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

(Jeremiah 20:9)

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"Tumult is Coming! Wait for It!" (Word)

During the early morning hours of July 5, 2008, I could not sleep because I heard a *low humming sound*. I figured it was some sort of equipment some place in our community, which was still under development, but it made no sense why it started sometime after midnight. I heard this humming all night, even until dawn; however, my wife did not hear it, even when I mentioned it to her. In the morning, as soon as I got out of bed, I went outside to listen for the humming, but I could not hear any humming sound close by or in the distance. Further, I could not find any equipment in our house that was humming. Finally, the sound went away, which led me to wonder if something was wrong with me—until three nights later.

During the night of July 8, 2008, I heard: Tumult is coming!

This led to a search of scripture. And, to my surprise, the word *tumult* and the sound of a *hum*—based on Hebrew root words—have something in common, as shown below. My conclusion—the Lord arranged the humming as a confirmation, a witness of the word about *tumult coming*.

Here are the results of this search and some conclusions made at the time.

At its core, the word *tumult* means "a swelling or surging up," something that is similar to a raging sea where the waves are surging forth and creating great swells. In regards to people, it is likened to an uproar coming forth from a noisy commotion, as of a crowd, and speaks of confusion, agitation, disturbance of mind or feeling. The definitions and the transliterated spellings of the Hebrew words make the connection between a hum and tumult. It is a noise associated with agitation, uproar, murmur, crying, etc. Something occurs to bring out great emotional disturbances.

According to *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, one of the primary Hebrew root words for *tumult* is *hamah* [H1993], which means "to make a loud sound (*like the English "hum"*); by implication to be in great commotion or tumult, to rage, war, moan, clamor." *Brown-Driver-Brigg's Hebrew Definitions* (BBD) defines *hamah* as "to murmur, growl, roar, cry aloud, mourn, rage, sound, make noise, tumult, be clamorous, be disquieted, be loud, be moved, be troubled, be in uproar." A search of scripture reveals that all these words or phrases are used to translate this Hebrew word as discovered in 1 Kings 1:41; Psalm 39:6; 42:5, 11; 43:5; 46:3, 6; 55:17; 59:6, 14; 77:3; 83:2; Proverbs 1:21; 7:11; 9:13; 20:1; Isaiah 16:11; 17:12; 22:2; 51:15; 59:11; Jeremiah 4:19; 5:22; 6:23; 31:20, 35; 48:36; 50:42; 51:55; Ezekiel 7:16; Zechariah 9:15. Derived from *hamah* is the word *hamon* [H1995], which means "a *noise*, *tumult*, *crowd*; also *disquietude*, *wealth:* - abundance, company, many, multitude, multiply, noise, riches, rumbling, sounding, store, tumult" (*Strong*), and is discovered in 2 Samuel 18:29; Job 39:7; Psalm 65:7; Isaiah 13:4; 33:3; Jeremiah 3:23; 10:13; 51:16; Daniel 10:6.

The other primary Hebrew root word for *tumult* is *hum* (*hoom*) [H1949], which means "to *make an uproar*, or *agitate* greatly:—destroy, move, make a noise, put, ring again" (*Strong*), and is discovered in Deuteronomy 7:23; 1 Samuel 4:5; 1 Kings 1:45; Psalm 55:2; Micah 2:12. Derived from *hum* is the word *mehumah* [H4103], which means "tumult, confusion, uproar, discomfiture, destruction,

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trouble, vexed, or vexation," and is discovered in Deuteronomy 7:23; 1 Samuel 5:9, 11; 14:20; 28:20; 2 Chronicles 15:5; Proverbs 15:16; Isaiah 22:5; Ezekiel 7:7; 22:5; Amos 3:9; Zechariah 14:13.

To round this out, *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines *tumult* as "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."

Take special note of the phenetic sound woven within these Hebrew words—it is the sound of a *hum*. We could say, a *humming* sound. It is for this reason I have concluded the humming sound I heard was a witness of the word that *tumult is coming*. Consequently, from this word study, we get a pretty good idea of the meaning of tumult, and it is not a happy time, for it signifies a great disturbance.

Your doom has come to you, O inhabitant of the land. The time has come, the day is near—tumult rather than joyful shouting on the mountains. (Ezekiel 7:7 NASB)

Call me dull, but during the period I was given this word, I was not paying much attention to the financial crisis that started building in 2007. Exactly two months after hearing about tumult, on September 8, the headlines read: *US Bails Out Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac*. And, during September, the crisis slid into a full-blown global financial crisis that took many years for the US to dig out of. In our area, all new construction ground to a halt that lasted until 2012. Tumult had come upon, not only the US, but also many nations of the world. But this is not the end of the story. It seems this is round one.

At 1:08 am on December 5, 2012, I was awakened with the word: **Wait for it!** This led me to Habakkuk who had a conversation with the Lord about the judgment that was coming upon Judah.

Habakkuk: Our LORD, how long must I beg for your help before you listen? How long before you save us from all this violence? Why do you make me watch such terrible injustice? Why do you allow violence, lawlessness, crime, and cruelty to spread everywhere? (Habakkuk 1:2-3 CEV)

Lord: Look and be amazed at what's happening among the nations! Even if you were told, you would never believe what's taking place now. I am sending the Babylonians. They are fierce and cruel—marching across the land, conquering cities and towns. (Habakkuk 1:5-6 CEV) ... For the vision is still for the appointed time, but it breathes to the end, and it does not lie. Though it delays, *wait for it, because coming it will come*; it will not tarry. (Habakkuk 2:3 LITV)

Again, there is more. Another word came to me rather unexpectedly as my thoughts were focused on something entirely different, as if it broke into my mind as "breaking news." At 12 pm, on December 15, 2014, I heard once again: *Tumult is coming!* Hearing this, I immediately asked the Lord if this was from Him. The immediate answer was: "Yes!" So, here is a repeat of the same word given six years earlier.

Putting the 2012 and 2014 words together gives us—*Tumult is coming! Wait for it!* I submit it did come and it continues to the present—the wait is over. I believe this is so based on the 21-year period of three 7-year cycles that I have proposed we entered with the beginning of the 21st century. The first word about tumult came at the beginning of the second 7-year cycle, and the second word about tumult came at the beginning of the third cycle we are now in. Since 2014-2015, have we not been in a period of great disturbances? For just two examples of many, think Donald Trump or the dramatic and extreme weather the globe has been experiencing!