

IS GOD'S JUDGMENT REALLY COMING ON AMERICA?

In the Jan/Feb, 2022, issue of <u>Charisma</u> <u>Magazine</u>, Heidi Baker, who with her husband Roland are internationally known for the mission work they did in Mozambique, is quoted in the lead article as saying that the Lord just gave her a prophetic word for the body of Christ.

She said, "I was groaning and realized I was groaning for America. God was showing me his glory but also showing me suffering like you've never seen. I said to the Lord. 'They don't want to hear it or see it' He said to me, 'Are you going to tell them? You said you would say anything I told you to.'" She then agreed to speak out a most unwelcome prophecy about what is coming to our Nation.

I (Glenn) am not a prophet. Since receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1973, I have had many dreams and visions about my life, family, and ministry but not about larger issues. But God surprised me back in 1998, 1999, and 2004 by giving me four very scary prophetic dreams about his coming judgment on our Nation. For about 20 years starting in the 1990's I made ministry trips to Mexico in the spring and fall to work with missionaries. Each of these prophetic dreams occurred while I was in Mexico.

You may recall Jonathan Cahn's books, <u>The</u> <u>Harbinger</u> and <u>The Shmita</u>, and prophetic warnings from many others, both spiritual and secular, in view of the destructive things that have been happening in our country. I feel it is very important that I should be faithful and share with others what I believe God showed me.

FOUR PROPHETIC DREAMS

 In the first dream, in the fall of 1998, it was as if I was in the sky above a huge map of the United States and saw a series of huge tornadoes, perhaps 6 or 8, sweeping down across the U. S. In the dream, I could not find my wife and was very concerned about Telephone 970-434-1377 Email casabrn441@gmail.com Website <u>www.glennbrownministries.com</u>

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her. I saw myself looking for a safe place, a refuge, with some other Christians. Then I saw myself leaving the refuge and going out to help wounded people who were lying helplessly on the ground. (Possibly the terrorist attacks on 9/11 represented the first tornado, Hurricane Katrina the second, and the financial crash in 2008 the third?)

- 2. In the second dream, which came on the same night as the first, in 1998, I saw a boiling cloud, which reminded me of a pyroclastic flow from a volcano, advancing across our nation from horizon to horizon. A lot of people were standing with me staring at this terrible scene, and we all had the same thought, "This is death for everyone." Again in this dream, I was looking for Doris and could not find her. I believe the two dreams coming on the same night had significance. When Pharaoh had two dreams on the same night about cows and ears of corn, Joseph told him that the two consecutive dreams meant that God's mind was made up and would not be changed coming about the famine. (Genesis 41)
- 3. The following year, 1999, I had the third dream again while in Mexico. I saw our nation perched precariously up in the sky on tall stilts or girders which were about to collapse. Once again I was frantically searching for my wife but could not find her. (The Lord was letting me know that she would not be with me during the worst of the coming events. Doris died suddenly of a massive stroke while sitting next to me in our car in November, 2002.) I believe this dream had to do with a coming financial collapse that will encompass all the world.
- 4. In September, 2004, while I was in San Juan del Rio, Mexico, I had the fourth dream. I saw myself standing on the East Coast of the United States. A large white warship was sailing up and down the coast. It was a ship of ancient vintage, pre-World War 1, and it displayed a plaque or seal of

the United States. A black airplane came from the horizon, dropped a bomb which struck the ship, which immediately broke in two and sank. I then heard the words, "My protection has been removed!"

If these were words from God, as I believe they were, why would he give them to some unimportant person like me? Well, I have learned from several speakers who travel widely that over the past years many hundreds if not many thousands of ordinary Christians around the country have received similar dreams and visions. A number of my personal friends and acquaintances have told me that they, too, have received similar prophetic dreams or visions. Also, many well-known Christian speakers and authors have received such visions; men like David Wilkerson, James Robinson, Rick Joyner, and others.

Also consider that many secular voices have been warning America: That our enormous indebtedness is unsustainable and that unless things change there will be an economic collapse; that global warming leading to drought and historic fires in the west, ferocious tornadoes in the midwest, storms and floods in the east - combined with worldwide overpopulation are all leading to problems that are unsolvable on a human scale.

And I've not even mentioned that our national politics has reached an almost unbridgeable gulf, and that <u>during 2021 roughly one and a half mass</u> shootings per day have occurred throughout our country....so many that they now appear on page 3 or 4 in the daily news if at all.

According to the Bible, God does judge nations. That is one of the consistent patterns in the Bible. Just read the book of Judges and the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Amos. <u>In the New</u> <u>Testament, there are the warnings of Jesus in</u> <u>Matthew 25, Mark 13, Luke 21, and the book of</u> <u>Revelation</u>.

