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Your message burns in my heart and bones, and I cannot keep silent.

(Jeremiah 20:9)

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Irene Means Peace (Dream)

On August 18, 2011, I had a different type of dream than usual.

I was in a prayer meeting and the person leading the time said: "Stu said ***something is going to happen in the southeast.***" In the dream, I was uncomfortable by the announcement, for I knew this group was not very open to the prophetic.

At first, I sensed this could be of the Lord but was not sure what it meant until two significant events occurred—one occurred two days later and the other five days later. However, it is the first event that most closely lines up with the "southeast."

On August 20, it was reported that a tropical storm had formed and was given the name *Irene*. On August 22, 2011, Irene became a hurricane, and it was reported to be headed for the southeast Bahamas.

In other words, Hurricane Irene was happening not only in the southeast Bahamas but also off the southeast of the United States eastern coast. This was the happening in the southeast.

Irene peaked as a Cat 3 hurricane in the Caribbean and made landfall as a Cat 1 on the coast of North Carolina on its trek up the entire coast from the Carolinas to New England. In its path from the Caribbean all the way to Canada, Irene caused an estimated \$15 billion in damages and caused at least 56 deaths. In 2017, it was listed as the twelfth costliest hurricane in US history.

Obviously, the August 18 dream announcement about a "happening" in the southeast and then something actually happening in the southeast in relation to the Caribbean and the US east coast caught my attention.

Scanning the many news reports each day, I am on the lookout for linkage to other events or even things the Lord might have revealed to me. In this case, I felt led to count the days from the time of the toppling of the **National Christmas tree** on February 19, 2011 to the day I received the dream of the happening. Elsewhere, I have already linked the toppling of the tree to a **5.8-mag quake in Virginia/DC** and the toppling or cracking of the top stones of two other national iconic structures, the **Washington National Cathedral** and the **Washington Monument**, both in Washington, DC, that occurred on August 23, 2011.

See *Quake America* — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/prophetic/p12.pdf>

To recap, on **February 19, 2011**, the iconic tree in DC toppled; then I was given the dream on **August 18, 2011**, followed by verification in the form of Irene, a major "happening" beginning on **August 20, 2011**; and then, a very rare quake hit DC on **August 23, 2011**, which was felt up and down the east coast and resulted in two major iconic structures in DC suffering damage.

Is there a connection to these events? I think so!

The number of days from February 19 (toppling of the tree) to August 18 (the dream of Irene "happening"), inclusive of the last day, is **181 days** or 6 months.

Interestingly, in Greek, the word *eirene*, from which Irene is derived, has a gematria of 181. Further, the name *Irene* means "peace." Thus, the number **181** also signifies **peace**. As if to make sure that I saw the connection, the Lord also gave me the dream on **8-18-11**, which has the number 181 centered within the date, whether reading it from the left or the right.

But this raises the question: Why would God want to draw attention to a hurricane's name that means peace? After all, a hurricane is anything but peaceful; it is noisy, violent, and destructive. So, what could God be saying to us?

Of course, on one level, the answer to the question is quite obvious. Jesus is the prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6) and the king-priest according to the order of Melchizedek, who is the king of righteousness and the king of peace (Hebrews 7:1-2). Thus, the character of the coming kingdom of Christ is righteousness and peace. In this regard, this is a reminder that the king of peace is coming. This must be our encouragement no matter what the near future looks like.

After His resurrection and before His final ascension to the throne of His Father, Jesus appeared to His disciples on two occasions, eight days apart, and blessed them with peace.

So, when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19 NASB)

After eight days His disciples were again inside; this time Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, *Peace be with you* (John 20:26).

The first day of the week is the same as the eighth day, which signifies the last day, the great day of the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:37). Thus, Jesus was not only blessing His disciples but also prophetically pointing to the day when all the victorious sons of God are blessed with peace in His kingdom and reign with Him over the nations of the earth for the ages to come.

On another level, the story of Jesus with His disciples in the midst of a great storm on the sea should remind us that Jesus is with us in the midst of the storms of life, especially the storms that precede His coming to meet us in air at the end of our present age.

When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. (Matthew 8:23-26 NASB)

Jesus was in the midst of the storm with His disciples, and He brought peace into the midst of it when He calmed the winds and the sea.

For those who know, love, and obey the Lord, there should be no doubt that Jesus is with them no matter how dire or great the storm might be in their life. In fact, most likely, He brought the storm their way in the first place, just as He most definitely raised the wind and sea when He was asleep in the boat with His disciples. I can imagine the Lord smiling to Himself as He was resting and the boat was being covered with the waves.

I believe there is a two-fold message to us with this announcement of a happening in the southeast that manifested as a hurricane named *Irene*, meaning *peace*, and the connection to the toppling or cracking of three national icons.

First, God's judgments often manifest as great upheavals, either upheavals of the physical (earthly) realm (e.g., quakes and hurricanes) or of man's institutions, governments, and religions, that is, man's *isms*. They are God's way of announcing that things are about to change in a dramatic way. The old is passing away and the new has come.

Stated another way, based on a word the Lord gave me in 1995 about structures crumbling: God's judgments lead to the crumbling of man's structures as a forerunner to the coming of the kingdom of the Son of God's love. ***When you see the structures crumble, testify of My kingdom!***

Let us not overlook the fact that included within God's shakings is religion, even what could be called the *Christian religion* (man's institutional religion as opposed to what Christianity actually is—a living relationship with the person of Jesus). The toppling a Christian icon (tree) and the crumbling of some top stones of another Christian icon (cathedral) signify that God will judge even that which claims the name of His Son when, in God's judgment, His Son is not in it. This principle is made quite clear to us in Hebrews.

At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12:26-29 ESV)

I say principle because the primary message that was given to the Hebrew believers in the first century was that Jerusalem and the temple were going to be utterly destroyed in 70 AD, severing them from the old that had been made obsolete by the cross. Shaking of heaven and earth did come in that day as all that the Hebrews had held dear to their hearts crumbled at the hands of the Roman army sent by God Himself. The message then, as it is today: *We receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken!*

Given this history, it becomes quite clear that shaking is one of God's ways of executing His judgments with the purpose of establishing His kingdom on earth, even if His people must be included in that shaking. So, we should not be surprised by structures crumbling in our day as we near the glorious royal appearing of King Jesus.

Second, even though God's judgments might manifest as great storms, they have a purpose that is good. In this case, God wants us to know that, out of His judgments, peace will come to the whole earth. For the conquering body of Christ, peace will not only be with them, but it will be in them. The nations of the

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world will experience peace as they have never experienced it in the history of man's kingdoms, for the character of the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ is peace.

Finally, looking prospectively from this word about Irene—in 2014, I was given a dream about a war *of* peace (not a war *for* peace). This is yet another reminder that God has set His people on a path of peace as we near the end of this age. The king of peace is coming! His name is Jesus!

See *War of Peace* — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/prophetic/p19.pdf>