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## GOD AND THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

We know that our God is very much in charge of nations. God put Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar to the test and the decree was, “...that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.” (Dan.4: 17b)

Furthermore, the Bible teaches us that God does all His works through His Word and that He always lets His prophets know what He is about to do. “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.” (Amos 3: 7)

Indeed, our God is and has always been in charge of the rulers of this world and He has always had His prophets to whom He speaks. The prophets do not always understand the Word that God is speaking, but the Word always comes to pass.

God has set up the nations as His instruments to bring about His plan and purposes in the earth. All the nations have an end until... “... the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.” (Dan.2: 44b) The image that has been set up in the earth has been ruled by the Prince of the power of the air- the mind of mostly brilliant but carnal godless men.

This verse in Daniel's prophecy explains what has been happening to the nations from the time these words were spoken to what is being experienced in

# THE FALL OF THE IMAGE

its finality today. God told Daniel to seal the words of his prophecy until the end of the age. The words could be read on early scrolls and on the pages of our Bibles, but they were sealed because no one could really comprehend what they were all about. Now the words are clearly understood because they are actually coming to pass in front of our eyes.

God gave a dream to King Nebuchadnezzar but the king could not remember it until God revealed it to his prophet Daniel. The image that the king saw was the plan of God for the nations in the last days, when one by one, all the kingdoms of this world would be consumed by fire (warfare, violence and greed) and God would establish His kingdom that will never be destroyed.

King Nebuchadnezzar had the dream but only Daniel put it together and gave the understanding. The rulers of this world may well know that their kingdoms are falling but they do not know why or what to do about it.

This was the interpretation, “Thou, O King, sawest, and behold a great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

*Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that*

*were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.” (Dan.2: 31-35)*

This image is not only a lesson in history, it reveals what God had ordained for the nations of the earth from the beginning. The image represents the powerful kingdoms that were to rise and fall in the earth from that time forward. There had already been great kingdoms in the earth, Egypt being one of them, but through this dream, God was announcing the kingdoms of the end of this age.

Nebuchadnezzar was the head of fine gold. He was the king of Babylon. It was under his rule that Babylon became the most magnificent city of the ancient world. He most likely had the Hanging Gardens set up, which were one of the seven wonders of the world. It was under this king that Jerusalem was conquered and as Jeremiah prophesied, many Jews were brought into bondage, including Daniel.

As the dream reveals, in time, the worth of the nations keeps devaluating. Babylon, the richest kingdom in the earth, was overthrown by the lesser kingdom of the Medes and Persians whose strength was not in its beauty but in its armies.

Nebuchadnezzar was no longer alive when Belsazzar saw the writing on the wall: *“God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”* Spirituality was on the decline while the power of the arm of the flesh was taking hold of the world.

The Grecian Empire came on the scene led by 20 year old Alexander the Great whose seeming invincibility made him a god to those he cruelly conquered. His time reached its end when the mighty Roman Empire and its armies, as rigid and strong as iron, came marching in and brought the Grecian

Empire to its knees. It wrapped its iron fist around all the nations of that time.

The nation Israel was also made subject to the iron hold of Rome and when Jesus was born it was still Rome who ruled supreme.

All the great kingdoms of this world were set up by God to accomplish His plan in the earth. God raised up the mighty Egypt with its Pharaohs and He raised up Rome with a formidable army that conquered most of the world in its time, including Israel.

### **GOD AND THE NATION ISRAEL**

God led Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and they became the mighty nation Israel with a destiny like none other. Israel was called to worship Him and Him only. They were called to serve Him and no other gods.

Israel was in covenant relationship with God. It was the covenant of the Law of Moses. When they obeyed Him, their enemies trembled before them but when they were disobedient and turned from Him, they fell into the hands of those who hated them. All through history we read how the nation continually fell back into idolatry and the worship of false gods. As God told Ezekiel, they were arrogant and stiffnecked and would not remain faithful to their God.

They thought that they could always find forgiveness and keep going as they were, but God had His limits. A covenant has to be kept by both parties. God certainly kept His part and more. The question arises, “If Israel had kept her covenant with God, would these last nations have had the power to rule over the world as they did?”

