

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God*

IN CHRIST JESUS.

(Philippians 3.13-14 NASB)

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THE COMING CRISIS

If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ... if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints. (Revelation 13.9-10 NASB)

Lately, this verse has caught my attention, particularly in relation to the US. I realize that nations must defend themselves if attacked by enemies that are determined to either destroy them or to take them over. Thank God for the many men and women who have lost their lives in the defense of freedom! But do you realize that the US is the only nation in history that has ever unleashed the horror of a nuclear bomb? On August 6 and 9, 1945, the US bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, respectively, with nuclear bombs, named "Little Boy" and "Fat Boy," in order to defeat Japan and end WWII. It is estimated that these two bombs killed at least 220,000 people.

The year 1945 speaks of **preservation**, for this is the meaning of the number **45**. When these bombs of mass destruction were dropped, President Harry Truman thought this was necessary to stop the war and bring about worldwide peace. Unfortunately, it only brought peace for a short season; since then, it has been an illusive goal.

Consider this: Since the end of WWII, the US has been involved in five more **major** wars, and since its founding, the US has been in twelve major wars, two of which are ongoing: **Revolutionary War** (1775-1783), **War of 1812** (1812-1815), **American-Mexican War** (1846), **Civil War** (1861-1865), **Spanish-American War** (1898), **WWI** (1914-1918; US entered 1917), **WWII** (1939-1945; US entered 1941), **Korean War** (1950-1953), **Vietnam War** (1959-1975; US combat troops entered 1965), **Gulf War** (1990-1991), **Afghanistan War** (2001 to present), and **Iraq War** (2003 to present). Of course, there have been various reasons for these wars, and the US was drawn into some of them. However, the point is that the US has been what I call a **warrior country**. We were founded, in part, by the physical sword, and we have lived by it. In fact, as a consequence of WWII, the US emerged as one of the world's superpowers until it became the mightiest force on earth.

But what is to come of this great nation? We have lived by the sword. Will God not judge us? It has been 63 years since we used a nuclear bomb against another nation. I continue to believe that the year 2010 is a very significant year, which will be 65 years from 1945. The number **65** speaks of **apostasy**. In reference to apostate Ephraim, Isaiah states: **Now within another 65 years Ephraim will be shattered, no longer a people** (Isaiah 7.8). We are not only within 65 years but less than two years from it. This is a very sobering thought.

I fear that God must judge us unless, as a nation, we turn from our ways, that is, **repent** or change our minds about our ways, **declare Jesus as King**, and seek Him alone. Although I see this as the right way through the days ahead, I do not believe this will happen, apart from either a major, cataclysmic crisis that literally leads the masses to call upon God for mercy, or a mighty move of the spirit of God upon the hearts of God's people that leads to repentance, or perhaps both occurring simultaneously.

War, power, greed, and money are always interconnected; today is no different. Interestingly, wars have been of some benefit to nations to revive their economies. Contrary to some revisionists of history, FDR did not resolve the Great Depression of the 1930s; WWII did. We need to recognize that given the instability in the world, any new crisis could tip the world into a cataclysmic worldwide crisis of a magnitude never seen before, which is a good thing if it leads to the demise of **mystery Babylon**.

Today, the US is facing a severe credit freeze that has yet to unthaw as banks continue to resist lending money, in spite of the billions of dollars that the government has begun to pump into them. Instead, they are using the money for other reasons or just holding it. In addition, rather than lowering credit interest rates, some banks are actually raising them. I realize that in a capitalist system, banks are in business to make a profit. However, I have listened to some financial experts explain their action or inaction, and there seems to be a huge disconnect in all this. If a person is starving to death because he cannot buy food and you give him some money, does it make sense for the person to take the money and buy something other than food or just keep it in his pocket? Of course not!

To add to this, on November 9, 2008 at 4.22 am, I heard the words “**London Times.**” I do not have access to London news, so I went on line and googled “London Times” to see what the headline of the day was. Lo and behold, it was about the British banks that received infusions of capital from the government to stave off a credit freeze, much like the banks in the US. The headline read: “**Banks defy Gordon Brown over new interest rate cuts.**” To help stimulate the economy, the Bank of England lowered interest rates. However, some of the banks that had been helped by the government told the British leader that they would not lower their interest rates because they are “**not charities,**” meaning that their profits are more important than helping to save the economy. They were “**drawing a line in the sand**” and refusing to lower their profits by lowering interest rates.

When I read this, the first thing that came to me was, “They don’t get it”; and then the word came to me that it was all about **greed**, and that **the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil** (1 Timothy 6.10). This is the very heart of the financial banking system that runs the world today. As I have reminded through many of my writings, this is the wicked heart of mystery Babylon that has seduced the merchants of the earth by the wealth of her sensuality (Revelation 18). In one hour, her great wealth will be laid waste and these men of greed will mourn over their great loss.

I believe I was given this word on 11/9 at 4.22 am for a reason. It was as if the spirit of God was giving more light on the matter and encouraging me that the cry of my heart to see as God sees is being answered. The number **11** speaks of **disintegration**; the number **9** speaks of **judgment**; the number **4** speaks of the world; and the number **22** speaks of **light**. Simply, He was confirming things, by giving me more light; judgment through disintegration of the worldwide financial banking system is occurring in our day and will continue until it is brought down in one hour. The people driving this system have been blinded to this truth and are being led by a supernatural working of deception that has reinforced their greed. See issue #02-08136, October 31, 2008. They truly do not get it, and they most definitely have been blinded to an even greater shaking that is set before them and the world.

Now, to connect this to the matter of war; as I was considering this issue, I came across an article relating how several ominous warnings have come from world leaders during a 72-hour period. These warnings have to do with some impending crisis involving the US, including the possibility of a **nuclear attack** on America. Some are seeing this coming crisis occurring either between now and the inauguration of the 44th President or shortly thereafter. These doomsday scares are not new, for many have been predicting dire consequences coming upon the world, including the US. What is new is that they are spoken of by so many in such a short period of time and that they are directed at the US.

All of this has gotten my attention, due to what I believe the Lord has spoken to me over the last year. Of note is a word I heard on September 23, 2008: “**A crisis is coming. Unprecedented! Beyond man’s imagination! It will bring mankind to its knees. You will rejoice in My day. Be prepared to testify of My kingdom. It is coming.**” By the way, the number **9** (September) again speaks of **judgment** and the number **23** speaks of **death**. But will we see a physical bomb dropped, or will we see something that manifests a colossal impact likened to a nuclear event? We’ll see. Lord, have mercy!

I don’t sit around trying to make up these things; they come to me as I have sought to see things as God sees them and to feel His heartbeat. Although a crisis might not be a very pleasant experience of life, the coming of the kingdom of our Lord is something to get excited about, and this should cause us to endure to the end so that we might receive it as a conqueror, worthy to reign with Christ. **Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints!**