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Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter just a few days after June 24, 2022, when the Supreme Court of the United States overturned the 1973 abortion rights ruling titled “Roe versus Wade.” Very briefly, that ruling made it legal on a national scale for women to abort (read: murder) an unborn child. Overturning that ruling means that each individual state can now set its own standards pertaining to abortion. Evidently, some states are already taking advantage of Roe v. Wade being overturned and moving to outlaw abortion.

In early May 2022, it was revealed that the Supreme Court’s upcoming Roe v. Wade ruling had been leaked publicly. The result was a wave of protests filled with hatred, violence, perverse actions and imagery, and death threats directed toward Supreme Court Justices. Various churches and pro-life clinics were attacked, vandalized, bombed and set afire. The behavior of those demanding the right to brutally murder unborn babies was that of people mentally deranged, emotionally imbalanced and demonically inspired. Compounding this are the politicians who either subtly or overtly support these malevolent acts of insurrection.

While such vicious and maniacal behavior may have shocked some, it came as no surprise to God. He shared with me that what was being seen in the natural is what He had already seen in the hearts of those acting in such barbaric rebellion. Furthermore, He has also impressed on me what is happening – and what may happen – in the United States. In order to explain, I need to share with you the prophetic imagery from the Old Testament as the Lord revealed it to me.

One of the worst kings in Jewish history was Manasseh. For example, he approved the construction of high places of worship to pagan gods throughout Israel, built altars both to pagan gods and for astrology in the house of the Lord, approved of child sacrifice (including the sacrifice of his own son), and permitted houses of homosexual prostitution to be located next to the temple of God. God responded to his actions by declaring,

¹¹Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: ¹²Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. ¹³And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. (2 Kings 21:11-13)

Though previous Jewish kings had committed abominations and great evil, the judgment God declared as a result of Manasseh’s sins was exceptionally profound. He said the ears of people who hear about it would tingle, meaning it would be shocking to the point of “stopping people in

their tracks.” When Manasseh died, his son Amon became king. When Amon was murdered two years later, his son, Josiah, was then made king.

In a stark contrast to both Manasseh and Amon, Josiah was one of the greatest kings in Jewish history: ***And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. (2 Kings 22:2)*** He took a stand against all the pagan, idolatrous, perverse and abominable policies Manasseh had made legal, all the while enduring criticism and rebellion demonstrated by those who had come to enjoy, embrace and find pleasure in the sin and wicked behavior Manasseh’s laws allowed. Here is a sampling of Josiah’s reforms:

- The house of the Lord, which had fallen into terrible disrepair, was completely restored.
- All the items that had been taken into the house of the Lord to worship Baal and other gods were removed and totally destroyed.
- All the men who had been appointed as priests unto Baal and other gods were driven away.
- All the houses of male and female prostitution were torn down.
- Topheth, the place where people offered child sacrifice, was destroyed.
- High places where people held ceremonies to pagan gods were torn down.
- Those acting as priests in the high places were executed.
- Fortune tellers, astrologers, and those practicing witchcraft were driven away (some were executed).
- Jewish celebrations and feasts commanded by God in the Law, as well as honor, respect, and obedience to the Law were reinstated.

When Josiah asked Hilkiah the priest to inquire of the Lord concerning His desires, Hilkiah took Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asahiah to visit a prophetess named Huldah. Through Huldah, God prophesied the following,

¹⁶Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: ¹⁷Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. ¹⁸But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; ¹⁹Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. ²⁰Behold 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 22:16-20)

In spite of all the good Josiah was accomplishing, in spite of him taking a stand against all the despicable pagan activities the people had embraced, in spite of him overturning the laws which had made those activities legal, and in spite of him raising up the standard of God’s Word

throughout the nation, it wasn't enough to offset the ear-tingling judgment God had already pronounced against Israel. However, there is something very critical about the prophecy God gave through Huldah: As long as Josiah was alive, the judgment would be held back. I cannot emphasize enough how vitally important this was.

After Josiah reigned for 31 years, war arose with Necho, king of Egypt. Foolishly, Josiah joined the fighting on the battlefield where he was killed. From that moment on, the judgment God had declared against the Jewish people began to be released. Someone should have emphatically reminded Josiah and his advisors that Josiah needed to remain alive at all costs, that he did not need to be at the battlefield, and that his life needed to be protected. Had this been done, it's not telling how many more years the judgment could have been held off.

It was while I was reading the story of Manasseh and Josiah that God began impressing on me what is happening – and what may happen – in the United States.

President Donald Trump was one of the most polarizing presidents we have ever seen. Many people absolutely loved him, while others passionately hated him. Those emotions are still strong today. I am not writing to debate those feelings one way or the other. But one thing he did very consistently was “poke the liberal bear in the eye.” Meaning, so often his decisions and speeches infuriated the liberal politicians, liberal mainstream media, and liberals in social media. His support of Christians, Israel, the Bible, prayer in schools, identifying Jesus with Christmas, willingness to use the Name of Jesus, conservative values, and the appointment of three conservative Supreme Court justices stoked the flame of liberal hatred to almost white-hot intensity.