### **THE HARBINGER**

Recently I read an interesting book that exposes Israel's rebellion and God's way of dealing with them. I had been told about this book “The Harbinger” by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, but had not felt to read it when someone actually put it in my hands and insisted that I do. I am sure some of you have

heard of it and have perhaps read it. It is well written and easy to read and the events are carefully documented. In it, he speaks of the warnings that God gave His people when they filled up the cup of rebellion against His word. He compares what happened to them as a result to what has been happening to the United States of America since the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center in NYC.

A “harbinger” is a foreshadow of what is to come. It is a “forerunner” that predicts what is coming. Just like a red-breasted robin is a foreshadow of Spring. In the Old Testament, the prophets were the bearers of harbingers to Israel.

The prophets were faithful to speak the words God gave them to the stiffnecked and rebellious people who did not want to hear them and sometimes imprisoned them, tortured them and even killed them. Jesus said, *“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee...”* (Matt.23: 37a)

The book “The Harbinger” compares America to Ancient Israel and the way that both turned against God's word. I find that the writer was indeed anointed for this work. It is certain that the parallel that he draws between the arrogance of Old Testament Israel before God and the arrogance of this nation are undeniably similar. There is no doubt in my mind that the book “The Harbinger” is another look at the workings of God in the affairs of nations.

Some may be under the impression that God has separated Himself from what goes on in governments, but that is far from the truth. As I see it, “The Harbinger” is proof positive that all that is taking place now is part of God's working to establish His Kingdom on earth (the rule of His Christ). And this country plays a large part in the bringing in of this kingdom.

However, I believe that it would be erroneous to compare the status of this nation to that of the ancient nation Israel. This nation plays a great part in God's plan, but it has no covenant with God. The nation that will stand forever in covenant with God is not America, it is *“a chosen generation, a royal*

*priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people...”* (I Pet.2: 9a) It is a people called out from among all men into the marvelous light of God. Even though God is very much in the affairs of nations, His kingdom is built with individuals who hear His voice and follow Him.

## **AMERICA GUARDIAN OF THE FAITH**

It was in the middle of the night of April fourth 1946 that the Liberty ship that first brought me to this country sailed into the waters of New York Harbor. All were awake and on deck looking at the sight. In the distance, we could see the bright lights of the tall buildings they call “skyscrapers!” One could see the bright streams from the lights of the cars moving on the highways even at that time of night.

The officials had to get on board to check all papers and give their approval for the ship to dock so it was not until sunrise that we were smoothly escorted by a couple of tugs up the Hudson River to our assigned pier. If the night's arrival was moving, the morning was more than emotional. To our left appeared the impressive Statue of Liberty extending its welcome to us. There were not a dry eye on deck.

Our ship was the first arrival of “war brides” in the States. A crowd was assembled on the pier, looking like a bouquet of many colors with their bright garments and smiling faces. They had been waiting for us and now Mayor La Guardia came on board to give us a welcome speech. It was a new day.

Many are the reasons for which multitudes have come to live in this land. Personally, I came because I had married a GI stationed in Paris during World War II, but I now realize that there was much more to my coming than that.

As a five year old child I had no idea why God gave me my first dream of coming to this country. I had never even heard of this country and certainly never thought that the dream was a prophecy from God. I never even thought about God. And why did this dream make such an impression on me that I still see it today?

At twelve or thirteen I had another impressive dream about arriving in NYC in the middle of night. I had no plan for such a journey! I was a student working to make my grades and marriage had never yet entered my mind. When the dream came to pass I still did not connect it with God. It was not until I was thirty years old that I found the Lord and He began to open my understanding to these things.

God gave me the dreams because He wanted me to know that He is in charge of my life and that He is the One who has sent me to this country so that I could fulfill my calling. All who have been called of God can trace back His early dealings in their lives.

Furthermore, my case is another confirmation that He had called and ordained this country to gather His Bride in these last days. It is in this country that I heard the Gospel of the Kingdom and was able to find the streams that moved me on in Christ. It is in this country that faith finds the freedom to grow. Now His church is being washed, anointed and prepared for the big Day of the consummation of her vows and the birth of the Manchild.

Make no mistake, it was God who set up the men who wrote the constitution of this country with freedom of religion at the forefront. The Mayflower Compact was the first document written to govern the little colony. It opened with these words, *"In the name of God, Amen."* They had come in the name of King James, the defender of the faith. *"Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith...a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia..."*

The Mayflower Compact underlined clearly that these pilgrims had come to establish a colony in the name of God. This would give protection to those fleeing the iron fist of Rome and of the kings of Europe.

