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THE SHAKING IS GROWING

by Andrew Strom

(This article was sent in August 2010 by Andrew Strom, a prophecy and Bible teacher / speaker whose ministry is found at www.johnthebaptisttv.com. This was written months ago, but is still relevant today.)

I want to spend most of this article talking about the massive SPIRITUAL shaking and change that is underway, and the OPPORTUNITIES for the true remnant of God in this. But first let us talk briefly about the “economic” shaking that is underpinning a lot of what is happening.

There are many signs appearing that another great “slowdown” in the world economy is underway. As you know, we have predicted “another wave down” and a “double dip depression”. Last week new US unemployment claims jumped back up to 500,000. The figures for July ‘existing’ home sales look to show the worst slump that has ever been seen. (California and Texas report a -23% collapse in the space of just one month). The human cost of all this unemployment and economic mayhem is truly awful to contemplate.

But in the CHURCH I believe a great “shaking” is underway that will ultimately bring about a great ‘purging’ and cleansing. You may have noticed that a number of big-money ministries are suddenly in trouble. I am hearing reports of others that I regard as “spreading deception” falling into serious financial difficulty as well. I believe God is going to use this economic crisis to “clean out” His church. There is going to be a massive change at the top. The ‘Saulish’ leadership is going to be dethroned and the “Davids” will come forth.

We published a vision some time ago of the giant “trees” crashing to the ground and the little sprouts suddenly springing forth. The church has been dominated for too long by voices that have abused and stolen and spread deception amongst the sheep. God is coming to clean house, and it will not be “gentle.” The whip is in His hand and He is about to drive the money

-changers out. His house is to be a “house of prayer” once more.

Two of my books from the past were spent prophesying of this very time that we are now entering. The first was in 1996 - *The Coming Great Reformation - New Insights into the Coming Worldwide Shaking, Reformation and Street Revival*. The most recent was in 2008 - *Survive the Depression - The Shaking Has Begun*.

A lot of people say to me, “Give up hope of the church being cleansed or the false leaders being dethroned. We are in the time of great Apostasy. So just give up on any of that.”

And I say, “NO! I will not give up on the evil being dethroned from God’s church, and the Body being cleansed, and the true gospel being restored. Yes - we are in a time of great Apostasy (no one knows this more than I). But that does not mean that God has lost His desire for a church that is “without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.” I still believe we have time for one last great “cleansing” and one last great Harvest. But it will come during a time of great “storms” and hardship.

POSITION Yourself

There are several ways that those who believe they have been called into God’s remnant for this hour can “position” themselves to be part of what God is doing. Of course, PRAYER is the most vital thing, but also:

(1) Get out of DEBT. Do not “hang on,” deep in debt for year after year, hoping things will improve. They will NOT improve for YEARS. Use whatever means possible, cut your losses and GET OUT. The debt alone can prevent you from being where God wants you to be in this crucial moment.

(2) Don’t get into a “bunker” mentality. Don’t be tempted to hide yourself away with food and ammo in some basement somewhere. For true Christians this crisis is a GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY to show forth Christ to a dying world. Get INVOLVED - helping the poor, preaching the true gospel. This is not a time for “hiding away.”

(3) Stop thinking of this crisis as a “doom and gloom” scenario and start thinking of it as a time where God is setting things to rights - purging the church and the nation of years of excesses and poison. For the

Christian who truly loves God and His kingdom, this is literally the OPPORTUNITY of a LIFETIME to be involved in this whole process. Only DEBTS or FEAR or an unwilling heart can rob you of your place in this.

There is no time I would rather be in than right now. There is no environment I would rather be in. This moment and this crisis are exactly what God has been preparing us for. We are not to just “survive” - we are to ‘THRIVE’ in this time. Many of the big ministries are not designed to make it through such a crisis. When finances drop they will fall apart. But many of us have been specifically designed for this. Don’t waste it. A total “changing of the guard” is underway. A revolution in leadership. Be about the Lord’s work. Remember the long-forgotten promises and dreams the Lord gave you years ago and prepare to enter into all that He has promised. AMEN!!

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(The following two items are from David Wilkerson’s blog found at: <http://davidwilkersontoday.blogspot.com>)

WE ARE NOT WITHOUT HOPE

by David Wilkerson, January 7, 2011

We who know Christ’s righteousness are not to live as those who are without hope. We have been blessed with both the love and the fear of God. And his will for us in the darkest, most terrible times is to obtain his joy and gladness. Even as we see judgment falling around us, we’re to sing, shout and rejoice—not because judgment has come, but in spite of it.

Isaiah 51:11 begins with the word “Therefore,” meaning, “In light of what I’ve just said.” What had God just said here? He had reminded his people, “[I] made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over” (Isaiah 51:10), meaning, “I’m still the Lord, the Ancient of Days, the worker of miracles. And my arm is still strong to deliver you.”

