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The DEPRESSION HAS BEGUN **by Andrew Strom**

Ten months ago in November 2007 while preaching in Wisconsin USA, I felt a strong unction from the Holy Spirit to speak about the future of the United States and the imminent Crash. As often happens under that kind of anointing, a real boldness came over me, and for the first time I found myself clearly putting a "date" on the coming financial Depression - something I had never done before - except in the vaguest of terms. I found myself predicting that tragically within six months America would be in Recession, and within 12 months the actual Depression would begin. (-This audio is on our website - <http://www.revivalschool.com>)

So let us look at the evidence. It is now ten months later. Has the Depression begun? Sadly the answer has to be "Yes". In the last two weeks the two largest mortgage giants in the world (Fannie Mae & Freddie Mac) failed, the largest Insurance Company on earth crashed (all taken over by the US Government), Lehman Brothers went bankrupt (almost taking the entire financial system with it), Money Markets reeled, the two remaining giant Investment banks sought protection as "holding banks" - which means the end of Wall Street as we know it, etc, etc. Stocks are in turmoil, Oil leapt on Monday by the most ever recorded, gold is volatile - and on it goes. -The most shattering two weeks since the Great Depression. Meanwhile the US Treasury is seeking 700 billion dollars in a forlorn effort to put Humpty back together again - tragically too late.

THERE ARE "JONAH'S" ON THE BOAT

Why is this storm hitting America at this time? There are certainly many reasons - most of which we have discussed before. But let me put something else before you that I believe God spoke to me not long ago:- There are "Jonah's" on the boat - and they are sending the nation down. Who are these Jonah's? I believe they are the "prophets" of America who will not preach the truth - who sleep comfortably in the bowels of the nation while chaos reigns all around them. Too afraid to deliver God's word 'Repent', they run the other way - toward smooth talk and pleasant sayings - "Peace, peace" when there is no peace. And the depths of this great crisis can be laid directly at their door.

Yes - that's right. A big reason why the ship of America is sinking is because her prophets ran away from their God-given task and message at the crucial moment.

If only these prophets had preached the TRUTH when the nation so desperately needed to hear it. If only they had begun - way back in the 1980's - to call the lukewarm church to repentance, to rebuke the people for their love of money, their greed, their sin. But no - the siren call of "popularity" was too strong. The call of "grace, grace", of mass acceptance, of big reputations and even bigger offerings. And so they sold out. And now they sleep blissfully in the midst of the ship, while the storm whips to fury all around. How do you sleep, O Jonah's, who would not cry "Repent"?

And it is not just the “prophets” either. It is the televangelists too. Caught up in a world of fakery, hype and money-grubbing unseen in the church since the Dark Ages, these hucksters are spreading their garbage to every Third World Revival nation around the globe. Greed, manipulation and pride on a scale that only America could generate. Where is your shame, O charlatans of greed? And so God is forced to act. And just like Jonah, the storm will not abate until the wayward preachers are thrown overboard. Until America is rid of these international thieves and prostitutes, she is finished. And she will not recover until they are gone.

You see, it is not just the leaders who are at fault here. It is also the people, who “love to have it so”. And thus until the heart of the people is scourged and purged they will accommodate the “Jonahs” - even seeking more of their ear-tickling fables to comfort themselves in this time of breaking. Until the heart of American greed is shattered - until her people act of their own volition to throw these Jonahs overboard - this storm will go on and on. In fact, it is about to grow a whole lot worse.

Mark my words, America: Until you remove these Jonahs, your nation cannot recover. They have held the whole world in thrall by their apostasy. And God cannot have it so any more. How long will it take you to realize? How long will it take you to act?

THROW THE JONAHS OVERBOARD and be done with them!! Only then will this mother of all storms subside.