God emphasized to him as he was about to assume leadership, for it would be easy for Joshua to be weak and cowardly.

'BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS'

'Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them.' - Joshua 1:6 'Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you....that you may be successful wherever you go. - Joshua 1:7 'Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.' - Joshua 1:9 'Whoever rebels against your word and does not obey your words, whatever you may command them, will be put to death. Only Be strong and courageous!' - Joshua 1:18

When God repeats something four times in a short message, we should take notice!

God knows our human tendency to avoid facing challenges, conflicts or change. It is easier to seek our own comfort and ease, but God often calls his people

‘Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will
take a stand for me against evildoers?’ – Psalms 94:16

Throughout the Bible and in history, we see how it is often only a small band of committed persons who can change the course of a nation. It happened in America back in the 1770's. No more than 1/3 of the citizens opposed the tyranny of the English king; 1/3 were loyal to the British rule and another 1/3 were neutral. The 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence were very brave. When they signed their names to that document, they were risking their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. The first person to sign it was **John Hancock** and he did so with a very large signature, unafraid that King George III would notice his bold declaration. Five of the signers were captured by the British as traitors and were tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Nine fought and died from wounds or hardships from the war. Several others of wealth, lost their fortunes and others some of their family members. Their fight for liberty helped form the republic of the United States of America.

William Federer / americanminute.com and David Barton / wallbuilders.com are the two foremost historians of American history precisely because they include the story of God's miracles and providence that took place in our formation. Historians who leave out our spiritual history are being deceptive and dishonest.

One year ago I wrote a message for 2020 based on Isaiah 60 which spoke of increasing darkness and increasing light. We also prayed that God would expose the darkness by shining His light. The past few months there has been increasing exposure of corruption and manipulations in all branches of our government, the courts, the media, medical system, political parties, etc. There has also been a growing presence of prophetic messages, dreams, visions, warfare prayer, passionate proclamations and participation by God fearing Christians and Americans. Where sin abounds, God grace abounds even more.

America is currently going through a battle half the country seems to be ignorant of. We are in a crucial battle for our republic, its constitution and our freedom. In recent months we are learning who is standing for this country or their own interests and those of foreign interests. There are few true statesmen but mostly typical politicians who care not what they can do for the country and the people but what they can do to benefit themselves, their families or friends. We need more leaders today in all areas of society who boldly stand for freedom and justice like like one signer of the Declaration of Independence whose signature was noticeably large.....

John Hancock

Since America is a leader nation, it is no surprise that Satan would try to destroy the history of our Christian heritage and infiltrate all key areas of our society. Satan seeks a one world global government, religion and economy / Revelation 13. America must fall in order to usher in the demonic New World Order, now repackaged as The Great Reset by the World Economic Forum, led by Klaus Schwab who was influenced by Henry Kissinger in the early 1970's. This is more than a political skirmish but a spiritual battle between light and darkness, good and evil, truth and lies, freedom and tyranny, righteousness and lawlessness, God's angelic forces and Satan's evil powers. Those demonic forces have been active throughout history. Satan himself was proud and sought power and control over God's throne. Now that he was thrown down, he seeks it through willing vessels on earth who love power, money and glory for themselves and express hatred for God and God's people and His purposes. Here are a few examples:

- * Pharaoh sought to kill baby Moses and enslaved God's people
- * Goliath the giant intimidated Israel and the shepherd boy David.
- * Wicked Ahab, Jezebel and false prophets of Baal vs. Israel and prophet Elijah
- * Babylonian king harassed and sought to murder Daniel and 3 friends
- * King Herod sought to kill baby Jesus
- * Brood of religious and political snakes sought to kill John the Baptist and Jesus
- * Communists Stalin, Mao and Nazi Hitler murdered over 100 million
- * One USA political party supports infanticide and seeks to remove God from society
- * Luciferian elite that seek depopulation of world to 500 million (some also are involved with the occult, pedophilia and some even in child sacrifice) eg. Epstein Island / Researcher Tom Horn was able to get pictures of the occult site before it was bulldozed over and also reported on children's bones found nearby.

Our Response

Faith / not fear. **Courage** / not cowardice. **Persistence** / not passivity or retreat
Truth / not compromise. **Love** / not hate. **Prayer** / not the sword. God calls his people to be courageous, not clueless, compromised or corrupt as are so many judges, politicians, business and religious leaders who promote lies and suppress the truth.

Do not fret because of evil men, or be envious of those who do wrong; for like grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away. Psalm 37:1-2

**Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us
 guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.
 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer (brave pastor vs. Nazi regime)**

We Pray

- * May corruption be fully exposed, revealed and dealt with / Ephesians 5:11
- * May key persons be bold enough to stand up for faith, honesty, integrity
- * May the righteous be rewarded and the guilty punished 1 Peter 2:14
- * May God be glorified and celebrated

We Decree in the name of Jesus

- * God has the final Word and it is good
- * God's prophetic words are true and will be vindicated - Romans 1:32
- * God's covenant with our nation will be renewed and honored

**Faith comes from hearing and hearing and hearing the Word of God.
 Unbelief and doubt come from hearing and hearing the fake news of man
 Let God have the last word in your life
 Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last**

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