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We continue our series on “Revival in America” in **2nd Kings 22:13-17**, *“Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us. So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college (a lower part of the city or parish);) and they communed with her. And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book (the Pentateuch) which the king of Judah hath read: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.”*

What a disturbing prophetic word given by the prophetess under the unction of the Holy Ghost!

After having heard the reading of the Scriptures, Josiah realized the gravity of the hour and the danger both Judah and Israel were facing. Judah had forsaken Jehovah, gone

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after other gods, and made pagan idols and worshipped them.

America, like Israel, has become the embodiment of filth and degradation. America needs God’s Word and a reformation like never before. America and the church are in desperate need of national repentance. If there is no national repentance, Jehovah will have no recourse but to vent His anger against America and a flippant church.

The Bible declares: *“God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day” (Psalm 7:11)*. The Word of God warns wicked nations against forgetting Him: *“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17)*.

I would be derelict and remiss if I did not state America has forgotten God. As Scripture says, without national repentance our destiny is certainly a place called Hell!

Throughout the Scriptures, God has used prophetesses in time of need. The Bible speaks of Miriam, Debra, Isaiah’s wife, Anna in the book of Luke, and Phillip’s daughters in Acts 21. The great Bible scholar E. W. Bollinger says the employment of a woman at this particular time for prophetic guidance demonstrates the degeneracy of that day.

We don’t know why Hilkiah and Shaphan were not commanded to go to the men of God such as Jeremiah, Zephaniah, or even Isaiah who, at that particular time, were contemporaries because they too were attached to this particular work of God.

The wardrobe spoken of in our

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Scripture text speaks of the vestry or vestments worn by the Temple priest and high priest. The word *college* has nothing to do with an institution of higher learning but rather about a part of the city; like a parish.

Huldah begins: *“Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book (the Pentateuch) which the king of Judah hath read: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched” (2 Kings 22:16-17)*.

All who heard Huldah’s prophetic words understood the fierce judgment of God was imminent: *“But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this*

place. And they brought the king word again” (2 Kings 22:18-20).

One of the most disturbing traits I witness today in the modern church is how many want a prophetic Word from so-called modern-day prophets. Let me say clearly, those who preach the Word of God uncompromisingly and unashamedly are the true prophets forth-telling what God will do regarding those who disobey His Word. I am deeply disturbed today by the shallow, petty, pathetic, puny, prophetic utterances speaking only of blessings and prosperity.

Deuteronomy 28 has 68 verses in it. The first 14 verses speak of God’s divine blessings and prosperity; however the remaining 54 verses speak of God’s curses and judgment. That makes this very simple to me: if we live godly and righteous lives we can expect the supernatural blessing of God. However, if we do not live according to the Scriptures, then we should expect curses and divine judgments from Jehovah.

Sadly, the modern church is looking for something novel rather than the pure unadulterated Word of Almighty God. Most today desire and crave fluff and stuff, cotton candy, skittles, peanuts, and popcorn. Much of what the modern church is hearing today is nothing more than riddles, rhetoric, and jargon coupled with foolishness.

Look at Paul’s warning: **“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark (take heed of) them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid (shun) them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive (lead away) the hearts of the simple” (Romans 16:17-18).**

One Greek translation reads this way: *“And now I make one more appeal, my dear brothers and sisters. Watch out for those who cause divisions and upset people’s faith by teaching things contrary to what you*

have been taught. Stay away from them. Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interest. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive the innocent.”

What a sad day in the church when there are those in ministry who use God and His Most Holy Word to prosper themselves at the expense of others. Many have forgotten the simplicity of God’s Most Holy Word. The Word of God is holy, just, pure, undefiled, and simple.

Apostle Paul warned this same chicanery would flourish in the last days: **“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty (trickery), so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:3).**

I respect the many dreams and visions God has given to some. However, any student of God’s word can deduce and conclude from the Scriptures what Jehovah will do concerning judgment when it comes to sin and disobedience.

It was the reading of God’s Word to Josiah that caused him to rend his garments; before any prophecy from Huldah was ever given to him.

God is immutable, therefore, we can learn from the Old Testament prophecies and judgments dispensed by God. Judgments from the Old Testament can help us live better lives in this New Testament dispensation. Christ equated the past judgments of the days of Noah to the future judgments of His Second Coming: **“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be” (Matthew 24:37-39).**

The apostle Paul also warned the

church to learn from past events: **“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Romans 15:4).**

We also read: **“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples (types): and they are written for our admonition (reproof), upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1 Corinthians 10:11).** Paul declared the things that occurred in the Old Testament will certainly recur at the end of the age.

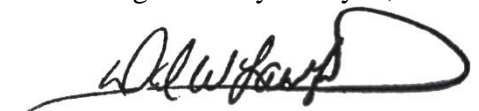
We also have a serious admonition from the apostle Peter: **“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow (catastrophe), making them an ensample (pattern) unto those that after should live ungodly” (2 Peter 2:6).**

As believers we are to never lightly esteem the Holy Scriptures from either the Old or New Testaments. Jesus stated regarding His Word: **“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matthew 24:35).** After this present age, or world, has been cremated, the Word of Almighty God will still stand and His Word will endure throughout all eternity.

It is my prayer you will make the Word of God your refuge, comfort, and strength in the coming days. As physical, geopolitical, and spiritual uncertainty engulfs the whole world, Christ remains a refuge for His redeemed.

We thank you so very much for your continued prayers and loving support. We are mindful each day of your sacrifice for our Lord. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ comfort you and be with you in the coming days.

Serving faithfully with you,



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