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Dear Friends,

This past December I was asked if the Lord had shown me anything regarding the upcoming year. At that time He had not, but I began praying and asking Him if there was anything He wanted me to know and share about the times we are facing. He began giving me a revelation of some critical issues before us, and I am passing those along to you in this letter.

I am understanding more and more the exasperation felt by Old Testament prophets as the Jews rejected the Word of the Lord. From time to time I will make reference to the Church, not to imply every, single Christian, but as a reference in general to what is happening. (*A CD of the sermon in which I shared this prophecy can be ordered at the end of this letter.*)

Ignoring the Warnings

In 1 Corinthians 10 the Holy Spirit, through the Apostle Paul, put the Church in remembrance of things Israel had done, then twice gave a warning:

⁶ Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

¹¹ Now all these things happened unto them for examples and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

We are at a place where the Church has ignored 1 Corinthians 10. Just like the Jews in various periods of Israel's history, the Church does not see the need to establish a holy lifestyle. Doctrine and truth are whatever a person chooses to accept or create for himself. We are living in Proverbs 14:12: *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Rebellion to Authority

Along with this, we are living in Judges 21:25: *In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.* Symbolically, this means that Christians do not recognize or submit to God-ordained authority. There *are* strong leaders in the Church (some would call them voices, leaders, generals, etc) but the Church refuses to submit to the authority these leaders carry in Christ. Such leaders are not authoritarians, but leaders like the Apostle Paul who, in 1 Corinthians 11:1 said, *Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.* As such, we do not have "kings" because true leaders are not respected. The Church is rejecting God's instruction in Hebrews 10:17, *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

The Days of Elijah

There is a song enjoyed and sung by many churches titled, *Days of Elijah*. The song is very inspiring and speaks of revival, victory and the coming of the Lord. But there is another aspect to the time in which Elijah lived which was very dark and it describes what is happening in the church. In the following passage, Elijah is having a conversation with the evil King Ahab,

¹⁹Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. ²⁰So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. ²¹And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. (1 Kings 18:19-21)

The people Elijah was speaking to were Jews. They knew of the Covenant of Abraham and the Law of Moses. Yet when he confronted them with a choice of who to follow, they just stared at him in silence!

Here is what this represents. The Church is so influenced by the world and filled with Ahabs, Jezebels and Baals that there is an indifference toward the unchangeable nature of God and His Word. Just as the Jews with Elijah at Mount Carmel, a great many in the Church have lost any reverential and holy fear of God. Jews of Elijah's day claimed their heritage as the chosen people of God, yet wanted to live in the "liberty" of Baal. Likewise, Christians today claim to be the children of God and joint-heirs with Jesus, yet they demand the "right" to live according to society's Baal, which enables them to satisfy the desires of the flesh. When an "Elijah" delivers the uncompromising truth of God, such Christians just stare in silence, and the Word of the Lord seems to bounce off their hardened hearts.

The Golden Calf

The Lord has also shown me another example from Israel's past and how it relates to the Church today. Exodus chapters 19-31 describe the time Moses spent with God on Mount Sinai. In chapter 32, the people got tired of waiting for Moses to return and demanded that Aaron make them gods they could worship. This resulted in the golden calf being made. Exodus 32:1-6 reveals these events,

¹And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

²And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. ³And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. ⁴And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

⁵And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord. ⁶And they rose up early

on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

When this happened, God told Moses to go down from Mount Sinai and deal with what was taking place,

²⁵ And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:) ²⁶ Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord 's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. ²⁷ And he said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor. ²⁸ And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. (Exodus 32:25-28)

As Moses' brother, Aaron was supposed to oversee the Jews while Moses was gone. However, Moses was not doing what the people thought he should do and they got tired of waiting for him. Aaron created a "new god" and the people held religious ceremonies (which included perverse behavior) in worship to that god, yet claiming it was a feast unto the Lord. When Moses saw what was going on, he instructed the sons of Levi (the tribe of the priesthood) to draw swords and execute judgment.