It is not God's perfect will to send judgment on individuals or on nations, the Bible calls it "God's strange work." God always warns the nations, and especially the people of God, through prophetic words, dreams, and visions. For example, God pleaded with the nation of Israel over a period of hundreds of years through many prophets to turn back to him or he would have to release judgment upon them. The prophets preached, warned, pleaded, wept for their beloved nation, but to no avail. God's heart was broken that his children continued in their destructive ways.

God says, "Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their evil ways and live?" (Ezekiel 18:23)

FALSE THEOLOGY

We modern Christians have created a false god in our minds and theology that bears little resemblance to the God revealed in the Bible. We have pacified him, gentled him down like cowboys used to gentle wild mustangs, so that he is always kind, always willing to forgive, no matter what we do or how many years we continue to do it.

The God of the Bible is a God of justice, righteousness and holiness. He <u>demands</u> that we treat him with proper respect, he <u>commands</u> us to do so. (Read the first four of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20.) He also <u>commands</u> us to treat our neighbors with respect, fairness and love. (Read the next six of the Commandments.) And he warns us that unless we keep these basic rules, there will be grave consequences.

But God gave us these Commandments knowing that in our brokenness we could not keep them, and in his mercy he provided the solution to our problem through the death of his Son on the cross. God is also a God of mercy and forgiveness, and "His mercy triumphs over his judgment."

God has given us, each of us, free will. He has given us the freedom, indeed the necessity of choosing him as our God or choosing some lesser god - - usually ourself or some person (our family, nation, political party, school, team); thing (money, success, fame); addiction (alcohol, drugs, gambling, horses, football, golf, TV, church); etc. Whatever you love, fear, give your time and money and attention to is your God.

Many people were raised in homes or churches or church schools. Catholic or Protestant, where the parent or preacher or priest beat them up constantly with condemnation from an angry God. As soon as they were old enough they ran away from that "God," and many times that included running away from their father or mother or church. And who can blame them? You can be forced to obey a tyrant, human or divine, but you will never give your heart to him. God wants our hearts, but he also wants people to know that there are inevitable consequences when they rebel and even defy the true God who created them and loves them.

The pendulum has swung so far from a God of righteous judgment that church people refuse to hear Biblical truths that contradict the narrow teaching they have heard all their lives about "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild." When we read the book of Revelation, we see another side of Jesus' nature. And the name of the book is: <u>"The Revelation of (or about, or from) Jesus Christ...</u>

ISRAEL AND AMERICA

Consider some of the ways Israel sinned and aroused the fury of a righteous God (Yes, fury!) and compare their ways to America's ways:

• **Israel:** "Why do my people say, 'At last we are free from God! We don't need him anymore." (Jeremiah 2:31)

America: Our national government, together with many of our most influential universities, have rewritten history and written God right out of his place in the formation of our nation. We are teaching our children from grade school through university that we have always been a secular nation, and any teaching about Christ or the God of the Bible is violently rejected our schools, colleges, in government and media.

So God says, "All right, if you don't need me, **My protection has been removed.**"

• **Israel:** "You have committed adultery under every green tree" (Jer. 3:13) "You worship idols on the mountains and have religious orgies on the mountains" (Jer. 4:23) "They set high places on every hill. There were even male shrine prostitutes in the land" (1 Kings 14:23)

Note: The Israelites adopted the practices of the Canaanites - they built small shrines under large trees on the hills and there they engaged in ritual orgies with female and male prostitutes. They even included their children in these orgies (Jer.17:3). This was a part of the "worship" that the Jews practiced that God called "detestable."

• America: The most vile perversions, even to the extent of sexual torture and pedophilia, are available to be viewed by our children. The average American boy is exposed to these detestable practices at 9 years of age. Surveys have consistently shown that up to 70% of all Christian men are addicted to pornography. That which a person looks at, meditates on, fantasizes about, he will eventually put into practice.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." (Matt. 5:8) To the extent that our hearts are pure of sexual corruption and other corruption we will have a clear picture of a holy God. If our hearts are corrupted by filthy images, the image of God we see will be twisted and blurred. (I speak from personal experience.)

Israel: "They have built pagan shrines to Baal . . . and there they sacrifice their sons and daughters to Molech." (Jer. 32:34) A large metal idol of the god Molech was built in the valley of Ben-Hinnom. It was perhaps ten feet square and twenty feet tall. It was hollow and a roaring fire was built in its belly. Its hands were extended in front so that the sacrifice could be placed on the hands, then a lever was forced down in the back of the idol and the sacrifice was dumped into the fire. As the priests chanted and pounded on huge drums - to drown out the screams of the victims - little boys and girls were bound and placed in the hands of the idol. And the people were so hypnotized deceived that and thev sacrificed their own children to this demon-aod!