Coming from France, the history of the Huguenots come to mind. They were people, most from French Bourgeoisie (upper class), who had received the Light of the Gospel and had cut their ties with the Catholic Church. This meant that they had become a threat to the State. King Louis xvi who built

not only the beautiful palace of Versailles and the famous châteaux along the Loire River, but also the Bastille as his personal prison. He dispatched his dragoons who burned down the Huguenots' estates, raped their women and took away their children in order to raise them Catholic. This is documented history.

The Huguenots would not deny their faith, led by John Calvin they became a branch of the Presbyterian Church. Most fled to Switzerland, Germany and Holland and many made their way to America in order to continue in the faith. America became a refuge to many who were fleeing the tyranny of the kings and of the Church of Rome.

In order to spread the Gospel through this country and the world, God prospered America. It was His plan to gather His people as His church from the four corners of the earth. God made America the Sentinel, Protector and Guardian of the faith.

The brave souls who came here first were pioneers who never gave up or let up until they had invested all their strength and abilities to make this land prosper. They were a gift of God. They were strong in the faith and they were not afraid to labor hard and give their lives for the liberty that they cherished and had found here.

They fought for liberty every step of the way and built up this land like none other before or since. When we read books on how the West was won and on the Civil War our hearts go out to the dear ones who lived in the early days of this country. They were united in purpose and in faith.

## **AN INSTRUMENT IN GOD'S HAND**

Because this country had a great calling in the Lord, He blessed it with liberty and prosperity. God bless America was not just a song, it was a prayer from the hearts of honest and earnest souls.

As history records, nothing came easily but God had given them an overcoming spirit to deal with it all. Because of their zealous hearts and determination, the Gospel of Jesus Christ was heard from ev-

ery pulpit across the land. Christianity flourished and soon missionaries were sent out to the four corners of the earth. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was carried by those who sometimes had to literally lay down their lives for the faith.

For a time, children were free to pray in school where they learned to pledge allegiance to God and to this country under God. Christmas was a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and no one was bullied because they were Christians or set up a crèche in their front yard. Freedom of religion meant freedom to worship God in a Christian nation.

This was the calling of America and she accomplished it very well indeed. However, because of this, it is easy to think that this nation is bound to God by covenant as was Ancient Israel and as is the church. NOT AT ALL. America is a nation set up by God with a great purpose. God carefully chose and anointed the men who set up its government and constitution. It was indeed orchestrated by God Himself.

GOD DID NOT SET THIS COUNTRY IN COVENANT WITH CHRIST; GOD SET UP THIS COUNTRY IN ORDER TO CALL OUT AND FORM HIS CHURCH. America is the powerful nation that God raised to gather His church but our affection is set on the Kingdom or true nation in Christ that is being raised in the earth today. It was never God's intention to make this government the government of His kingdom.

As American citizens we certainly have love in our hearts for our country, and we abide by its laws. We will always be grateful for our liberty to worship and keep our faith. But our affection must be for things on high and not of earth. Along with the entire creation we stand on tip toes, eagerly waiting the manifestation of the sons of God. We rejoice greatly that God's Kingdom is at hand and that His nations of kings and priests will rule and reign in the earth.

### **IS GOD'S JUDGMENT IN THE LAND?**

Indeed we have reached the time of God's judgment everywhere. All that is not of God is being

shaken so only that which is of God will remain.

The dear souls that first came to this land began to build churches everywhere. The Gospel was being sounded loud and clear and soon they sent out missionaries with the good news of Christ' salvation all over the world. However as pure and honest as their motives were at first, little by little, the god of this world slithered into the camp and the truth that had been preached was being changed into a worldly gospel of prosperity.

Today, that which is being called the "church" in America is nothing short of the Great Harlot in Revelation. Churches have become Christian Clubs and worship of the true God is but a front to hide the worship of the gods of prosperity and greed. Just as Israel of old had turned to Baal and Ashtaroath, the church has bowed to the gods of the gold and glitter of this world. The flocks are no longer led by men who hear from God, they are driven to labor for masters who fleece them and do not heal them. They have become the slaves of the men they are supposed to trust.

