

# 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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**Keep Our Lamps Lit:**

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## **Prophetic Update**

Lately, I have not written much in the way of what the Lord might be revealing to me on the prophetic level, so with this issue I offer a few things that have come to me over the last several months. I just offer them without drawing any conclusions. Time will reveal what they mean, if anything.

### **Dream of a crash.**

On February 22, 2009, I dreamed of a white box truck, which had the distinguishing colors and logo of a FedEx truck, flying through the air. As I observed this truck, I said to myself: "This is unusual—a truck flying through the air." Then the truck began to tumble end over end through the air as it fell out of the sky and crashed behind some buildings. It was a strange dream, but it was very clear and one I easily remembered in the morning, which is a usual indication that it might be of significance.

It turned out that exactly one month later, on March 22, 2009, I heard the news that a FedEx cargo plane had crashed and tumbled down the runway in Tokyo, Japan. One news media outlet reported that the plane **"had tumbled down the runway."**

I do not know the relevance of the dream and the actual incident. Perhaps there is something coming related to worldwide shipping (world economy) and the nation of Japan, or to FedEx and its operation in the Far East.

I might add that this is not the first time I have seen events before they happen. My first experience was during the early morning hours of May 15, 1972, when, in a dream, I saw a man who looked familiar, but I could not place a name to the face. He had just eaten a meal and was shot in the stomach. I had no idea who the man was until later that very same day I heard the news report that George Wallace, the former governor of Alabama, had been shot in the stomach after eating, I think, a hamburger.

My second experience came on January 13, 1982, when, in a dream, I saw an airplane crash into a bridge. I saw the color of the airline on the tail and even the number of people that escaped from the wreckage. As I recall, the number of survivors was small. Again, as I watched the news of that day, the hair on my arms stood up as I saw pictures of the very same thing I saw in my dream. An Air Florida commercial plane had crashed into the 14<sup>th</sup> St. Bridge in Washington, DC.

Needless to say, when I have vivid dreams, I record them.

### **Word of a coming crisis.**

The word *crisis* is an overused word in our day; some things have been true crises and others have been overstated. Well, on April 13, 2009, at 4.44 am, I was awakened with the word **"a crisis is coming."** Since the number **4** can signify the **"world"** and, in this case, is intensified three times, I figured that a worldwide crisis must be coming, something that could significantly impact the world. To be clear, I had no indication whether it was a severe crisis or simply a crisis. After all, crises run the gamut of severity. Nothing happened that day or in the days to follow, so I wondered if it was a true word from the Lord. I might add that this is not the first time I have heard a crisis (or, "tumult" and "great storm") is coming and one did come; case in point is the worldwide financial crisis, which was described as a "tumult" and a "great storm."

On June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that the swine flu was a "worldwide pandemic." Up to this point, the spread of swine flu had been described as a crisis. It truly was a crisis to Mexico, as it crippled its tourist industry. However, it was declared a pandemic on this day, not because of its severity but because of its ability to spread throughout the world.

With this announcement, I began to wonder if the word I had received pertained to the swine flu, so I googled “swine flu” on the Internet. Much to my surprise, the first case of H1N1 (swine flu) was reported in Mexico on April 13, 2009, the same day that I received the word. By April 23, 2009, there were 7 cases of swine flu in the US. Sixty days later, on June 11, 2009, it was a worldwide pandemic.

Whether this pandemic will turn into something very serious, I do not know. I do know that the nations of the world are taking it seriously and preparing for the possibility that it could turn into a real disaster in the northern hemisphere later in the year as the colder months set in and people are in closer contact with each other since they spend more time indoors. Some have predicted that it will turn into a major pandemic, especially if it mutates into a more severe and untreatable strain. Was the word I heard fulfilled when the WHO declared it a pandemic, or is the worse yet to come? We will have to wait and see.

I might add, according to biblical numbers, the number **60** signifies “**pride.**” Perhaps the pride of man will be exposed through this crisis.

### **Word that Rachel weeps.**

On February 10, 2009, I heard that “**a death is coming, the likes of which no one has ever seen.**” Exactly three months later, on May 10, 2009, I heard “**Rachel weeps.**” Rachel means “sheep.” Does this mean the Lord’s people (sheep) will weep? Is something transpiring in the spirit realm? Or does it refer to something in the physical realm, like the destruction of Jerusalem?

Then, on June 23, 2009, at 11.11 pm, I heard “**disaster, a real disaster.**” I was caught by the number **11**, which can mean “**disorder and disintegration.**” A double 11 could indicate a greater intensity of its meaning. Also, at the time, I wondered if this is going to be in the physical realm. The next day, on June 24, 2009, I heard “**stand, without fear.**” Actually, I heard this in two segments. The first part came at 6.16 am and the last part at 7.10 am.

Strangely, June 24 was the same day that we finally received an offer on our previous home that we had been trying to sell for two years. This is a very interesting story by itself that I will share about in a subsequent issue on transcending time.

### **Dream of a divorce.**

Finally, on July 12, 2009, I had a dream about a couple that we knew over ten years ago. We have had no contact with them for at least this many years and had no idea what was going on in their lives. We remember them as a very close couple that loved the Lord. However, in the dream, the wife was sitting alone wondering what had happened. I was given the impression that her husband had walked away from her. I felt led to try to comfort her and help her understand. Frankly, I did not know what to make of this dream, so I just prayed for them. The next day I drove to our previous hometown and had lunch with some friends who also knew this couple and were close to them at one time. I inquired how the couple was doing and received a strange look from my friends. They said, “Don’t you know; they are divorced.” No one seems to know the details, but it appears the husband, in fact, did walk away from the marriage. However, this happened possibly several years ago. Why I was given a dream of it at this point in time, I do not know. There might be some greater spiritual meaning to it. Perhaps this is the Lord’s way of validating the dreams and words that I receive. It is possible that the Lord used this particular experience to encourage me that I am not out in left field, so to speak.

Well, all I know is that we need to be prepared for the days ahead. Politicians will tell us that the economic crisis is behind us and things are stabilized. Others will say that the swine flu might not be so bad after all. Others continue to seek for peace in the Middle East. I would be very cautious in accepting what world leaders, or even experts, are saying in this day in which there is great spiritual deception. We need to seek the Lord for guidance on what we should and should not do in the days ahead, particularly what sort of preparation, if any, should be made for certain types of disasters. Even more importantly, **let us be dressed in readiness, keeping our lamps lit** (Luke 12:35).

By the way, I continue to believe that the year 2010 is a very significant year (see article #18, February 2009), and there soon will be a total collapse of mystery Babylon. Don’t be deceived; it is coming!