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## **GOD'S JUDGMENT ON AMERICA**

Every two or three years I have published an article recounting the four prophetic dreams I had in 1998, 1999, and 2004 while on ministry trips to Mexico. I am repeating this information at this time because I believe God's judgment is imminent. In view of Jonathan Cahn's books, The Harbinger, and The Shmita, and prophetic warnings from many others; and in view of the bizarre things happening in our nation politically, economically, socially, and even physically (including destructive weather phenomena); I feel I must be faithful to what I believe God showed me.

I need to say that I am not a prophetic person. I have had many dreams and visions since receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit in January, 1973, but they were about my life, family and ministry but not about larger issues.

1. In the first dream, in 1998, I saw a series of huge tornadoes, perhaps 7 or 8, sweeping down across the U. S. In the dream I could not find my wife and was very concerned about 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 9/11/01 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 that 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 about the coming famine. (Genesis 41)
3. In 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 in November, 2002.) I believe this dream had to do with a coming financial collapse that will encompass all the world.
4. In September, 2006, I had the fourth dream while I was in San Juan del Rio, Mexico. I saw myself walking on the East Coast of the United States. A large white warship was sailing up and down along the coast. It was a ship of ancient vintage, pre-World War I, 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 messages from God, as I believe they were, why in the world would He give them to some inconspicuous 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. Also, many Christian speakers and authors who have a large audience have received such visions; men like David Wilkerson, James Robison, Rick Joyner, and many others. These people, both the famous and the unknown, have seen visions of earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, nuclear explosions in population centers, rioting, civil war, massive hunger and starvation. Were all these messages from God? God only knows. (We should be careful about accepting prophecies, dreams and visions from anyone, including from Glenn. We should, *Test the spirits, to see if they are truly from God*)

But consider that many secular voices have also been warning America: That our enormous indebtedness is unsustainable and that unless things change there will be an economic collapse; that the proliferation of nuclear weapons and other WMD's in irresponsible hands is leading the world to a cliff; that over population, global warming, and growing shortages of water and food is leading to massive hunger; then there was the Boston Marathon bombing, theatre shooting, school shootings; floods in the east and fires and drought in the west; declining income and more stress in the lives of most people; etc. I believe there is a sense of unease in most people, an intuition that things on the world scene may get much worse.

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

According to the Bible, God always warns the nations, and especially the people of God, through prophetic words, dreams, and visions. There are multiple examples of this in the Bible. For example, God pleads with the nation of Israel over a period of hundreds of years through many prophets to turn back to Him so He would not 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. An example from modern history: Toward the end of World War 2, the Christian community of Dresden, Germany, was repeatedly warned through prophecies received by individuals in several churches that the city was soon to be destroyed by fire. The specific words received and passed on to the churches were: "The elements will be melted by fervent heat. Flee from this city." As I recall the story recounted by a pastor who had personally visited with survivors from two of the churches, this prophetic warning was again received on the very morning of the day of the bombing. On February 13, 1945, the RAF sent 796 bombers that dropped 3,907 tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs that created a firestorm that killed perhaps 80,000 or 90,000 people, mostly women, children, and old people (the young people were all gone to war). The firestorm reached over 1,500 degrees. Those Christians who heeded the prophetic warning survived, those who did not perished. Don't you agree that God has also been reaching out to America, but mostly to no avail?

In the face of all of this, if you believe that America is in the midst of ongoing judgment, and that more and worse things are headed toward us, **what are our options?**

- **Denial.** You can simply refuse to listen to it or to believe it. "I don't like that 'The sky is falling' preaching. I don't believe in a God that sends judgment on people or nations, and I think things are going to turn around, the 1% are going to start sharing their wealth, the politicians are going to start working in harmony for the good of the nation, the terrorists are going to repent, wars are going to end, the weather is going to be nice, and we should all think positive." I genuinely hope you are right, but I have my doubts.

- **Flee.** Many Americans, including many Christians, have concluded that the wise thing to do is to get out while the getting is good. There is an enclave of 30,000 people, mostly Americans, many of whom are Christians, that live in a community on the shore of Lake Chapala near Guadalajara. There are similar communities in Costa Rica, Panama, and most all the nations of Central and South America. I personally know a mature Christian couple who have moved to Ecuador. I am told that Chuck Missler, a Christian author and speaker, has moved to New Zealand. Before the Roman army surrounded Jerusalem in 70 AD, many thousands of Christians fled to Petra and escaped the slaughter and enslavement that followed. They did this because of Jesus' prophecy that Jerusalem and the temple would be destroyed, and because God warned them to flee through dreams and visions and prophetic words.