As in the time of Ezekiel, God was grieved, "*Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock? ...The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.*" (Eze.34: 2b, 4)

The wayward ways of Israel of old are better compared to the church in this country today. The church is tied to the systems of this world and both are under God's judgment. It is that church who has led the sheep to seek after the gold of this world. It is that church who is feeding the flock on husks for swine and not on God's pure word.

In His foreknowledge, God called His true church out. His Holy Spirit has been at work refining the gold of His nature in a people that He has elected for His purpose. I believe that the majority of this company will be found in this country. God has a

true people in this land. They are many more than we know. They are not a religious people; they are after His own heart.

Jesus said that if it were not for God's elect, no flesh would be saved *“And except those days should be shortened, there should be no flesh saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”* (Matt.24: 22) And again, *“For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.”* (Rom. 9: 28) Yes Babylon is falling. The systems of this world and of the worldly church are the Babylon that is being consumed, but that which God has prepared will stand forever.

Our God has never been defeated. What looked like the worst day in God's economy was the day His beloved Son Jesus hung on the cross of Calvary. But for those who have a heart to understand, that day was the ultimate victory of the ages. God has a way of letting the enemy have his day in order to bring about the new Day to deliver creation forever. God's ways are not our ways. He brings beauty out of ashes.

### **THE WASTER TO DESTROY**

Israel was a nation under God's covenant of Law. In Christ, not only was this covenant replaced, *“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their minds, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people...In that he saith, a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.”* (Heb.8:10, 13))

The priesthood was changed as well. In the old covenant the priests ministered in the temple that men built, but this new *“...high priest sets on the right hand of throne of the Majesty in the heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.”* (Vs.1b-2) Compared to the ministry of Moses and the Law, this High Priest *“...hath obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a*

*better covenant, which was established upon better promises.”* (Vs.6)

God was raising up a new nation for Himself. Israel of old had failed and now all things became new in Christ. God would now give birth to a new nation through His Son. He would deal with each individual and write His laws in their minds and in their hearts. Then He would gather them in Christ and they would be His people and He would be their God. This nation is not America, it is a new creation of God In Christ. God is setting up His kingdom in earth.

God has been speaking to many that the end of this age has come. From the prophecy of the image in the book of Daniel, the fall of the world's governments are proof positive that His Kingdom is about to be set up forever in the earth.

America was called as the greatest nation on earth under God. Her calling is to provide freedom of religion to all so that His church might be called out and thrive. This has been accomplished and America as a world nation must fade away. Godly leaders cannot change that. The next event in God's economy is His Kingdom come in earth as it is in heaven.

As we observe what is happening in all branches of our government, we note the deterioration. Those who abide by God's word are becoming villains. Surely, the serpent has slithered into the camp. God has lifted His hedge of protection, and freedom is now a tool in the hands of the wicked. The waster that God created for the day of calamity is now at work.

Isaiah writes, *“Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.”* (Isa.54: 16)

I am reminded of “The Little Prince,” a classic book by a French pioneer aviator. The book was voted the best of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in France and it was the best selling book ever published. It was translated into 250 languages.

At first glance one may think it is a children's book but it is really an inspirational story. The main character is this "little prince" who had been sent to earth from a tiny far away planet. After many adventures, the Little Prince wants to return to his planet but he knows that his body is too heavy to make the trip. So he finds a snake to help him. The deadly bite of his new-found friend frees him from his body and sends him back to his planet.

As Isaiah wrote, God has made a way to deal with the evil of man's heart. One is the fire that removes and refines but does not destroy, the other is the waster that destroy all that is no longer acceptable. In God's plan there is absolutely no room for the nature of the first Adam. However, in Christ, the soul that came with the carnal nature passes through the fire of refining but the carnal nature is consumed.

The cross of Jesus is the Waster that destroys the old Adam nature. The first man Adam is not being purified, He is being replaced by the Last Adam. Only the soul is redeemed and becomes one with the Last Adam. God has created a very efficient Waster to do a complete work.

