THE RETURN OF JESUS – COUNTDOWN REPORT # 2

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WAKE UP, AMERICA! ... and WORLD!

Generally in writings such as this I focus on scripture and revelation, on Jesus and all he is, on his immediate return. In this issue I focus on that return, but from a very specific look at what is happening in the world. Believers in Jesus everywhere must discern what is happening. They need to see with unveiled eyes.

Back in the days before God called me out to the life I now lead, I worked in and with many nations, including several Middle Eastern countries. There I was especially involved in Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and The Sudan. I worked with the governments and business people, and of course with many Muslims.

I just say all that as background.

What is happening in the Middle East Muslim countries right now is of great importance to the immediate future. The daily television news broadcasts you are receiving would have you believe the entire area is moving to become a democratic mecca. Far from it. No doubt in the demonstrating mobs in Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Bahrain, and elsewhere there are young idealistic people who hope for more freedoms. They also hope for a better economy.

But you must as you consider all this ask what is really taking place. In all these countries, there is no real democratic government. Don't hold your breath waiting to see one, regardless of what it is called.

None of us can see exactly what is happening and where this specifically is going. But we can see the unmistakable involvement of Muslim fundamentalists, regardless of what you call them. I suspect this is all a move for the more conservative Muslim elements to take over the countries, to move to a more unified and, as I have heard, a more pure Islam. And then we will have a more united Middle Eastern Muslim front than ever before, one openly antagonistic to the West. If you think the terrorists had a base before, watch out now.

These are "strong arm" countries. Not a lot of freedom. And many less freedoms for women than you can imagine. And less opportunities.

What do I think is happening? I think this is all arranging the players for the final actions that must take place before and after Jesus returns to call out his followers and the seven-year tribulation begins. We have yet to see the attack on Israel described in Ezekiel 38 and 39, the attack involving several Muslim countries led by a nation to the north (Russia?). We have yet to

see the war that leads to the total destruction of Damascus, described in Psalm 83, Isaiah 17:1, and elsewhere. That may come about in an attack by Israel to deal with the great impending threat to its survival from Iran and to deal with terror groups supported by Iran that inhabit Lebanon and Gaza and are backed by Syria. Whether this happens before or after Jesus comes to call out his Church, his body of true believers, really is not too important. It will happen. And the more the fanatics that define conservative Islam take over countries, the more likely it is about to happen.

The fact that so many American reporters couch all happening in the Middle East in glowing terms of democracy just goes further to point out how far they are from reality. The Bible notes that the devil has blinded the minds of unbelievers, and that is what you see in many in the press and in the entertainment community, as well as in the federal government.

You might remember several decades ago when the shah of Iran was overthrown. He was a "friend of the US," as was President Mubarak in Egypt. He also did not lead a democracy. So all cheered about this overthrow. Look at what happened. The Ayatollah came in, absolute Muslim rule. Iran today has the Muslim regime that threatens the world, funds terrorists, and openly prepares to destroy Israel.

Democracy has had a run in the US and some other nations. The countries in the Middle East, except Israel, have no real concept of that term. They also don't understand tolerance either. It is amazing how so many "blind" Americans in the groups mentioned earlier as well as the population in general talk with such reverence of the Muslims. Do you know you cannot have a Bible in Saudi Arabia? You cannot assemble for Christian worship. You can't tell people about Jesus and evangelize there or in Afghanistan (except in secret and at great personal risk). And so on. Not open at all. Closed. And the changes in Egypt will move that country in that direction.

Up to now there have been a few Christians in Egypt, the Coptic's. You might want to pray for them. In fact, in the past there were a sizable number of Christians in the Middle East, in Lebanon in particular. The number has shrunk greatly.

The Muslim takeover is underway – now of their own region, and steadily in Europe and elsewhere. If you ever take the time to read the fears of French leaders and see the actions they are taking, you will realize what is happening in Europe.

And the clock continues to tick as we move to Jesus' return and the tribulation. So many Americans sadly do not have a clue.

May all God's elect hear his truth and come to accept Jesus as Lord. May all be alert and ready to go.

And in all things always, stay alert and Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!

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JESUS AND HIS SHEEP – THE LIGHT AND OUR VERY REAL HOPE!

With so much negative and frightening news every day, it is good to step back for a moment and think what Jesus said in John chapter 10 and elsewhere. He is the good shepherd. Believers are his sheep. He knows his sheep and believers know his voice. Just as a shepherd of real sheep in the Middle East may call out for his sheep who are intermingled with a large group of sheep, and his particular sheep will separate and follow that shepherd, so Jesus will call out very soon and his believers will separate and join him to be with him and the Father forever. He is **the** way, **the** truth, and **the** light. No one comes to the Father except by him. No other path. He is the door. And he knows his believers.

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A REQUEST TO ALL RECIPIENTS

We need your help in getting the amazing truths of who Jesus is, what he did, and his imminent return out to more and more, so that those God has chosen to be part of his elect indeed can hear the truth, receive Jesus as their Lord, and be saved. It is very expensive to get the word out to large numbers. Please pray and consider what you might do to help.

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May you live in the blessings of God always!

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NOTE: On Friday March 11 Japan experienced a devastating earthquake and tsunami. This message was sent that morning by email to all on our email list. It is reprinted here for those who did not see it. If you would like to receive such timely messages and have not, please give us your email address if you have one.

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WILL AMERICANS WAKE UP NOW?

THE GREAT JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI!

Today the worst earthquake in Japan's history followed by a giant tsunami has hit the country. We still do not know the extent of the devastation and loss of life and likely will not for days. Because this is a technically advanced country, we have television images of the disaster – pictures of the tsunami and of trucks and cars and boats rolling along carried by the tsunami.

Earthquakes are one of the signs of the impending end of this age and the coming return of Jesus, as those who read the Bible and follow our ministry know. We have had an extraordinary number of devastating such events in the last few years.

It should be noted that Japan is overwhelmingly not filled with Christians. There is a very small percentage of believers in Jesus there, although that number has been reported to be on the rise.

I usually do not make this point, but it is time to make it – please notice that the greatest natural disasters in history have occurred in non-Christian nations. So here is my point – I believe the US and Europe too may have been spared such giant disasters in the past by the intercession of the number of true believers in Jesus who have lived in these areas.

But now Europe has a very small percentage of Christians. And the US steadily has been falling away, with much of its formal/organized religion only having a form of godliness but denying its power.

God called me long ago to "tell people who he is and that he is coming soon." Well, I cannot pass by this moment without warning people that HE IS COMING SOON! Time to make sure you really do know him, that you are living in the right relationship with him.

We all should pray for the Japanese people. We also should pray for ourselves and all those we know, that all who do not know Jesus would be drawn by the Father to Jesus.