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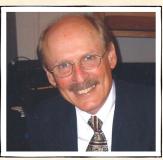
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Acts 11

Peter Defends God's Grace

1 Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. 2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, 3 saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!"

4 But Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning, saying: 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. 6 When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 7 And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I said, 'Not so, Lord! For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth.' 9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.' 10 Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven. 11 At that very moment, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea. 12 Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, 14 who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

18 When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

Barnabas and Saul at Antioch

19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

Relief to Judea

27 And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. 30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

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Acts 12

Herod's Violence to the Church

1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. 2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. 4 So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

Peter Freed from Prison

5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant[fn] prayer was offered to God for him by the church. 6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. 7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." 9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

- 11 And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."
- 12 So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. 13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. 15 But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel."
- 16 Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. 17 But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Go, tell these things to James and to the brethren." And he departed and went to another place.
- 18 Then, as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. 19 But when Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that they should be put to death.

And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there.

Herod's Violent Death

- 20 Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king's country.
- 21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. 22 And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" 23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.
- 24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Barnabas and Saul Appointed

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

Prophecy In the News

"Revival in America"

Introduction

Just a few weeks ago, President Trump signed Executive Orders establishing a White House Faith Office and a Religious Liberty Commission to study the subject of religious liberty in America and recommend to the White House policies to "eradicate anti-Christian bias." We reported on this in detail in our May 24 issue of the newsletter and examined the implications of having the White House so closely involved in the monitoring of religious liberty in our nation. Traditionally, as a nation, we have had a policy of the "separation of church and state," in keeping with the guarantees of the First Amendment of the Constitution. But recent statements by our president, and the implied and expressed views of the named members of the Commission, has caused me to feel an urgency to monitor the work of this Commission, with an eye on prophecy. The religious affiliations and backgrounds of the members of these two entities are going to have an impact on the policy recommendations they make to the White House, the president, and the DOJ regarding national religious liberty policy. Ultimately the decisions of government, in tandem with the recommendations of the religious leaders of our nation, will result in the breaking down of the separation of church and state and will cost the followers of Christ their religious freedoms and their freedom of speech to voice their opposition to the mandates of church and state, as per prophecy.

President Trump, who appointed the members of the Religious Liberty Commission also appointed Paula White to lead the White House Faith Office. Paula White is a **Pentecostal** pastor. She is also one of the members of the Religious Liberty Commission, and as head of the White House Faith Office, I'm hoping she might become a good source of information on the direction and recommendations of the Religious Liberty Commission. I am very interested in how religious attitudes and policy are leading to the final collaboration of "false Christianity" and "corrupt government" against the followers of Christ, as predicted in Bible prophecy, and I'm following her and a couple of other groups on Instagram. (I'm not a social media fan, but I need to know!)

In the News

Perhaps you saw the story of the "Revival in Seattle" on Saturday, May 24, and the clash between the

Christian group Mayday USA and those protesting their presence. The Mayday group came to Seattle as one of five cities they are



touring with revival events, "worshipping," giving out food and gifts to children, giving free haircuts, having family activities, and singing and dancing to

contemporary Christian music. Because the group promotes Christian values that are in contrast to the values of those who



normally occupy the park, there was a riot – Antifa, Communist, and LGBTQ groups attacking the Christian group. The mayor, who had approved the permit for the Christian group to meet there, accused the Christian

group in a public letter to the community of inciting violence against those who "espouse the values of our city." Following the chaos, the pastor in charge of the rally announced that they would be storming City Hall the following Tuesday, May 27, to protest the mayor's violation of their First Amendment rights and call for his resignation. The following Tuesday, there was another riot at City Hall, as the same group of "anti-Christian" rioters attack Mayday USA again!

So, here's where Paula White, head of the White House Faith Office, in collaboration with President Trump, called in the FBI to investigate the clash of Seattle. On Paula's ministry website, she writes –

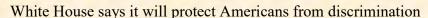
White House Faith Office advisor says Trump 'will take swift action' after anti- Christian Seattle protests

Senior Advisor to President Donald Trump for the White House Faith Office, Paula White, told "The Jason Rantz Show" on KTTH on Wednesday that the president plans to take "swift action" in response to the troubling events.

The counterprotest at Cal Anderson Park was in response to a rally by Fire Ministries, a religious organization. The event was meant for people to stand "together for Biblical truth and values" and to fight back against the National Education Association's attempts to indoctrinate children on LGBTQ+ issues, social justice, and other liberal efforts, according to event organizers.

After counter protesters stormed the event, the group decided to hold another rally at the steps of City Hall, after the mayor called them "far

right" and effectively blamed them for the attack. However, the scene once again turned hostile, leading to eight arrests.



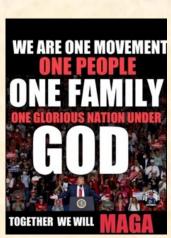
White said the White House Faith Office's task force is working to prevent similar incidents.

"Part of the task force that is in our office and that works with DOJ and Attorney General Pam Bondi, and, of course, FBI and everyone else, is the task force against antisemitism and the task force against Christian bias and all other forms of religion," she said. "And this was so important because our Faith Office came out with a very strong message yesterday, condemning the violent disruption of Seattle's MayDay USA worship event, because we absolutely support the fundamental right to free speech, religious freedom for all Americans, that's protected by federal law. It's non-negotiable."