When, in 2020, Joe Biden was elected president and Democrats were elected to a majority in the House of Representatives, the outcry of election fraud was deafening. Many Christians appeared to think it was the worst possible scenario. It seemed that much gloom and doom had gripped the hearts of innumerable Believers. You may or may not believe that there was election fraud, and I am not writing this to support either position. It's what has happened in our country after the election that is critical. Here is but a sampling of what has taken place under President Biden:

- Violence – including murder – has increased throughout our nation in alarming fashion.
- Inflation has reached record highs and families are struggling to afford basic necessities.
- Businesses are suffering (and even closing) due to labor shortages and supply chain issues.
- Illegal aliens are flooding into our nation at an uncontrolled rate.
- The LGBTQIA2S+ agenda has been accelerated in a shocking manner:
 - Drag queens (men who dress as women) are invited to schools and libraries to read to children.
 - Graphic sex education books and classes are presented to elementary school children, some of which train the children they can be male or female by choice.
 - Rachel Leland Levine (born as Richard Leland Levine) was appointed as Assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
 - Pete Buttigieg, husband to Mr. Chasten Buttigieg, was appointed to the position of United States Secretary of Transportation.

➤ Oppressive leaders in other nations have increased their resolve against the United States.

Here is what God revealed to me: The “spirit of Manasseh” (a symbolic term) was unleashed and began operating in our nation under the presidency of Barack Obama. During his eight years as president that spirit gained much ground, impacting every level of our society and government, establishing beachheads for the absolute destruction of all semblances of Bible-based morality and Christian influence. It became more and more entrenched with each passing year.

On June 16, 2015, Donald Trump announced his candidacy for president. The media mocked and scorned his announcement as both a joke and some kind of publicity stunt. But as the days, weeks, and months passed, it became clear his campaign was no joke and that he was very serious about becoming president. On November 16, 2016, he was elected president, and on January 20, 2017, he was sworn into office. At that moment, the “spirit of Josiah” (again, a symbolic term) was released in the United States. Warfare erupted in the spirit as “Manasseh” was being driven back. Battle after battle, “Josiah” was taking back ground that had been gained by demonic powers. This is the real reason so much venomous, antagonistic, and malicious hatred was directed toward President Trump, and continues to this day.

To counter the advances Josiah was making, Manasseh redirected its focus to deceiving and blinding the minds of Christians to turn against President Trump. Far too many succumbed to this attack and Joe Biden was elected president. We are now seeing the results: Manasseh has again been released, has initiated a surge in its attacks, and our nation is in its worst condition since the Civil War.

This coming November, the United States will have what is called midterm elections; the time half-way through a president’s four-year term when major elections are held to elect members of the Senate and House of Representatives. This election will set the stage for the 2024 presidential election. What voters do – especially those in the Body of Christ – is immeasurably critical. It is imperative that conservatives be elected. Doing so will establish a type of stalemate between Josiah and Manasseh, with Josiah slightly driving Manasseh back.

Then, in the 2024 elections, if strong conservatives are not elected as president and as a majority in both the Senate and House of Representatives, our nation will suffer in ways never seen as Manasseh unleashes all his fury. Furthermore, Manasseh will elevate the “spirit of Sodom” to a higher place of authority, and unrestrained perversions beyond what we are now seeing will be loosed in our communities (Are you ready for live sex-show theaters? Organizations now exist trying to legalize sex between men and boys, and some groups want to legalize both sex with animals and humans marrying animals.) Just as Nero blamed Christians for Rome’s burning and began a campaign of annihilation against them, Manasseh will influence the government and media to blame Christians more than ever for all the nation’s woes that will come upon it. If we think living as a Christian has been challenging now, it will be worse than we have imagined.

Earlier I mentioned that God shared with me what may happen. This is because it is up to the Body of Christ to assure that Josiah is put in authority. You see, far too many Christians are under the misguided belief that every politician is put in office by God. But that is not true. Our nation has a form of government where the people elect leaders and God honors that system,

respecting our free will of choice just as He did with Adam and Eve. In the Old Testament, God did not make Josiah king over the Jewish people,

But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead. (2 Chronicles 33:25) Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years. (2 Chronicles 34:1)

In the same manner, God will not put conservatives in positions of leadership in our country by violating our will when it comes to the people we vote for. Currently, I am very concerned over what I see happening. President Biden, Vice President Harris and other liberal leaders are taking increasing criticism from both liberal and conservative politicians and media. Repeatedly we are hearing that there will be a huge turnaround during the midterm elections as Republicans are elected to replace Democrats. The danger is that Manasseh is trying to lull Christians into a false sense of security that such a turnaround is a done deal. *Do not step into this trap!* It will not be a done deal unless people actually vote for conservatives and elect them to replace liberals.

I implore you and those in other countries, please continue praying that God will touch the hearts and minds of voters with favor on behalf of those He knows should be elected, and that people will vote accordingly. As long as Josiah is in authority, it will hold back the severity of God’s judgment for all the perversions, abominations, abortions and rejection of His Word in our country. ***When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. (Proverbs 29:2)***

In His Grace,

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