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**REVIVAL IN AMERICA
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This is our last newsletter on the “*Revival in America*” theme. Our Scripture text says: *“Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? In his days Pharaohnechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he (Necho) slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him. And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father’s stead” (2 Kings 23:28-30).*

It is said by some biblical scholars that the rest of the events during Josiah’s reign and all of his deeds are recorded in the Book of the Kings of Judah. We read in **verse 29** that Pharaoh Necho slew Josiah in a battle at Megiddo. We must understand Josiah’s death was not due to any wrongdoing on his part, but the time of God’s judgment was imminent and Josiah was promised judgment would not come in his lifetime. In other words, God’s judgment could no longer be stayed.

One of the most disturbing and troubling things I ask today is: *Just how close is America to being judged?* The truth of this matter is very simple; we have very few people crying aloud for national repentance. With all of the deplorable conditions we are witnessing in America, you would think, on a national level, that all true men of

God would be pleading for repentance.

I am troubled by the lack of discernment in understanding the signs of the times. As a man of sincere prayer and devoted to the Word of our Lord, I don’t understand the misgivings of our nation from a ministerial point of view. Any time a servant of the Lord goes into their hallowed chambers to pray and seek the counsel of God they will come out touched by His divine presence.

His power and presence stirs me deeply each time I make a sincere effort to seek Him. This is why the psalmist declared: *“In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore” (Psalm 16:11).*

Spending quality time in His presence is always edifying. Tragically many Christians are too busy with the cares of this life and they fail in committing quality time to be in His presence. Far too many mistakes are made all because we failed to seek His counsel.

Jesus warned of this time and hour: *“And take heed to yourselves (self-inspection), lest at any time your hearts be overcharged (burdened) with surfeiting (excess), and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares (suddenly)” (Luke 21:34).* The hour has come in which we should search our hearts and examine ourselves to see where we stand in relationship to Christ our Lord.

Everyone needs periodic self-examination: *“Examine* (scrutinize

and discipline) *yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove (test) your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?” (2 Corinthians 13:5)* As long as anyone has a godly conscience, they know whether or not they are approved of God. It does not require Artificial Intelligence when it comes to self-examination.

If America does not have a visitation from God in the Holy Ghost, then there will be a visitation from God in judgment! I believe it was Baptist Evangelist Dr. Vance Havner who said: *Pentecost or a holocaust: which will it be for America?*

We read: *“Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times (migrating seasons); and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming (natural instincts); but my people know not the judgment of the LORD. How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected (cast off) the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them (they have none)? Therefore will I give their wives unto others (foreigners), and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness (greed), from the prophet even unto the priest (today’s pastors) every one dealeth falsely (frauds)” (Jeremiah 8:7-10).*

This passage is filled with pre-

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dictions of God's divine judgment. It seems as though there was nothing godly to salvage from among the people. No truth could be found in the mouth of God's people: therefore the people would suffer God's judgment.

When we reach a point in life, God allows the consequences of our sin to catch up to us. Instead of waiting until we reach that low point, we should turn from our sins and seek God's forgiveness. When we refuse to accept God's direction for living, and we foolishly seek to find truth and meaning apart from God, we are headed for destruction.

Even the animals demonstrate God's way is best. Nature is conscious of its natural instincts and yields to them. Nature knows when to migrate or build a nest, but, just like Israel, America has become senseless and unable to discern her impending judgment.

We would be wise to follow the lead of a simple sparrow. Don't ever tell anyone they have a bird brain, for even a bird knows what is best!

We observe in our Scripture text that Josiah died in battle. However, it was prophesied Josiah would die in peace: ***"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 22:20 KJV).

Through this prophetic Word, I believe Josiah died with peace in his heart and mind because he was obedient to God's word. Though he died in battle, I believe he died with peace in his heart and mind as Jehovah promised.

Let us review his demise: ***"Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him*** (King Necho), ***but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God*** (God

used Necho to accomplish His purpose), ***and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day"*** (2 Chronicles 35:22-25).

After Josiah's great "Reformation", king Necho of Egypt led his army up from Egypt to fight against Charchemish by the Euphrates and Josiah went after him. But King Necho questioned Josiah: *Why do you want to fight me? I'm on my way to fight another nation and God told me to hurry and not delay.* King Necho then admonished Josiah: do not interfere with what God has told me to do or you will be harmed. But Josiah refused to listen to the king to whom God had truly spoken. Josiah refused and did not turn back. Instead, he disguised himself and led his army into battle. But one of the archer's arrows hit Josiah and wounded him. Needless to say, it was a mortal wound. All of Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah, and the prophet Jeremiah composed funeral dirges, which choirs sang concerning Josiah's death.

Jehovah never suffered Josiah to witness the destruction that would fall upon Judah and Jerusalem. I am certain some saints of God will go be with the Lord before the severity of God's judgment falls upon America. Too many great men of God have been given dreams and visions concerning America's demise. Sadly most preachers who cry aloud and speak of judgment are disliked and shunned.

Even George Washington, during his presidency, had a vision concerning America's destruction at the time of the end. Evil can only exist, last, and survive for so long.

In the end, evil will only consume itself, and those who participate in it. I admonish everyone to be ***"wise as serpents, and harmless as doves"*** (Matthew 10:16) in the coming days. Be very judicious in all of your affairs.

Please, do pray with me and for me about this new church we are prayerfully considering. I need about 1.5 million dollars to complete the task. I believe God will touch hearts to help me according to His will. I am asking the Lord, just as Jabez did, to "enlarge my coast": ***"And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve (vex or grieve) me! And God granted him that which he requested"*** (1 Chronicles 4:10).

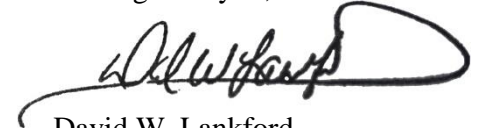
Knowing the God we serve is no respecter of persons, I trust Him to bless us indeed, *enlarge our coast*, and that His hand will be with us.

Please remember our meeting,
"Revival in America"
September 20-22, 2024,
at the Hickory Metro
Convention Center,
Hickory, North Carolina.

The God of Abraham will minister to us. Truly, the God we serve is eternally faithful in all things.

As always we are so grateful and thankful for your love and support for the work of God. We serve a big God, so ask Him for big things!

Serving with you,



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