- **Become survivalists.** There is a program on television about extreme survivalists. They move to an isolated place, build a doomsday bunker, stock it with survival-type rations, shotguns and ammunition, and hunker down for whatever is coming.

- **Prepare physically and materially for difficult times:**

1. Get out of debt.

2. Rick Joyner has detailed ways that every pastor and church leader can take basic training in crisis management and said that all leaders in his church have taken the training provided by the International Fellowship of Chaplains (IFOC) and the Crisis intervention and Stress Management (CISM) training offered by FEMA.) "The credentials provided by completing these courses can open major doors for ministry and will likely raise your church's esteem in the eyes of local officials which can give you access to other ministry opportunities and help make your church a true light to your community. It is no accident that church buildings are called 'sanctuaries.' The church is going to become the sanctuary from the storms that are coming and needs to be prepared." Galen Daily is one of the Elders of our local Vineyard church, and he and a team from our church are working with law enforcement, the medical community, the Food Bank, Salvation Army, etc., in this area.

3. Consider taking all or a significant part of your savings out of the stock market and having the money available in cash. (I am totally out of my depth in talking about this subject, but this is the advice of a close Christian friend who is a retired investment counselor.)

4. Each family needs sufficient food, water, and emergency medical supplies, including medications that you take, for emergencies. We in our society are extremely vulnerable because we are so dependent on electricity, instant communications, and availability of food delivered by trucks. We could lose all of that instantly, in the event of a natural disaster

- **Prepare spiritually for difficult times.**

1. Spend much time in the Word and in prayer seeking God's wisdom and His personal direction.
2. Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.
3. Get out of debt. (This is a spiritual as well as a material matter.)
4. Ask God if you are in the right job and the right geographical place.
5. Find the right Christian fellowship for you, including a small group where there is prayer, intimacy and accountability and help in seeking God's wisdom.
6. Determine that no matter what happens in the world you will trust your Heavenly Father and not be afraid. In times of crisis in the Bible, God says to His people again and again, "*Fear not!*"
7. Prepare yourself so that in a time of crisis you will not hide but go forth to help the wounded and hurting, as I believe God showed me in the first dream I had in 1998, as mentioned above.
8. I think that if it comes to such a choice, we should prepare ourselves to die for our Lord rather than to deny Him. Jesus warned His disciples that many of them would suffer persecution and would even die for His name, which they did. We should ask ourselves, "Am I really willing to die for my Lord?"
9. Remember that God chose you and me to live in this time. He has placed great trust in us that we will represent Him and be salt and light in this difficult time.
10. In every prophetic word from God about a coming cataclysm, there is nearly always a word about the coming opportunity to minister salvation to the lost. Friends, a great opportunity for revival is coming!

## **HAVE YOU RECEIVED ETERNAL LIFE? PROVE IT!**

In view of the above article, I would like to lead you to consider some serious questions. The most serious by far is the question, "Where will you spend eternity?" Another way of posing this question is, "Are you sure you are going to Heaven when you die?"

The Bible declares that following every man's life on earth he will stand before God, the Creator, to be judged, and that judgment will determine where he will spend eternity. The Bible says that we deserve condemnation because of our sins, that we can't earn our way to heaven by our "good works," but that God has provided a way through the death of His Son on the cross, and that we receive this gift through faith. *If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. (Jesus is Lord - means that Christ is not only my Savior but my King, ruler, and master. (Ro. 10:9) You must be born again. (John 3:7) For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

The aged Apostle John wrote in 1 John 5:13: *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.* "These things" are obviously the things he recorded in the book of 1 John. In that small book, John tells us that there are three tests to determine whether we have eternal life: (1) The test of belief (2) The test of obedience and right living (3) The test of love. (1 John 5:1-5) It is clear that we do not do these three things in order to earn our way to heaven but that they prove we have a life-giving relationship with the Lord. Just as James wrote, *Faith without works is dead*

Again, my friends, have you received the gift of eternal life? This is too crucial an issue for us to have a "Hope so" answer, and the Bible challenges us to make certain about it. For instance, the Apostle Peter says, ***Be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.*** (The NLT version words it as follows: ***Dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen.***) *For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.* (2 Peter 1:10-11, NIV) What are "these things" that he is referring to? They are listed in verses 5-9: *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to*

*perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.*

Study this scripture. It is very important. Many people have had an emotional experience in church; they have “accepted Christ,” or joined the church and been baptized; but they have never changed. They have continued living just as they did before, but now they think they have fire insurance and don’t have to worry about the God issue. Peter tells us there is more to it than that; that we should be eager to make our calling and election sure; and that the way we make it sure is by growing in obedience and Christlikeness.