Do not pine for that which has lost its glory. Look to the glory at hand. Israel of old lost its glory and America has lost its luster as well. We are grateful for all she has accomplished but now we look toward the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

Through the blood of the Lamb, He has called His people out of every kindred, and tongue, and people and nation; *"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth...And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."* (Rev.5: 9b-10, 11: 15)

When God told Isaiah about the Waster, He also said, *"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord."* (Isa.54: 17)

The Waster was not created to harm or destroy God' people. God created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire to refine them that they may become the instruments of His mighty plan. On the other hand, the Waster is the expert destroyer of the old creation man.

It was the old Adam man that Jesus nailed to the cross. It was the serpent on the pole that was destroyed that day. Every time that we reckon ourselves dead unto sin, we do it by the power of the cross. The cross of Jesus is the power that we embrace in order to walk in newness of life. It is the power that must be exercised daily.

The call is for all to come to the Lord and leave behind their ambitions in the systems of the old Adam. As we understand this, we rejoice and shout Hallelujah! Our God reigns! Let us be about our Father's business.

## THE FREEDOM TOWER

It was on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 that Julie Goodall, a sister in the Lord, heard this word from the Lord, *"Just as you see the tower being built and is almost finished- So the Lord said it is so with my temple being completed. From the Old Testament until now all temples have been destroyed but this one will never be destroyed. You are now in the third degree- The final fire."*

When the Lord spoke this to her, Julie knew that a tower was being built on the NYC 9/11 site but she did not know that this tower was called the Freedom Tower. Indeed the Freedom Tower is now almost finished.

Confirmations that we are living at the end of this age, are coming from all directions. Indeed, since the resurrection of Jesus Christ, God through His Spirit as been bringing an end to this age that He might establish His Kingdom in earth.

On June 22, 2012 I had this dream, *"I was watching a television screen when I see a clear close-up of the Freedom Tower in NYC. It was totally finished. In the dream I wanted to call a friend and tell*

*her to look at her TV, but before I could do that, the dream transported me to NYC. I was standing in what used to be Ground Zero but in the dream was now a beautiful, peaceful park. I see the Freedom Tower and also the two other towers that are now being built. All were finished.”*

After I awoke I called my friend and shared my dream. As I spoke to her the understanding of the Word came clearly to me. The Lord was saying “*That which you have seen in vision or by the Spirit (television) you will fully experience yourself.*” That is why as soon as I saw the Tower on the screen, I was immediately on the actual grounds. This dream came after God had spoken to Julie about the time when the Tower would be finished. This certainly declares positively that we are at the door of this new Day.

As God usually does when He speaks in dreams or visions, He uses the things of the natural world to convey spiritual truths. So the Freedom Tower that I saw in my dream is symbolic of the sons of God that His has been building and raising up in the power of His might. This body of sons is arising in the glory of God above all that has ever been in the earth before.

It is so amazing that this tower is raised in NYC upon the ashes of the former World Trade Center with its twin towers. God through the symbolism is saying that the World Trades are being replaced by His Kingdom. He is raising up the beauty of the Sons of God on the ashes of the kingdoms of this world. While man is striving to rule the world though the power of wealth and greed, God is raising up His Tower (the Body of Christ) in the power of eternal life. He is about to break the bondage that the systems of the old nature has imposed upon every individual including the bondage of death and the grave.

Beloved, we truly are on the threshold of this Day. There is no doubt whatsoever that we have reached the finish line. The whole world is making a 180 degree turn. There is no stopping now. The prophecy of Daniel is no longer sealed. We are in the days of its fulfillment and the systems upon which nations

have been established are crumbling. The stone that was cut out of the mountain without hands and brake in pieces the kingdoms of this world has reached the toes of the image.

The spirit that is in the world is trying desperately to hold onto the power that is crumbling under its feet. Speaking of the most powerful king or nation that will be in the earth at the end of the age, Daniel writes, “*And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until the time and times and the dividing of time. But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.*” (Dan. 7: 25-27)

This prophecy is no longer sealed. Our God is revealing it all to us as it is coming to pass. In the past, men have made charts and drawings to try to explain these prophecies, but we no longer need all these. We can see it all happening each day in our lives and in the world around us.

It has been a long journey but the day has finally dawned. With our spiritual ear we can hear the cries of joy from all those who have gone before us and are so ready to join in this new Day. Hallelujah!

Because of His love, *Jackie Caporaso*

“*The voice of my beloved! Behold he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. ..My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land...Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.*” (Song of Solomon)