

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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2014: Tumult is Coming!

As a new year approaches, I seek a word from the Lord for the year, and the Lord has been faithful to give words for each year, stretching back to 2007 when I first began inquiring for such a thing. I believe that the Lord is the one who put this desire in my heart in the first place. During these years, I have come to understand that the word given is not just for that particular year but for subsequent ones as well. We need to transcend time, meaning we need to look out beyond our most immediate horizon. When God speaks a word, it might seem like it is for that very moment when it is actually either progressing along or waiting for the future. I have had personal experience on this front. Of course, the ancient prophets faced this dilemma all the time.

Clearly, the word for 2013 fell into this category, for it was: **Wait for It!** You are encouraged to go to this link and read what was written about this word.

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I did not expect the *it* to be in 2013; I continue to believe that it is coming and that an extension of this word is the word for 2014, which is: "**Tumult is Coming!**" We are waiting for tumult.

This word came to me rather unexpectedly as my thoughts were focused on something entirely different. The word came exactly at 12 pm on December 15, 2014. When I heard it, I immediately asked the Lord if this was a word from Him and if it were for 2014. The answer came immediately: "Yes!"

Interestingly, this is not the first time that I have heard this word. During July 2008, the Lord not only gave me a word about **tumult**, but He reinforced it by preceding it with a **humming sound** that I heard all night long on **July 5, 2008**. Two months later, in **September 2008, the entire financial system of America was in tumult**; it was in an uproar. Please check out this link for what was written about this.

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So, here we are over five years later and tumult is coming once again. Perhaps, it never stopped, only ebbed and flowed. As shared in the last issue on 2014, I believe we are moving into the last of three 7-year cycles of distress that will be consummated in the years 2021-2022. Further, the month of September seems to be the starting point for these cycles as they are punctuated by major events. There is so much to share about this that I must reserve it for an article that, Lord willing, will be out between now and the end of February.

Periodically, I am asked why I share these things; after all, "There is nothing we can do with them." Really? How about rejoicing for your redemption draws near? How about making straight the way of the Lord, for He is coming? How about the earth being silent before Him, for the Lord is in His holy temple? How about standing in His council to hear and see His word in this last hour rather than listening to the pulpiteers of Laodicea? How about the church stopping all its craziness and acting like a three-ringed circus, supposedly, in the name of the Lord? How about do not be conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind? How about returning to the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ?

Some might think I am a bit too critical of the church, and I readily admit that at times I am. But, to be clear, what I am critical of is what man is building in the name of the Lord and calling it the *church*. What I am *not critical* of is

what Christ is building: **"I will build My church."** Most assuredly, He is building, but it is a building of hearts and minds that know Him and His Father, which is true *eonian* life (*aka* eternal life). As Paul wrote: **So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in [the] Spirit** (Ephesians 2:19-22 NASB). This is the true church!

I've got news for you. God is not after a show of entertainment or of men building great ministries or mega-churches. He is after hearts, and He is going to get them, even if it takes tumult and His fiery word to do so. Don't for a minute think that, what most call the church or what I call the at-large or visible church, is immune from tumult. Much of the visible church is simply a caricature of the world, and, when this is shaken, there will be tumult. However, as will be shared in the next issue, there is good news in this as well.

But, let us consider this on a global level. Praise God; He so loves the world that He will do all that is necessary to turn hearts back to Him. **God is love** crushed His Son, and **love never fails**. The Son of God's love died for the sin of the world and absolutely nothing can nor will stand in the way of God expressing His love to all mankind. Love conquers all, and **God is love** will conquer all, even through tumult.

Now, what does *tumult is coming* mean? On a definitional level, according to *Webster's New World Dictionary* *tumult* is "a swelling or surging up, 1. noisy commotion, as of a crowd; uproar. 2. confusion; agitation; disturbance. 3. great emotional disturbance; agitation of mind or feeling." This gives us the sense that *tumult* is a response to something, meaning people are, most likely, in an emotional uproar over some event. In the context of the 2014 word, I believe this speaks of the collapse of global manmade structures that have been built outside the perfect will of God; they are man's doing and not the Lord's. They are the things created (by man) that can be shaken. They are not of the character and quality of the Kingdom that cannot be shaken. In fact, they are counterfeits to God's Kingdom, and His true spiritual church (called-out ones), and His true spiritual Israel.

As early as 1995 and then in 1999, without directly using the word, the Lord began speaking to me about tumult coming. He told me the structures of the world would crumble, and then He told me that great cataclysmic upheaval is coming. These are only two of many such warnings. For more on this, please see the following links.

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When I heard tumult is coming as the word for 2014, I inquired of the Lord for a scripture and this is what came to me: **For the LORD is going to destroy Babylon, and He will make her loud noise vanish from her. And their waves will roar like many waters; the tumult of their voices sounds forth** (Jeremiah 51:55 NASB).

Clearly, Judah was under God's judgment under the iron yoke of the Babylonians, but, in the midst of this, Jeremiah was encouraged that eventually the Lord would judge the ones He raised up to judge them. Fast forward to Revelation as we discover John prophesying about the fall of Mystery Babylon, the great harlot that sits upon the many waters (i.e., peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues). **All the nations have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality** (Revelation 18:3), and they will be in tumult, for judgment is coming upon **the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come!** (Revelation 18:10). It is the fall of Mystery Babylon that will set free the many waters.

Tumult is coming is an uproar over the fall of the world system that has the many waters in bondage to its corruption and immorality and greed. As our present Babylonian system begins to fall, those who thrived in this system, even ran it at the expense of the many, will mourn for their great loss. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken. But rejoice, for we receive a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. **God's King is coming on the heels of tumult!** It may take another seven years or it may happen this year; be assured, it is coming to the glory of God. More on tumult in the next issues...