

PROPHETIC

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

(Jeremiah 20:9)

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"Countdown ... Beginning of the End Has Begun" (Word)

On August 30, 2017 at 12:01 am, I awoke from a deep sleep with the following word:

The countdown to the beginning of the end has begun.

It took me a moment to process this word and then look at the clock, so it might have been exactly 12 am or midnight. In scripture, *midnight* generally means what it implies, *the middle of the night*, but an exact time such as 12 am may or may not always be implied. It was about midnight when the Lord struck and killed all the firstborn of the Egyptians during Passover (Exodus 11:4; 12:29). Jesus spoke a parable in which at midnight there was a shout that the bridegroom had come (Matthew 25:6). Jesus also warned about alertness to the coming of the master of the house in one of four watches, one of which was midnight (Mark 13:35). I am not entirely sure whether time is a factor in this word, but—based on the meaning of the words contained therein—I suspect it is.

Later, I discovered that someone I don't know, Bill Nelson, had a dream exactly eight years earlier on August 30, 2009 in which he was told: ***When you see this, it has begun.*** For obvious reasons, the expression *has begun* caught my attention. His dream was about the city of Houston being devastated by a great storm. He interpreted this to mean that judgment was coming. In an update to this dream, eight years later, Bill was shown that Hurricane Harvey was the great storm and judgment has begun. I don't want to misrepresent him, so here is a link for his dream — <http://seerofgod.com/houston-ship-channel-disaster-judgment-on-america/>

The challenge with words, dreams, and the like comes with the interpretation. Generally, I am given interpretation, at least in part, to these things. In this case, Bill Nelson's dream and timing help quite a bit, especially with the two occurring on the same date exactly eight years apart and with both given the expression *has begun*. Bill's dream was about Houston and, although I had no reference to Harvey or Houston, my word came in the midst of the great storm literally happening.

A countdown generally means counting backwards from a certain number until zero is reached. One could start a countdown at any number; however, scripturally speaking, the number 10 is the most likely. It is one of the perfect numbers signifying *the perfection of divine order*. E.W. Bullinger says it signifies the "completeness of order, marking the entire round of anything, the whole cycle is complete." Given this, did this mean that in ten days the countdown was over and the beginning—the *has begun*—commenced?

This is where it really gets interesting, for applying this type of countdown to August 30th brings us to September 8 (inclusive of the final date). If you have followed my writings, you know that September 8 has special meaning to me, since on June 26, 2003, I was given a dream in which September 8, then the day Wednesday scrolled across my vision. The Lord knew that this would catch my attention, and it did. If He had simply given me the date of September 8, 2017 as the beginning of the end, I would have wondered if I made it up. But there was one more thing—on September 3, 2017, as I was meditating, I heard: ***Five more days*** (i.e., September 8; excluding the final date) and then ***Isaiah 25:2***, which reads: *For You have*

made a city into a heap. Surely, this was Houston in 2017. There is enough witness in all this to mellow most of the doubt.

Now, the phrase *the beginning of the end* introduces another curiosity. Take note that the end was not at the immediate completion of the countdown; it was *the beginning* of an unspecified period called *the end* that, obviously, leads to an unspecified endpoint with no indication of what follows, if anything does.

Without more to go on, we are left to speculate on the nature and length of this period of the end. I imagine the speculation would vary according to one's eschatological view. We'll leave this since it will send us into a cave with many tunnels.

One possibility is that it is the end of a cycle of time, a season, so to speak, with more to follow. However, one possibility that, perhaps, should be considered is—it's the end of an age. Paul, who was no lightweight on the gospel of the Lord Jesus, wrote of *this present evil age, this age, the age to come, and ages to come* (1 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 1:4; Ephesians 1:21; 2:7).

What age are we in now? Some call it *man's day*, based on 1 Corinthians 4:3. There are at least nine translations that use some form of this (CLV, DNT, Diaglott, DRB, JM-NT, LITV, MKJV, Rotherham, YLT). It is the day in which man has continually and defiantly attempted to rule apart from God, the sovereign of the nations, only to fail cycle after cycle. It is the day of *man's authority, man's judgment, or man's court* (other renderings), where man rules over man. Paul was being judged by men, but he counted it as nothing. Instead, he exhorted: *Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God* (1 Corinthians 4:5).

This leads to the last point. What is this period or season leading up to the end all about? Why count down to something if there is not some change or event coming? What could it be? Based on all that I have heard and seen over the years, which is also corroborated by many others, including Bill Nelson's dream, the countdown has to do with a judgment of God. Note—a judgment, not necessarily *the* judgment.

I believe America and the world have been in judgment for some years. However, it appears that a greater judgment has begun, probably one that is more intense, leading to the climax of a 21-year cycle (divided into three 7-year cycles) in 2021 that will be the most challenging time of this cycle (and perhaps beyond). Curiously, this word about the beginning of the end has come midway in the last 7-year cycle, and each of the last two 7-year cycles had significant events occurring midway. It is possible (probable) this is when the structures of man are more intensely brought down into the dust of the earth. ***When you see the structures crumble, testify of My kingdom*** is the word I received in 1995—a crumbling we have witnessed from the start of the 21st century that has progressed on many fronts, especially to the present. The good news is that the end of man's day leads to the consummational arrival of King Jesus! In this respect, judgment is a good thing, for God's judgments are always true and just. They set things right. In them, the inhabitants of the world learn His righteousness (Isaiah 26:9).

For supporting material along this line, please check out these links:

September 8, Wednesday (Dream) — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/prophetic/p4.pdf>
Pounding the Fortresses of Man — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/prophetic/p9.pdf>
21-Year Cycle: 2000-2021 — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/prophetic/p21.pdf>