White added that the Trump administration "will not tolerate any form of discrimination against people faith, people religion."

Revival In America

The story above is only one of many examples of "Revival in America" that is currently taking place – young people boldly standing up for Christian values against the tide of secular, anti-Christian practices. There is a growing and massive movement of revival within Christian America which is drawing thousands of young people together. In this movement, the crowd is finding excitement in a religious experience that pushes the boundaries of traditional conservative Christianity and gives them an identity in a Christian community.





Following are images of other cities where these revival events are occurring all over the US:













A Call to Spiritual Discernment!

One might think that this wave of revival is a wonderful thing. Think of all the baptisms that are taking place. Note the movement away from secularism to religious fervor. Just imagine a nation returning to God,





led by young people! But don't be deceived! What we're seeing in these images, and the videos of these events, is literally more hype than Spirit! While there are no doubt many sincere young people attending these events who desire a genuine encounter with Christ, the name of Jesus is

being carelessly tossed about by the leaders of these events, and the spirit fueling these gatherings is NOT of God. "Wow, PC! How judgmental!" you say. No, my dear reader, it's not judgmental to discern the spirit that dominates an event. If we cannot "discern between good and evil" (Hebrews 5:14), we will be the subjects of Satan's final deceptions. At these revival events, signs and wonders are being done with great drama and show – in the name of Christ! – but the mark of the Spirit's divine presence in them is not there. People are being baptized in masses, many anxious for the blessing of God, I'm sure, but the appeal for repentance and a casting of oneself upon the grace of a merciful Savior is conspicuously absent. The "worship" is more demonic in nature than the worship of the Bible where the worshipper bows humbly before a holy God! The movement of which I write is a clear manifestation of false revival within a false Christianity which will sweep the world into a bold rejection of truth, faith, and obedience to Jesus Christ at the end of time. John tells us, "all the world will marvel and follow the beast – they will worship the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they will worship the beast." Revelation 13:3, 4. And Paul tells us, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons." 1 Timothy 4:1.

In contrast, the Bible tells of special messengers of God who will "appear on stage" to prepare the world for the return of Jesus with a message that proclaims the **Gospel of Scripture** and calls the world to "worship the Creator who made the heavens and earth and the fountains of water." John identifies the last

Church as those "who **keep the commandments** and have a **saving faith in Jesus**." They will be wearing "fine linen, clean and bright," symbolic of the righteousness of Christ alone – a people who have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." This message will not be popular among those who are entranced with the glitter of false Christianity and deceived by false teachers, which is why these messengers of God will be marked for death! Revelation 11:7.

Don't forget all that we have studied over the past months in prophecy. There is going to be a genuine revival among the true followers of Christ – a revival accompanied by the Spirit of God and a manifestation of power unlike we've ever seen. Joel says,

"And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For ... there shall be deliverance ... among the remnant whom the LORD calls. Joel 2:28-32.

But this Godly revival will be preceded by a false revival that is intended by Satan to make people **feel** like Christians; they will use the name of Christ frequently in conversation, and a social bond will be created between those of a like mind. True revival that will prepare us for the coming of Jesus will be preceded by this false revival which is baptized in a false Christianity and worships a false Christ – Antichrist. And Satan will carry out his final deception "as an angel of light" – dressed in Christianity and selling death! Paul says,

"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12.

As I was preparing this article this week, I was searching the internet for examples of **false revival** in America, which is now accompanying the rise of **American dominance** in the world and the **advancement of ecumenism**, which is bringing all the religions of the world together under the **authority of the Papacy** – **Antichrist**. The dragon, the beast and the false prophet are all on stage, and judgments of God and the voices of His messengers are next in line in the drama. As I was doing my study of this topic, I came upon a message by Pastor Howard Green, who also has an end time ministry, entitled, "The Coming Global False Revival." I am attaching the link to his message for those of you who might appreciate hearing the perspective of another pastor with similar views – two witnesses to confirm the Word of Prophetic Truth! The link is below:

"The Coming Global False Revival" by Pastor Howard Green

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In Conclusion

So, if what we're seeing around us has the marks of a false Christianity which could lead many Christians into a deception that costs them their salvation, how does a follower of Christ avoid getting caught up in the frenzy of church life and still find fellowship with other followers of Christ?

- Become content with just being a faithful follower of Christ without all the "hoop-ta-la"! John tells us regarding the time in which we live, "This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus." Revelation 14:12
- Become the presence of Christ where you are as a "missionary" for Him and His truth!

- Watch for the rise of the messengers of God who are being prepared now for their mission of warning to a world that is asleep to the truth and the life of the Spirit of God
- Know that any loneliness you feel today is about to be replaced with a fellowship of intense "sweet" and "bitter" with the last of the Church to live on earth
- Rejoice in the knowledge that all we see happening in our world assures us that the coming of Jesus is near. As the hymn says:

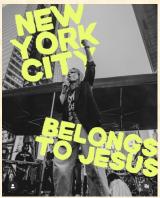
We are nearing home! We are nearing home!
See the splendor gleaming from the domes afar!
See the glory streaming through the "gates ajar!"
There we soon will enter, nevermore to roam,
Hear the angels singing! We are nearing home!
We are nearing home.

More Pictures of Revival!









My Best Piece of Evidence for False Revival

Ask yourself the question, "Does this look like something born of God's Spirit? Really?

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