So, what is it God wants his people to know in light of this truth? He says it all in one verse, Isaiah 51:11:

- “Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion.” In other words: “I’m going to have a people who return to me with trust, faith and confidence. They take their eyes off the conditions surrounding them. And they’ll get back their song of joy.”
- “Everlasting joy shall be upon their head.” The joy that God’s people experience won’t be just for a Sunday morning, or a week or a month. It will last through the years, through hard times, even to the very end.
- “They shall obtain gladness and joy.” God looked

down through the ages and said, “I’m going to have a people who will obtain joy, take, possess it. They’ll lay hold of it, and it will be theirs.”

- “Sorrow and mourning shall flee away.” This doesn’t mean all our suffering will end. It means our trust in the Lord will put us above every pain and trial. Such things won’t be able to rob us of our joy and gladness in Christ.

THE HOUR OF ISOLATION

by David Wilkerson, December 7, 2010

I know what it is like to face divine silence, not to hear God’s voice for a season. I have walked through periods of total confusion with no apparent guidance, the still small voice behind me completely silent. There were times when I had no friend nearby to satisfy my heart with a word of advice. All my patterns of guidance from before had gone awry, and I was left in total darkness. I could not see my way, and I made mistake after mistake. I wanted to say, “O God, what has happened? I don’t know which way to go!”

Does God really hide his face from those he loves? Isn’t it possible he lifts his hand for a short while to teach us trust and dependence? The Bible answers clearly: “God left him [Hezekiah], to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart” (2 Chron. 32:31).

You may be going through a flood of trials right now. You know what I’m talking about when I say the heavens are as brass. You know all about repeated failures. You’ve waited and waited for answers to prayer. You’ve been served a cup of affliction. Nothing and nobody can touch that need in your heart!

That’s the time to take your stand! You don’t have to be able to laugh or rejoice, because you may not have any happiness at the moment. In fact, you may have nothing but turmoil in your soul. But you can know God is still with you, because Scripture says, “The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.” (Psalm 29:10)

Soon you will hear His voice: *Don’t get excited, don’t panic. Just keep your eyes on me. Commit all things to me.* And you will know that you remain the object of his incredible love.

“RELIGION OF PEACE” LAUNCHING “FEROCIOUS ATTACKS”

**Worshippers targeted in Egypt,
Iraq, Nigeria, Russia**

(The following article is an excerpt from Joseph Farah’s G2 Bulletin, WorldNetDaily, www.wnd.com.)

It was only six days after the 9/11 attacks that President Bush described Islam as a religion of peace,

specifically saying, “Islam is peace,” but the Religion of Peace website reports that for 2010, there were 1987 jihad attacks in 46 nations resulting in 9,175 deaths and 17,436 injured, according to a report from Joseph Farah’s G2 Bulletin.

So analysts are expressing alarm that individual attacks on Christian churches are being replicated rapidly and appear to be reflecting a new wave of Islamists’ war against any stability in the Middle East. Recent al-Qaida attacks on Christians stretching from North Africa to the Middle East and Central Asia reveal a new terrorist initiative that not only attempts to eliminate remnants of existing non-Islamist religions but hits hard at “soft target” opportunities, such as praying Christians in Egypt, leaving security experts off-guard.

Analysts say the orchestrated attacks against Christians – from Egypt, Iraq and Nigeria to Russia’s mostly Muslim North Caucasus of the Ingushetia region bordering Chechnya – initially were thought to be random.

However, the killing spree now is being viewed as a coordinated pattern of attacks representing a new and higher level of violence.

The Vatican had been expressing alarm for some time, with Pope Benedict XVI describing as “ferocious” the terrorist acts that were launched in October when some 58 Iraqis were killed and 78 wounded in an attack on the Syrian Catholic Cathedral of Baghdad.

The October attacks were an act of “unheard-of ferocity against defenseless people joined in prayer,” said senior Vatican official Archbishop Carlo Marina Viganò at a recent general assembly meeting of Interpol in Doha, Qatar. Interpol, or the International Criminal Police Organization, helps facilitate police cooperation internationally.

The attack on the cathedral was followed by further attacks by al-Qaida-affiliated groups that struck in a coordinated effort on three Christian homes in the Iraqi capital, followed by mortar attacks on another two largely Christian communities.

The latest violence against Christians occurred last week in Alexandria, Egypt, on the Coptic Christian church where a suicide bomber killed 21 people and wounded another 80. Some 1,000 Christians were attending New Year’s Mass.

According to observers, blood splattered the front of the church, as well as a mosque directly across the street. Many of the bodies were left in the church overnight to be collected by ambulances for burial the next day. Some Christians brought white sheets with the sign of the cross emblazoned on them in what appeared to be victims’ blood.

“There were only three soldiers and an officer in

front of the church,” said Archbishop Raweis, the top Coptic cleric in Alexandria. “Why did they have so little security at such a sensitive time when there’s so many threats coming from al-Qaida?”

Outraged Christians immediately blamed the predominantly Muslim government of Egypt which has seen growing tensions for some time between its Muslim majority and Christian minority.

