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AMERICA'S VOLATILITY
AND UNCERTAINTY!

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Today's Scripture text comes from **2 Chronicles 15:1-8**: *"And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity [tribulation or distress]. Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that [was] before the porch of the LORD".*

From our Scripture text we see the prophet Azariah receives a message from God to be given to Asa. There are three distinct utterances found within the prophecy.

FIRST, the prophet said the Lord is with you while you are with him. There could be no greater clarity that when a nation does not abide with God, He will not abide with them.

Jesus said *"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you"* (John 15:7).

Sadly, but truthfully, America no longer abides with God or in His Word, therefore, He has no liability or responsibility in preserving or protecting America in this hour.

SECOND, the prophecy decreed if they would seek Him, He would be found of them. Few are advocating the need to seek the Lord at this time. In spite of all the chaos and calamitous events transpiring around the world, most continue to preach a *feel-good* message.

We are told to *"Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon"* (Isaiah 55:6-7). This divine utterance from Isaiah declares there will come a time in which the Lord cannot be found; thus we seek Him while He can be found.

In time of war and calamity men cry out for mercy. However, when judgment is being meted out, God must withdraw His mercy because the nations spurned and rejected Him while He could be found.

We read, *"Therefore it is come to pass, that as he [God] cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts (Zechariah 7:13)*. We all understand there are times and seasons concerning everything. Isaiah is decreeing now is the time Jehovah will allow Himself to be

found by men.

This was the solemn warning Christ gave: *"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day"* (John 6:44).

As Christians we often fail to appreciate the very essence and presence of the Holy Ghost who lovingly leads us into a time of prayer and fellowship. There is no greater joy than allowing the Holy Spirit to order our steps and lead us into a time of greater intimacy with the Father! This is why sinners must respond to the Spirit of God when He draws them into a place for repentance. Thus the renowned words of the apostle Paul, *"not knowing that the goodness [or grace] of God leadeth thee to repentance"* (Romans 2:4).

As a backslider, I'll never forget the night on June 6, 1978, when the Holy Ghost overwhelmed my heart and spoke these words to me, *"if you do not repent and give your heart to Me, I will never deal with you again"*. I completely understand when the Holy Ghost deals with anyone, they must hearken: if not, they will suffer dire consequences. Eternal damnation and separation await every rebel who rejects the Son of God! Yet it happens tens of thousands of time daily around the world because men refuse to surrender to Him.

THIRD, the prophecy declared: if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. Tragically America has forsaken God: thus I believe America has become a godforsaken nation. This is true concerning anyone or nation: whether Jew or Gentile, all men will suffer dire

consequences when rejecting the Lord God of Abraham.

In our Scripture text we see *“for a long season Israel hath been without the true God”* (2 **Chronicles 15:3**). Needless to say America has been without the true God for quite some time and even the so-called spiritual leadership of our nation fails to realize Jehovah has all but abandoned America. Jehovah did not abandon America because He does not love us but because He was forced to abandon America because we have abandoned Him.

Next the prophecy declares Israel *“hath been... without a teaching priest, and without law”* (2 **Chronicles 15:3**). The phrase: *teaching priest* defines a messenger of God who irrigates the soil of mankind with copious amounts of water, which is symbolic of the Word of God.

David declared, *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word”* (**Psalms 119:9**). In the New Testament, we witness as the Word of God sanctifies and keeps the church, His body, cleansed from sin and worldly contaminants. We read *“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing [or bathing] of water [symbolic of the Old Testament laver] by the word”* (**Ephesians 5:26**).

As a believer, you need to be in the Word of God daily, to keep your heart pure and your hands clean. Not only does the Word of God cleanse us but the Holy Ghost is also regenerating us as long as we stay attached to His body; *“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing [or bathing] of regeneration [the new man], and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour”* (**Titus 3:5-6**). After men are born again, they must

remain attached to Christ so He can continue to work fluidly within their lives.

Not only is America without true messengers but America is without the Word of God. Though we no longer live under the Law but under grace, the Law is still the Word of the living God.

Asa, who was King of Judah, was warned by Azariah that sin would bring suffering to his kingdom. From our Scripture text in 2 **Chronicles 15:4**, we see Asa recognized impending trouble and judgment; thus he turned to the Lord God of Israel, and sought Him diligently. Because Asa sought the Lord He was graciously found by Asa’s people. The promise is very clear: Jehovah will not forsake those who turn to Him and seek Him; the Scripture is emphatic: *“He was found of them.”*

However, in **verse 5**, we witness a sudden turn in the times because the times had become very dark and unsafe. [Note: The same can be said in America following the inauguration of President Joe Biden. What a sudden change and profuse danger the world is now facing!]

Also, to everyone, whether they were going out or coming in, the vexation was great. In other words confusion, consternation, disturbance, noise, destruction, trouble, and tumults had engulfed their land. But the problem did not exist in Israel alone but in every nation and in every country.

Do you see any resemblance to the things that are presently taking place around the world? It is with sadness I declare great adversity, vexations, and troubles are about to engulf every nation, country, and their inhabitants.

In **verse 6** of our Scripture text, the prophet declares nation was destroyed by nation and city by city: for God did vex them with all adversity and distress. Even though Israel was God’s chosen people, set

apart by Him, and loved by Him, Israel still turned their backs to Him.

The more I grow in my walk with Christ, I am amazed at how men turn their backs to a holy God, spurning, and rejecting His everlasting love.

In the coming days, America and the nations around the world are about to pay a heavy price. It was Jehovah that vexed them with all adversity and distress. God desires to bless, but if we desire to oppose Him, He will, instead, *“vex us”*.

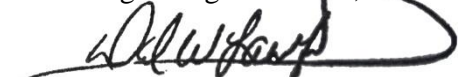
The reason Jehovah vexes nations is to bring everyone to their spiritual senses!

In closing, we see here in **verse 7**, everyone is told to be strong and not allow their hands to become weak, for their faithful works shall be rewarded. The apostle Paul declared, *“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister”* (**Hebrews 6:10**). The coming days in America will become more volatile, chaotic, and uncertain.

Please share this ministry with everyone because the Lord God of Abraham is moving right now within the Voice of Evangelism (VOE). I personally covet your prayers for grace and strength to always bring an uncompromising message from His Word.

We thank you so much for your faithful support, your loving prayers, and concern for the ministry. Because the church is a body, we are all in this together. Be sure to call both your U.S. Senators and the congressional leader of your district and admonished them to strongly encourage Biden to reinstate the XL pipeline. “Joe, instead of *Building Back Better*: just put it back the way you found it!”

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