

Signs of the Times – Are We Paying Attention?

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As I sit with Holy Spirit today, I am pondering a few parallels that He has been showing me in regard to where we are as a nation (USA) and historical events recorded in the Word of God. In doing so, I have discovered that I have feelings of sorrow and grief, at the same time I have a confident faith and trust in our Heavenly Father's ability and willingness to intervene in miraculous ways as we cry out to Him to save our nation. I believe that we are currently in a season of our lives where it is crucial that we remain in absolute surrender to the LORD, being faithful to repent, intercede and decree God's heart over our nations the minute He prompts us to do so. We are now in the days where we absolutely must choose to stand for Him even when all we can do is stand!

Jesus warned us that these days would come, yet honestly as I was growing up, for some reason I never considered that some of the end time events I was reading about in the Bible would actually happen in my lifetime. Now I find myself having to look more closely at what Jesus said regarding these days, to find the keys I feel the Body of Christ needs in order to stand firmly in faith in this season of chaos and war. In this article, I am inviting you to join me in processing some revelation Holy Spirit is releasing in this hour to help us properly interpret what we are about to see, and to have wisdom to know how to move forward. I sense the intensity of world events is about to increase as the LORD "comes down" to root up and destroy those things that are standing in the way of His desires being fulfilled in the nations. As this occurs, we must be found "standing at the ready" to build up a highway of holiness where His Name is exalted above every other name.

In Matthew 24:4-8 (TPT) we read Jesus' response to a question from his disciples about the future and the end times. The events that Jesus prophesied about to his disciples correspond to the news reports we are now receiving on a daily basis!

Jesus answered, "At that time deception will run rampant. So beware that you are not fooled! For many will appear on the scene claiming my authority or saying about themselves, 'I am God's Anointed,' and they will lead many astray. You will hear of wars nearby and revolutions on every side, with more rumors of wars to come. **Don't panic or give in to your fears, for the breaking apart of the world's systems is destined to happen.** But it won't yet be the end; it will still be unfolding. **Nations will go to war against each other and kingdom against kingdom.** And there will be terrible earthquakes – seismic events of epic proportion, horrible epidemics and famines in place after place. This is how the first contractions and birth pains *of the new age will begin!*"

The past few weeks I've realized the LORD being very strategic in the Scriptures He has prompted me to read. As I read each portion of Scripture, immediately a situation that was occurring in our nation and/or Israel would come to mind. Each time this happened I would sense Holy Spirit saying, "THIS IS THAT." He started this particular journey by having me read about individuals that were called and anointed by the LORD to lead, but they allowed compromise and corruption "in their houses." This led to the removal of God's blessing on their lives and their families as well as the removal of their God-given authority to rule. Their death soon followed. In reading about these men, I wondered if we would see parallel events in the world occur where corrupt leaders would "lose their seats of authority," with others dying unexpectedly.

- Eli, a Priest of the LORD (I Samuel 1-4) – The LORD called Eli to serve as a Priest in the LORD's house. However, Eli's sons were corrupt, wicked and walking in rebellion to the ways of the LORD. Eli tolerated their sin for many years, so the LORD sent a prophet to Eli with a sobering message. The prophet told Eli that his two wicked sons would die, that all of the males in his bloodline would experience premature death, and Eli's family line was no longer eligible to serve as Priests in the House of the LORD. The story about Eli ends with the glory of the LORD having departed from the temple, evidenced by the capture of the Ark of the Covenant and the birth of a grandson whom his mother named "Ichabod," which means "without glory."
- Saul, Israel's First King (I Samuel 9-15) – After the death of Eli, Samuel served as Priest, Prophet and Judge for the people of Israel, with his corrupt sons also serving as judges. The Israelites grew disenchanted with this arrangement and began complaining and crying out to the LORD, asking Him to appoint a King to rule over them, similar to the other nations of the world. While this request displeased the LORD, his instructions to Samuel were these: "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them." (I Sam 8:7). Samuel followed the LORD's counsel and went off to search for Saul, a Benjamite, whom God had chosen to be Israel's first king. Saul was anointed King (I Sam 12) but just a few years later, he committed an act of rebellion against the LORD and Samuel by impatiently offering an unlawful sacrifice to the LORD, instead of waiting for Samuel as instructed. This act of rebellion resulted in the LORD advising Saul (via Samuel) that he would be removed as King over Israel (I Sam 13). Unfortunately, this news did not stop Saul from committing further acts

of disobedience, one act of which is still impacting Israelities around the world today through Hamas.

