

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)

TUC #08-1401

by – Stuart H. Pouliot

January 1, 2014

Thoughts on 2014

The last issue offered some thoughts about 2013. After posting it, a survey came out sensing the pulse of America regarding the year 2013: 54% said it was a bad year, 15 % a very bad year, 29% a good year, and 3% a very good year. We might say that **nearly 70% of Americans are sour on this past year**. To be sure, the reasons vary among individuals, but regardless, it suggests unhappiness in the general population. The question is: Do we have any reason to be happy in these days? The answer depends on where one's faith resides. If it resides in a person, that is, **the Person of the Lord Jesus, the Savior of the world and the King of all kings**, then there is much to rejoice in, **for He is coming to judge the world in righteousness** (Psalm 96:13), and **by His judgments the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness** (Isaiah 26:9). This is good news; even more so, it is great news.

So, here we are in a new year, 2014. Do we have a reason, other than Jesus, to be happy about this year and what we might face? Perhaps, not! For this reason, we must keep our eyes fixed on Him and set our minds above where He is seated at the right hand of God the Father, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. God put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the ecclesia, which is His body, the Complement of the One completing the all in all (Colossians 3:1-2; Ephesians 1:20-23). It is not about us; it is about Him, that is, about Jesus Christ, the Anointed One, the Son of God and the Son of Man who is coming to rule, not just in the hearts of His people as He does today but to literally rule over the nations as they come to acknowledge Him as God's King. So, look up, our *full* redemption and salvation is near. Let us hold fast in the faith of the Son, for He is coming.

Well, this is encouraging news, but it does not answer the question of what type of year to expect. On one level, the answer is that I really do not know, at least, as far as the specific details are concerned. On another level, starting in 2007, the Lord has given me a word for each year. The word for 2013 was: "**Wait For it!**" For 2014, the word is: "**Tumult is coming!**" This will be shared in a subsequent issue. However, in this issue, I want to answer the question on yet another level, something that I have done in several writings going back at last five years.

In past publications, I have speculated that beginning in the year 2000, the world entered into a **21-year cycle broken down into three 7-year cycles**. I likened it to **Jacob's distress**. I continue to offer this possibility, but now call it *spiritual intuition*, a hunch, rather than *speculation*. Perhaps, this is one step up on the rung of becoming reality, but it is not quite there. If this is true, soon we will enter the last 7-year cycle leading up to the years **2021-2022**. Lord willing, an article will be posted this year that explains why in greater detail, but until then, here is the capsule version.

First, I believe we need to adjust our thinking as to when the year starts by looking at events from **September to September** in order to line up with the Hebrew fall feasts. Jesus fulfilled the spring feasts to the letter and the day for His first coming, and there is every reason to expect Him to do likewise with the fall feasts for His second coming. Only this time, He is coming to meet His people (Christians) that are the true Jews and spiritual Israel, that is, the ecclesia, which is the Body of Christ. Besides, looking back on the last 13 years, it is clear that two of the most traumatic events so far in the third millennia occurred in September, notably, the **September 11, 2001 attack on and destruction of the twin World Trade Center Towers**, and the **September 2008 global financial meltdown**. Of course, there were other great events, notably, the **December 26, 2004, Indonesian 9.2 quake-tsunami**, killing over 230,000 people in 14 countries, and the **March 11, 2011, Tohoku-Japan 9.0 quake-tsunami**, killing over 18, 500 people and **melting down a nuclear reactor**; an ongoing disaster.

Second, the 7-year cycles go like this: 2000 to 2007, 2007 to 2014, and 2014 to 2021, **or** 2001 to 2008, 2008 to 2015, and 2015 to 2022. With September as the start point, there is overlap with our normal calendar year; thus, the cycles may best be viewed as **2000/2001**, **2007/2008**, and **2014/2015**, with an endpoint of **2021/2022**.