Jesus concluded the most famous sermon in the world, the Sermon on the Mount, with a series of warnings (Matthew 7:21-27), starting in Vs. 21 with these somber words: *Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord, Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.*

In the book of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul tells us how incredibly blessed we are to have been chosen for eternal life. He says, *You can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God* that came because of His grace through believing that Christ died for our sins. But Paul goes on, *to encourage us to lead a life worthy of your calling*, and he adds a warning: *Don’t be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins* (of immorality, impurity, and greed), *for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him.....So live as people of light!* (Ephesians, chapter 2 and 5)

My friends, since the holy Scriptures warn us many times that we should test ourselves and make sure about our eternal destiny, I believe that in these threatening times we should do exactly that.

## **CHUTZPAH**

I love the Jewish word, “chutzpah.” It’s a fun word to say, and the meaning is humorous. The definition is: “Shameless audacity, cheek, nerve, gall, effrontery. Boldness arising from rashness and contempt of danger.”

Ex.: To stand in front of your English literature class and announce that you are a better writer than William Shakespeare.

Ex.: The classic “legal” definition is: A person who kills his parents and pleads for the court’s mercy on the ground of being an orphan.

But these two examples don’t hold a candle to the incredible chutzpah of Jesus. Have you considered how outrageous his claims were?

- He claimed that the holy book of the Jews, written by human authors on three continents over a period of at least 1,500 years, was all about him! *I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.* (Luke 24:44)
- 17 times in the book of John, Jesus claimed that he preexisted with God the Father in heaven from eternity past: *Jesus answered, I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM.* (John 8:58)
- When Jesus used the words, “I am,” he was saying “Yahweh” in Hebrew, the name of God. For him to say that was blasphemy and worthy of death to the Jews. This was certainly an example of “Boldness arising from rashness and contempt of danger,” part of the definition of chutzpah.
- Another example of his boldness was his first preaching trip to Nazareth, his home town, when he claimed that Isaiah’s prophetic words in Isaiah 61:1-2 were about him: *(God) has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to release the captives, etc.* His congregation was so incensed that they tried to throw him off the high escarpment on which Nazareth is built and kill him. (Luke 4)
- He claimed that at the end of the age he would return on the clouds, take his throne, and judge all individuals and all nations (Matthew 17, 19, 24, 25. Mark 8 and 9. Luke 12, 19-22. Etc.) based on their actions. God’s judgment according to the Bible is always on the basis of people’s actions. Why isn’t judgment based on a person’s faith? Because a person’s actions reveal what he truly believes.
- Jesus claimed the authority to receive worship and to forgive people’s sins. (Mt. 9:2, Mt. 20:28)

- Jesus said, I am the good shepherd, I am the door, I am the bread of heaven, I am the resurrection and the life, I am the way, the truth, and the life.

These examples of Jesus' chutzpah could go on and on. One challenge to all of this is the person who says: "You are using proofs from the Bible. What if I don't believe in the Bible?" I would say that there are many convincing studies of the Bible (by Josh McDowell, Lee Strobel, and others), but my conviction is that the Bible is self-authenticating. That is, as you read or listen to the words of the Bible, "Deep calls to deep." The Spirit of God speaks to your spirit, and you have an inner knowing that these are indeed the very words of God. If you have not had this experience, then ask God to reveal himself to you in this way. We have an assurance, *If you seek me with your whole heart, you will find me*. If you choose not to believe, then nothing I am saying makes any sense to you and you are choosing to live your life separate from God. God will not force you to believe.

Returning again to Jesus' chutzpah, just imagine that you have a pastor or spiritual leader whom you admire very much. We will call him Pastor Andrew, or Brother Andrew. You have known him for many years and have observed with great admiration the way he treats his family, the people in the church, destitute people, and people in jail. He is invariably kind, considerate, and self-sacrificing.

Then one Sunday, at the conclusion of the worship service, Pastor Andrew reads a Scripture from the Old Testament and says, "This morning, I have wonderful news for you. I have kept this secret, but now I want to tell you that this Bible verse was written about me! In fact, all of the Bible is about me! When you look at me, you see God. I have always existed, God created the universe through me, at the end of the age I will come on the clouds to judge everyone, you must eat my flesh and drink my blood to receive eternal life, and I am going to die for your sins. You may now come forward and worship me."

Would you be thrilled? Most of Jesus' peers were not thrilled. They said he was a blasphemer and was filled with demons. They killed him for his supposed blasphemy.

As C. S. Lewis said, Jesus was either insane and thought he was God, he was evil and knew he was not God, or he was God and everything he said was true. You can't have it both ways. If he was not everything he claimed to be, he was either insane or evil or both.

Jesus' question to the disciples is also his question to you and me. "Who do you say that I am?"

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