Scripture explains that Christians are the children of God. As such, Jesus is our elder Brother. Far too many in the church have become tired of seeking God and waiting on Him. They don't like the way "Moses" (Jesus) is doing things. "Aarons" - leaders who are supposed to oversee the children of God until Jesus returns - have created golden calves of doctrine, carnality and perverted grace. They speak the name of the Lord during their services, but they want little or nothing to do with His genuine presence, preferring to intoxicate their senses with deviant religion. ("Deviant" means "different from what is considered to be normal or morally correct." Deviant religion is that which professes to be normal according to scripture, but is actually abnormal when compared to what scripture truly reveals.)

"The sons of Levi" represent leaders, voices and generals in the Church who are pressing into their position as kings and priests unto God. These are Christians who exalt Christ over self, focus on building His Church instead of their ministries, mortify the flesh, burn with the righteous anger of God over the hypocrisy and compromise they see, yet mourn for their brothers and sisters who are so terribly blinded.

In Exodus 32, the sons of Levi took their swords and executed judgment on the rebellious. Yes, the people they were slaying were fellow Jews who had joined them in coming out of the Egyptian bondage, but they were more concerned with honoring God and respecting Him as their Holy Deliverer.

The sons of Levi are even now rising up. The sword in their hand is the uncompromised, unaltered Word of God.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. (John 12:48)

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

As the sons of Levi speak, their words will be as a two-edged sword executing judgment against those who have turned to the golden calves. The anointing God releases in them will be released through their words. The words of the sons of Levi will war against the words of the Aarons. Many Aarons and followers of Aarons will repent; many will not. For those who do not repent, there will be some who will know the destruction of the flesh so their spirit can be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus (1 Corinthians 5:1-5). Some will not repent and will cling to their golden calf all the way to the lake of fire.

Increasing Division

As prophesied in the past, great division is upon us, the Church, and it is going to increase. The conflict, division and disunity currently seen is not going to diminish, as some seem to think, but is going to become worse. The Elijahs in the church will be met with more and more blank stares and apathetic response...but the fire is beginning to fall.

The sons of Levi are going to be criticized more and more by the Aarons and their followers. Much of this criticism will be delivered with sweet sounding words that call for greater understanding and unity. Such words are a trap, for they are actually calling for greater compromise and rejection of truth. Many, many Christians are going to fall into this trap.

(As I was typing this, the Lord began to speak.) This division is going to become greater and greater. Those dividing themselves away from Me will think they are still serving Me when they are in fact walking further into darkness. This division in My Church will actually serve to usher in the one you refer to as the Anti-Christ, for I have prophesied this in My Word,

³Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

⁴Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

This great falling away has begun. But know this: at the same time there is great falling away there will be great revival. My Church is very good at defining what they are looking for as revival. But I tell you, revival is taking place even now. It is not an attention-grabbing revival as was Azusa Street; rather, it is a "stealth revival" that is sweeping great numbers into My Kingdom. This is one of the reasons violence is increasing in the Middle East: thousands are turning from their false religions and calling upon the Name of My Son Jesus, and Satan is responding with great violence to try and stop what is happening.

Remember, comparatively speaking there were very few people who knew about the birth of My Son Jesus in Bethlehem. In the same fashion, there are few people who know of the multitudes who are experiencing the birth of My Son's life in their hearts. You have spent many, many hours in prayer and intercession for revival; do you think I am not moving in response to those prayers? Your responsibility is to pray and intercede; My responsibility is to move and release

revival through your prayers. Just because you do not see what you think is revival does not mean your prayers have not released revival.

Stay strong in Me and do not give up hope. Do not be moved by what you see or don't see; only be moved by what I have said and the unchanging power of My Word. Not only do I work in you to will and to do of My good pleasure, I work through you for the same. Stay close to the Elijahs and sons of Levi that I am raising up; you need them and they need you, both for spiritual edification and social friendship.

I am your strong tower. I am your hiding place. The secret place of the Most High is open unto you. Do not just sit at My feet to receive from Me as your God, but sit with Me and fellowship with Me as your Father and your Friend. Know My joy and My happiness. I am everything to you and I provide everything for you. Be pleased with Me as I am pleased with you. As My Son Jesus did while on Earth, live with Me, live for Me, serve Me and rejoice in Me, the God of your salvation...I will see you through to the end.

In His Grace,

Jim

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