Third, there seems to be a pattern to these cycles. They start with fear and dire warnings that lead to an event that may or may not relate to the initial warnings. In addition, monumental natural disasters have occurred on the heels of manmade disasters. In **1999**, there was great fear and dire predictions about **Y2K**, which never materialized, in spite of all the hype. But, in **2001**, America was shocked by **the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon**. This one event led to **two major wars** in which many Americans, as well as citizens of the worn-torn countries, were either killed or maimed. A little over three years later (**2004**), the world experienced one of the worst natural disasters in modern-day history with the **Indonesian quake-tsunami**. Take note; the citizens of 90 countries were killed in the 9/11/01 attack, and citizens of 14 countries were killed in the natural disaster, both signifying global disasters. Then, in **2007**, dire warnings began to surface about various sectors of **the economy and financial institutions**. The next year, in **2008**, the entire **global financial system and economy** was brought to the brink of total collapse and continues to sit on the precipice of collapse. It was and yet will be a **global meltdown**, as this story continues to unfold. Then, less than three years later, in **2011**, the world experienced another one of the worst disasters in modern-day history with the **Great East Japan (Tohoku) quake-tsunami** and the subsequent **meltdown of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactor**. Although not reported much in the American press, the potential threat for catastrophic release of radiation throughout the globe continues, and this does not address what has already been released and its effects on the Japanese population and oceanic food supply. The final chapter of this disaster has not been written. Also, take note that **a nuclear meltdown occurred on the heels of a financial meltdown and both have global ramifications**. By the way, based on an event I saw in a dream that actually occurred prior to the 2011 quake-tsunami, I believe this disaster has great impact on both Japan and America that will manifest in the future.

Fourth, much like the year 2007, throughout 2013, we heard dire warnings about impending financial doom, especially for Europe and America, which did not come about as predicted by many. If these cycles hold, then it is proposed that between 2014 and 2015, particularly September of either year, the world will experience another unprecedented event or series of events, and this (these) will precipitate the last 7 years of the third cycle, which I believe will be the worst of the three leading up to September, 2021. We can only speculate about the specifics. However, we can be assured it will come, and it will be major. In addition, we should not be surprised if a great natural disaster occurs within the first three years of this cycle. **TUMULT IS ON THE HORIZON!**

Fifth, why 21 years? Jacob experienced two periods of 21 years that constitute his times of distress or affliction. The first 21 years occurred as he toiled for Laban as the price to have Rachel. The second 21 years occurred as he was separated from his beloved Joseph whom he thought was dead. **"Surely I will go down to Sheol mourning for my son"** (Genesis 37:35). His mourning turned into joy when he learned that his son was alive and well and was administering the affairs of Egypt. Joseph, the holder of the birthright, is a type of Christ, the Firstborn of all creation (Colossians 1:15), especially in light of His second coming, since the firstborn has the right of inheritance (Psalm 2) and both had or have tunics/robes dipped in blood (Genesis 37:31; Revelation 19:13).

Sixth, why the year 2021? Admittedly this falls in the category of subjective, but I had a dream on June 26, 2003 that revealed something related to the coming of the Lord will occur on a Wednesday, September 8. This combination occurred in 2004 and 2010; the next and last one in my lifetime that lines up with the fall feasts is 2021. In 2021, this day is Tishri 2 or the second day of the Feast of Trumpets. I have explained this in other writings; Lord willing, it will be repeated in detail in the article I mentioned earlier. Further, the 23rd day of the 2021 fall feasts occurs on September 29th, which is the date of Jesus' birth. On the 23rd day, Solomon sent the people out rejoicing. A sign of the coming Kingdom?

Seventh, what can we expect in 2014? The warnings will continue and disruptive things will happen, pretty much as we saw in 2013 but, most likely, with greater intensity. Keep an eye on February and July for some further indication, with an especially watchful eye on September. Based on the overlap of the cycles, my only caveat is that September, 2015 could be more interesting than September, 2014. At any rate: **Come, Lord Jesus!**