America: Since 1973, when Roe vs. Wade became the law in our land, an estimated 65 million babies have been sacrificed to the demon-god Molech. (And we wonder why God's judgment is coming to our land?)

 Israel: "Woe to those who make unjust laws to deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people." (Isa. 10:1)

America: Studies of drug use have shown it is spread almost evenly across the country. Drugs are used by all races, colors, and economic levels: rich and poor, red and yellow, black and white. But laws have been in effect for many decades criminalizing the use of "crack" (the drug choice of the poor), while going light on the use of powder cocaine, meth, etc. The result has been that while Black people make up aout 13% of our population, their incarceration rate natiionally is about 39% of all incarcerated citizens.

What has been the result of our unjust laws?

- (1) The Black community has been gutted and devastated. (I am not saying that Blacks or Browns or Reds or Whites bear no responsibility for their choices, but it is hard for us Whites in our gated communities to appreciate the disadvantage that our unjust laws place on a class of people that still struggle with poor schools, jobs and home ownership. Since Civil War days, home ownership and property ownership has been vastly different for Blacks than for Whites - because of zoning laws passed by white legislators, loan restrictions passed by white banks and lenders, restrictive HOA's, etc., so that the wealth/poverty level between the races has been impacted powerfully.)
- (2) Mexico and much of Central and South America have been so corrupted by the billions of dollars that Americans are spending on illegal drugs that they have become frightful places for the average person to live. Their communities are ruled by narco-gangs that extort, rape, and murder at will. The desperate citizens leave everything behind and flee with their children . . . to America, their only safe haven....to be met by judgment and contempt at the border. (I realize this is an unbalanced analysis and that a nation cannot exist without firm borders, but we have swallowed an unbalanced perspective on the other side of the issue for years and never accepted responsibility for what we Americans have created by our drug addiction and unfair immigration policies.)
- (3) Our treatment of the mentally and emotionally broken - including all those who have been captured by the drug culture - is a natiional disgrace. Several decades ago, the political left, enabled by the political right, abandoned this huge group of broken people, categorized them as "criminals" rather than concentrating on treatment

centers, and consigned them to jail and prison. America has more than two million of these folks locked up. (Again, I realize that this is a complicated issue - - and I am certain that the only solution is spiritual; i.e., it's Jesus.) But our hard-hearted reaction to all these hopeless people cannot be justified even by the social laws of the Old Testament, much less by the teachings of Jesus.

Many of us have loved ones - brothers and sisters, sons and daughters - who are a part of this outclass society because of mental or emotional issues they were born with, or because they became "captives of the devil drug culture" in which we all live. How can we have so much compassion toward the disabled, helpless loved ones we know and be so hard-hearted when it comes to our politics?

(5) The average home in Mesa County where I live is \$358,000. The average income in Mesa County is \$26,500. This means that unless our young graduates are provided a place to live by their parents, they will have to live in a trailer or mobile home parked in the driveway of a friend or relative - - - or be homeless.

Our communities are desperately trying to provide low-income housing for the millions of low-income workers (that have become "serfs" to the royalty) but they constantly fight against "economic reality" which means our citizens fight against their own greed and the necessity of keeping their property values high. (Be careful who you allow to build next door.) By the way, have you seen those reports of the homeless communities in California and other locations?

(6) Our standard of living in the United States is artificially high - - financed by the trillion dollar deficits we are pushing down the road onto our children and grand-children. In interviews, three-fourths of Americans say they are in favor of balancing the national budget.....but only about 20% are willing to make any downward adjustments to policies that affect their own standard of living.

AND GOD SAYS

(a) "Woe to those who make unjust laws and issue oppressive decrees, who deprive the poor of their rights and withhold justice from the oppressed. What will you do on the day of reckoning when disaster comes from afar? (Isa. 10:1-4)

"In a single day the fire will burn and consume the splendor of his forests and fertile fields." (Isa. 10:17)

(c) "I sent rain on one town but withheld it from another; one field had rain and another dried up." (Amos 4:7)

(d) "I sent plagues among you as I did to Egypt." (Amos 4:10) "There will be famines and plagues among you..." (Luke 21:11)

Uh, has anyone had a problem with COVID-19?

GOD'S CALL TO SPEAK PROPHETIC WORDS

Last month I mentioned that from the time I became a Christian in my 30's I felt that the book of Jeremiah was somehow "assigned" to me. I couldn't understand that, I didn't like Jeremiah, it was dark and scary. I began to understand after I received the prophetic dreams mentioned above.

I believe that I, along with a great many others, have been prepared and called to speak a very hard word to a very resistant church in this season. You might think, "Do you think you're some sort of Big Shot Prophet, like Jonarthan Cahn, to speak a word from God to America?" No, but I think that God can speak his truths to any of us through any person, story, or parable in the Bible. He has definitely spoken to me through Jeremiah; and through Peter (I see my impetuous. inappropriate words and actions in him); and through Thomas (I see my doubts that threaten to undo me); and even through Jesus (when I catch myself restraining a critical word, or squelching an impure, rebellious impulse, I know His Spirit is at work).