I Samuel 15 tells us that the LORD commanded Saul (through Samuel) to attack the Amalekites in retaliation for an ambush. As part of this instruction, Saul was tasked with killing ALL of the Amalekites, including their animals, wives and children ... especially the Amalekite King Agag. During the Amalekite battle, Saul decided to not only keep the best of the sheep, oxen and lambs, but he also chose not to kill King Agag. The LORD responded to Saul's disobedience by telling Samuel, "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." (I Sam 15:11) The years that followed resulted in demonic affliction and heartache for Saul. Yet, Saul tried to prolong his reign over Israel by pursuing and attempting to kill his successor David numerous times. Eventually Saul and his son Jonathan were killed in battle, and David, a "man after God's own heart," took his seat as King of Israel. Yet, the Amalekite threat to Israel has not yet been stamped out as a result of Saul's disobedience to immediately kill King Agag in the midst of battle.

Another parallel Holy Spirit has been highlighting to me is the spiritual condition of Ninevah in the days leading up to Jonah's visit, versus the current spiritual condition of the United States of America. The more I ponder some of these similarities, the more disconcerting this revelation becomes. The timing of this particular revelation is no mistake as many of us have been seeking Holy Spirit for revelation and insight regarding the prophetic significance of the Solar Eclipse that will take place on Monday April 8th, including the fact that the Eclipse will pass directly over 7 cities in the USA named Ninevah! (Texas, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia & New York) ***God is saying something in this – are we paying attention?***

When I was reading to find out more about Ninevah, I discovered that Ninevah was known as a center of worship for the false goddess **Ishtar** (also known as Ashtoreth, Astarte, Inanna, Aphrodite, Venus). The New World Encyclopedia explains that the cult of Ishtar was responsible for the city's early importance, with the first mention of Ninevah having taken place in 1800 B.C.E. (<https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Nineveh>). In comparing this historical fact to a Biblical description of the activities taking place in ancient Ninevah, it becomes clear that an "evil root" had in fact become embedded deep within the foundations of Ninevah through this false system of worship.

"Hopelessness and despair, *that's the destiny* of the city that shed so much blood, That perfected its use of lies, that overflows with stolen treasures, Leaving behind endless victims. The *sharp* cracking of the whip *in the air*;

clattering of wheels *on the streets*; Galloping horse hooves; clanging, *banging* chariots; Charging cavalry troops; flashing swords and gleaming spears; Armies of casualties, piles of dead bodies – too many to count – *so many you can't walk without* stumbling over them! This is all because you tempted and lured the nations like a harlot, dangling the allure of *immorality*. You were a sorceress *promising control of the spiritual world*, enslaving nations to lives of immorality and families to sorcery." Nahum 3:1-4 (VOICE)

While reading these verses in Nahum, I was reminded of Jonathan Cahn's book *The Return of the Gods*, in which he provides spiritual and prophetic insight about the goddess Ishtar, also known as the "Enchantress." Jonathan writes this about Ishtar, "She is the goddess of sexuality. It was because of that connection that the planet Venus is associated with love. She was also the goddess of war and destruction. She was fiery, impetuous, impulsive, greedy, emotional, demanding, stormy, fierce, carnal, given to rage, romantic, vindictive, full of unbridled passion, insatiable sexual desire, and boundless pride. If denied the object of her desires or if offended, she would become vengeful and violent and could wreak havoc and destruction." (Pg. 73)

When looking through the eyes of Holy Spirit, it is evident that the principality of Ishtar is ruling over the gates of the USA, with her having been granted a "seat at the table" in our government offices, court and education systems, and medical institutions. I am especially grieved over how this demonic entity has gained significant access in the religious arena, with numerous denominations, churches and "Christian" organizations allowing compromise, Jezebelic tolerance, and deception a "seat in the sanctuary," under the guise of ensuring "liberty, freedom, and equality for all." One other item to note about gate governance is that just like the USA Prophets are releasing warnings about our open borders, Nahum sounded a similar alarm to Ninevah about their vulnerabilities due to open gates: "The gates that should have protected your land *instead* are standing wide open. Fire burns through the bars; your enemies stroll right in." (Nahum 33:13b VOICE)

While this revelation is quite sobering, there is HOPE! In spite of the chaos, confusion, and contention that is rising up all around us, GOD is LISTENING and ANSWERING our prayers. I am convinced that as we keep our eyes and hearts focused on Him, we will see miraculous turnarounds and victories in the days ahead. By the way, if you happen to be reading this article, then **YOU WERE CHOSEN TO BE A PART OF THIS END TIME ARMY!** With GOD on our side, we have what is needed to stand and war for the purposes of God in our nations and our generations. We must not back up or keep silent! As we continue to declare and decree what the LORD is speaking over our nations, we

will see the chains of iniquity and death break, with captives finding their way home to Jesus Christ!

My friends, stay encouraged and remember that the LORD will always keep His Word.

“If My people (who are known by My name) humbly pray, follow My commandments, and abandon any actions or thoughts that might lead to further sinning, then I shall hear their prayers from My house in heaven, I shall forgive their sins, and I shall save their land from the disasters.” II Chronicles 7:14 (VOICE)