

UPWARD CALL

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but this is my one aim: to forget everything that's behind, and to strain every nerve to go after what lies ahead. I press on toward the finish line, where the prize waiting for me is the upward call of God

IN KING JESUS.

(Philippians 3:13-14)

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Times of Unrest

One thing is clear—we are living in troubled times for all the nations, and it is heating up. In the United States, it seems that the term *united* no longer applies on many fronts of our national life. This is not a new phenomenon, for our nation was founded on rebellion. What has changed is the animosity, anger, agitation and, at times, violence, that has been seething and boiling up against one another as if it is about to explode and play out on the streets. There is an unrest among the people today that seems to ebb and flow, with the flows becoming more pervasive. Without doubt, there are many reasons for this seething unrest that range from ideology to a mindless zombification of the masses that no longer think for themselves or with much logic. Some of what is being said or done is so off-the-wall, illogical, and inconsistent from one thought or action to another that it appears as some new form of *social and political insanity*—a mental illness. Scripturally speaking, it is a sign of *depraved minds* (Romans 1:20-32).

But, don't think for a moment that this is restricted to one faction, such as one ideological base or one realm of media. Even those in what is considered alt-media can be led down a path of ideology that is just as dangerous as the others, especially if all it does is support or propagate the *beast system* of our time. By the way, we Christians are not exempt from falling into this deceptive trap.

In man's realm, the root of all this is money, power, and control. However, there is another realm that is far more nefarious. Let us not lose sight of Paul's exhortation that *it is not ours to wrestle with blood and flesh, but with the sovereignties, with the authorities, with the world-mights of this darkness, with the spiritual forces of wickedness among the celestials* (Ephesians 6:12 CLV). These forces are the true pot-stirrers and the fire-stokers.

In some respects, confusion can be benign in its manifestation. However, unrest speaks of something much deeper in the heart and soul of the people, and this unrest is being played out in the media—social media, mainstream media, alt-media, or whatever label one cares to use. The challenge with all this media—and there is a ton of it every day—is where the truth lies in it all. In short order of searching through the many reports on countless subjects, one cannot help but think we are being played like a fiddle, one that is out of tune, making it a pretty vile pot-stirrer in its own right. Consequently, there is an unrest that is being stoked like a fire with the pot seething to a boil that is ready to explode. Elsewhere, I have shared on a boiling pot vision I received.

To be clear, the answer to this unrest has not changed. The only answer to the heart of man is the person of the Lord Jesus, who overcame sin and death and is now seated at the right hand of God, waiting to return to earth to make His *third presence* known and establish His kingdom among the nations. We must not be moved from this assurance, which is our expectation—a sure thing. For more on the number of presences, see *Who Are You, Lord?* — <http://www.kingdomandglory.com/art/art65.pdf>

How will this play out? Plenty of theologians, commentators, prophets, preachers, money-makers, and the like claim they have it figured out, but as for me, this is not the pressing issue. What matters is that events will unfold, all in accord with God's plan and timing. I have learned it is best to hold to the big

picture and not get caught up in the weeds of events that come and go on a daily basis—that is, unless the Lord has revealed an event ahead of time. Then, we must see it as an encouragement that God's plan is being worked out, not something to build a ministry around, as so many do.

As shared in many postings, I believe the Lord has made it clear to me over a period of years, most notably starting around 1995, that ***the structures of man will crumble*** (and they are, with more to come), ***tumult will come*** (and it has, with more to come), ***seismic change will come*** (and it has, with more to come), and ***great upheaval will come upon the earth, both naturally and institutionally*** (and it has, with more to come). The fact of the matter is that this has been occurring for some time now, especially since the turn of the century and the new millennium. It will only intensify in the days and years to come until it reaches an apex that will bring our present age to an end, for King Jesus is coming to establish a new age of peace.

Keep in mind that much of what we see in our day is not new to world history. These things are cyclical, and it is now our turn to go through them. But more importantly, they are necessary to usher in the kingdom of God's Son. The heart of the world must be exposed as to its true condition, which is idolatrous and antichrist. God does not have to bring these things upon the world by His direct intervention. All He has to do is remove His hand of protection that stays the power of evil and allow the heart of the world to fully manifest—a heart that rejects His rule and does not know His Son.

Now, I have held that with the turn of the 21st century, we entered a 21-year cycle divided into three seven-year periods: 2000/2001 to 2007/2008 to 2014/2015, with an endpoint of 2021-2022, and 2021 possibly being the worse year of the cycle (or, in history up to this point). By the way, according to this cycle, 2021 runs from September 19-20, 2020 to September 7-8 (Wednesday), 2021.

During 2008, especially leading up to the financial crisis of 2008, I had many dreams and words. In particular, I saw the Titanic sinking and the word *May* and the year *1917* scroll across my vision. 1917 was a significant year on many fronts: the *Russian and Bolshevik Revolutions* (March 8/November 7) began that led to the rise of the Soviet Union in 1922; the USA entered World War I (April 6) that put us on the path to become the world's hegemonic super power; the so-called *Fatima visions* manifested to three children in six apparitions (May 13-October 13) that furthered the Roman Catholic's veneration of the virgin Mary; the *Balfour Declaration* supporting a Palestinian home for Jewish people was issued (November 2) that led to the modern state of Israel (May 14, 1948); Great Britain, under the command of General Allenby, took control of Jerusalem (December 9) that goes along with the Balfour Declaration. Obviously, these were all historical events. But, in a general sense, they speak of war, revolution, take-over, and even religious deception (both Catholic and Jewish).

Frankly, I have been puzzled over the message of this scroll. As some have pointed out, 2017 is the 100-year anniversary of these historical events. Is 100 years significant? Will we see similar types of events manifest this year? Or, is 2017 the beginning point (cycle within a cycle) of a series of events that will unfold over the next few years? The Lord knows, so I leave it with Him, knowing that His Father has set the appointed times leading up to the glorious day of King Jesus' arrival, and the times must and will come right on time, just as Jesus must return on time.

One thing I know is that the word for 2017 is that we who are called and chosen are ***completely victorious*** through Jesus who loves us, and the number 17 signifies *victory*. **Man fails, but God's Son prevails.** No matter what comes, the victory has already been won in the Son of God's love, whose origin is love. Love never fails.