THE LITTLE THINGS

(The following is an email that circulates, and it is worth sharing with readers. Its author is unknown.)

As you might remember, the head of a company survived 9/11 because his son started kindergarten. Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts. One woman was late because her alarm clock didn’t go off in time. One was late because of an auto accident, and she was stuck in traffic on the NJ Turnpike. One of them missed his bus. One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change. One’s car wouldn’t start. One couldn’t get a taxi.

The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning. He took the various means to get to work, but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today.

Now when I am stuck in traffic, miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone - all the little things that annoy me - I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

The next time your morning seems to be going wrong - you can’t seem to find the car keys, you hit every traffic light - don’t get mad or frustrated; it may just be that God is at work watching over you.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things and may you remember their possible purpose.

OBAMA’S AGENDA: OVERWHELM THE SYSTEM

(The following is written by Wayne Allyn Root, a 2008 Libertarian Party vice presidential nominee who serves on the Libertarian National Committee. Even with the 2011 Republican majority in the House, Obama’s agenda remains the same. We can expect to see his resolve and defiance against all rational thinking to heat up in the face of new opposition.)

crisis to go to waste.” It is now becoming clear that the crisis he was referring to is Barack Obama’s presidency.

Obama is no fool. He is not incompetent. To the contrary, he is brilliant. He knows exactly what he’s doing. He is purposely overwhelming the U.S. economy to create systemic failure, economic crisis and social chaos -- thereby destroying capitalism and our country from within.

Barack Obama is my college classmate (Columbia University, class of ‘83). As Glenn Beck correctly predicted from day one, Obama is following the plan of Cloward & Piven, two professors at Columbia University. They outlined a plan to socialize America by overwhelming the system with government spending and entitlement demands. Add up the clues below. Taken individually they’re alarming. Taken as a whole, it is a brilliant, Machiavellian game plan to turn the United States into a socialist/Marxist state with a permanent majority that desperately needs government for survival ... and can be counted on to always vote for bigger government. Why not? They have no responsibility to pay for it.

-- Universal health care. The health care bill had very little to do with health care. It had everything to do with unionizing millions of hospital and health care workers, as well as adding 15,000 to 20,000 new IRS agents (who will join government employee unions). Obama doesn’t care that giving free health care to 30 million Americans will add trillions to the national debt. What he does care about is that it cements the dependence of those 30 million voters to Democrats and big government. Who but a socialist revolutionary would pass this reckless spending bill in the middle of a depression?

-- Cap and trade. Like health care legislation having nothing to do with health care, cap and trade has nothing to do with global warming. It has everything to do with redistribution of income, government control of the economy and a criminal payoff to Obama’s biggest contributors. Those powerful and wealthy unions and contributors (like GE, which owns NBC, MSNBC and CNBC) can then be counted on to support everything Obama wants. They will kick-back hundreds of millions of dollars in contributions to Obama and the Democratic Party to keep them in power. The bonus is that all the new taxes on Americans with bigger cars, bigger homes and businesses helps Obama “spread the wealth around.”

-- Make Puerto Rico a state. Why? Who’s asking for a 51st state? Who’s asking for millions of new welfare recipients and government entitlement addicts in the middle of a depression? Certainly not American taxpayers. But this has been Obama’s plan all along. His goal is to add two new Democrat senators, five

Democrat congressman and a million loyal Democratic voters who are dependent on big government.

-- Legalize 12 million illegal immigrants. Just giving these 12 million potential new citizens free health care alone could overwhelm the system and bankrupt America. But it adds 12 million reliable new Democrat voters who can be counted on to support big government. Add another few trillion dollars in welfare, aid to dependent children, food stamps, free medical, education, tax credits for the poor, and eventually Social Security.

-- Stimulus and bailouts. Where did all that money go? It went to Democrat contributors, organizations (ACORN), and unions -- including billions of dollars to save or create jobs of government employees across the country. It went to save GM and Chrysler so that their employees could keep paying union dues. It went to AIG so that Goldman Sachs could be bailed out (after giving Obama almost \$1 million in contributions). A staggering \$125 billion went to teachers (thereby protecting their union dues). All those public employees will vote loyally Democrat to protect their bloated salaries and pensions that are bankrupting America. The country goes broke, future generations face a bleak future, but Obama, the Democrat Party, government, and the unions grow more powerful. The ends justify the means.

-- Raise taxes on small business owners, high-income earners, and job creators. Put the entire burden on only the top 20 percent of taxpayers, redistribute the income, punish success, and reward those who did nothing to deserve it (except vote for Obama). Reagan wanted to dramatically cut taxes in order to starve the government. Obama wants to dramatically raise taxes to starve his political opposition.

With the acts outlined above, Obama and his regime have created a vast and rapidly expanding constituency of voters dependent on big government; a vast privileged class of public employees who work for big government; and a government dedicated to destroying capitalism and installing themselves as socialist rulers by overwhelming the system.

Add it up and you’ve got the perfect Marxist scheme -- all devised by my Columbia University college classmate Barack Obama.

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