I believe with all that I am that God's horrifying judgments have already begun on our beloved country and that that they will increase, "Like a woman enduring labor pains - - that start small and random but increase in pain and intensity"- - - - until she brings forth a child! (In this case, a Son).

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY AND ITS LIMITATIONS

Prophecy is one of the "gifts of the Spirit" that is taught about in depth in 1 Corinthians chapters 12 through 14. Prophecy is to be practiced and "learned" under spiritually mature leaders. That means that prophetic words are not expected to be perfect, as was true with Old Testament prophets, especially those who spoke words that became Scripture. There are guidelines in those 1 Corinthian chapters, and we are told that words of aspiring prophets are to be "tested" and corrected.

John Wimber taught that we should be humble and cautious when speaking what we believe to be prophetic words, that rather than boldly say, "Thus saith the Lord:...." we should couch our words humbly, "I believe God is showing me that"

Why be so cautious? Because our channel to God is not perfectly clear. Our impurity, our pride, and especially our wounds from the past can slip in and corrupt the impressions we believe we are receiving from God. I know that my faulty relation with my Dad, whom I felt I could never please, led me over the years to project that attitude onto my Heavenly Father, which led me at times to preach a more law-based, judgmental message than a grace-based message.

I know I am exceeding a cautious presentation of my prophecies in this Newsletter. I feel so certain that this is a word from the Lord that I leave it to you to test and see if you can receive them.

A major correction or adjustment that needs to be made to this prophetic word is that I realize it is unbalanced. The dreams that God gave me were dreams about judgment but not about the healing, blessing and holy purpose that necessitated God's sending the judgment. Isaiah's judgments, mostly the first 39 chapters of Isaiah, were followed by the following 26 chapters, starting with Isaiah 40:1, which reads: "Comfort, comfort, my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, her sin has been paid for..."

Coincidentally, there are 39 books in the Old Testament and 26 books in the New Testament.

And the terrible judgments found in Jeremiah are softened by what is called the "Book of Consolation" in Chapters 30-33, which include the "New Covenant" in 30:31-34. This, of course, is a prophecy about the coming of Jesus Christ who will bring a New Covenant based on God's mercy expressed in the sacrifice of His Son on the cross.

All of this means that God is using others to flesh out and complete His prophetic words - to express His desire to heal and bless and fulfill. I am seeking to do my part and encourage you to look to others for the next part.

I cannot end this epistle without giving you a final word of warning. Following are what I believe to be a large class of false prophets:

FALSE PROPHET - LEVEL 1

If God's judgment is falling and will increasingly fall on our nation until we no longer exist as a world power, which is what I believe is destined to occur, then it is the height of neglect and irresponsibility for a pastor or leader to continue to lead his church in the same type programs of the past. What is he to do? He is to seek God until he is told what to do.

FALSE PROPHET - LEVEL 2

I have read some prophecies promising that everything is going to be OK; great blessings are coming to the church; the wealth of the pagans is going to be turned over to us true-believers; just believe, have faith, think positive.

OK. We will just wait and see.

FALSE PROPHET - LEVEL 3

I share this last word with fear and trembling, knowing how strongly some of my good friends feel about this.

If you think that this whole issue is a political issue that will be resolved if only we get the right or the left installed in power, I believe that you are terribly deceived. This is about the Lordship of Jesus Christ, not about politics.

A FINAL, FINAL WORD

What is the answer we are searching for? I start each morning, usually between 2 and 4 AM because I can't sleep, by asking the Lord for a word for the day and then praying in tongues for 5 or 10 minutes. This morning the words came back loud and clear: "The presence of the Lord! The presence of the Lord!"

What you and I need more than we need a lot of teaching and information (and I gave you a full load in this Newsletter), is the presence of the Lord. Job had many questions to ask of God about fairness and justice and suffering, but when God showed up they all melted away and didn't really matter any more.

I have seen that same thing happen in counseling situations, in family crises, in church crises, in business and even government crises.

Does the worship and prayer and teaching in your church bring the presence of God? If not, why not? What do you need to do so that God will honor you with His presence? If His presence was there, you would have people waiting in line to find a place inside. People hunger and thirst for the presence of God.

Let's not settle for anything less.... in our personal lives, in our homes, in our churches.

The presence of God. Come, Lord Jesus.

PS: My electronic guru (an actual person) tells me that with a modest investment and her know-how, we might broadcast my Newsletters, teachings, etc, in various formats (that I don't comprehend), making them available to a much greater audience.

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