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**ALERT – READ THIS NOW, RIGHT NOW! --- THIS IS A  
CRITICAL TIME FOR AMERICANS AND THE WORLD!!!**

My purpose in writing this is to warn you, friends and partners. You need to be alert!

Startling events have occurred in recent weeks. Surely you have noticed, although perhaps you may have missed the significance. Certainly the mass media and the secular society did. In just a few weeks we have had earthquakes in regions that don't normally have earthquakes, water spouts appearing and even one coming ashore in a North Carolina beach, deadly fires, a seemingly small hurricane that brought havoc to the East Coast and especially the Northeast – an area seldom hit by hurricanes, and destructive floods.

The earthquake in Virginia damaged the Washington Monument and the National Cathedral in Washington DC and took down a 220 year old oak tree at the Arlington gravesite of President Kennedy. Floods in unlikely places like Vermont demonstrated to people who just were not ready that there is no safe physical place on earth.

Let's get to the point. Major events and dates are coming up right now – in September and early October – that are both spiritually significant and secularly significant. Consider:

**ISRAEL IS VERY IMPORTANT TO GOD.** It is the apple of God's eye. The Bible tells us so (Zechariah 2:8; Deuteronomy 32:10). It also makes the point that those who bless Israel will be blessed, and those who curse Israel will be cursed (Genesis 12:3). In it God declares that the land he gave the Jews beginning with Abraham belongs to Israel forever (Genesis 17:8). The reestablishment of the nation of Israel as a geographic political entity in 1948, after more than 1800 years of not being in existence, fulfilled many prophecies and made the point that we are now living in the days of Jesus' return.

In recent years the United States has taken the unfortunate position of pushing Israel to give up land to the Palestinians. Over and over this has been done. You may not know, but there are people who track moments when the US takes a stand harmful to Israel and the almost immediate horrible events that happen in the United States. Hurricane Katrina was such an event. It followed quickly on the heels of the actual removal of Israeli settlers from the Gaza strip and the Israeli withdrawal from that area, all pushed by the United States.

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** is the date that the United Nations will consider the proposition to have land taken away from Israel and given to the Palestinians to create a real Palestinian country. You need to know that the occupant of the White House has stated in the past that he favors Israel withdrawing to its 1967 borders. In May after he made a speech expressing this point, almost immediately a devastating tornado roared through Joplin, Missouri with catastrophic results.

**SIN IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO GOD.** Sin is a matter God does not take lightly. Even though God clearly loves Israel and has a special relationship with the Jews, he throughout the centuries has held the Israelites accountable for their behavior. He holds all people accountable for their behavior. Yes, he is slow to anger. He is long-suffering. We get that from the Bible too. But he is also truth. He cannot tolerate evil, sin, disobedience, rebellion against him. Were it not for the coming of Jesus to earth and his taking the place on the cross we all deserved for our sinful behavior, we would all be toast.

There has been a steady falling away from God in America for years, even among those in traditional church organizations. Many who attend weekly church services do so out of tradition. They sit for an hour and then go about normal secular life. Many churches themselves skim the surface of God's truths and seldom get into what is really happening in secular society and how a God who abhors sin must react.

The United States has a secular society that is abounding with sinful behavior. Nightly television entertainment programs are full of that. So are the movies. National politicians scarcely acknowledge God or his all powerful position. We are hardly the nation that was founded by believers in God, that had a first president George Washington who took those close to him in government to a chapel after his inauguration to pray for the nation, to dedicate it to God. We hardly have the types of leaders who in the past called for national prayer or fasting when times were tough. And they meant it. Today's leaders focus on appeasing every faction, big and small; they insult the one true God and bring in false prophets and phony religions to podiums and platforms. How do you think God feels about all that?

Recently the United States took formal action as a country to publically recognize the rights of homosexuals in the military. **September 20** is the date when this becomes effective. The government has also announced it will no longer defend the position that marriage is between a man and a woman. Also recently, New York State has begun permitting formal legal marriage between people of the same sex. This has already been permitted in some other places. The Bible is explicit on this in terms of God's opposition, in Lev 18:22 and 20:13, in Romans 1:18-32, and in Genesis 19. There can be no doubt of God's view. (By the way, just as a side note, on the weekend when Hurricane Katrina came to New Orleans, there had also been scheduled for New Orleans a convention of about 100,000 homosexuals. Interesting, is it not?).

Would you please think for a moment that the recent hurricane Irene, the unusual earthquakes, the water spouts, the floods, and the fires might just be warnings to the US? Look at the track of Irene! Yes, God is long suffering – he is patient. But not forever. Eventually, there is judgment.

#### **MORE RECENT AND UPCOMING KEY DATES:**

- **September 11**, the anniversary of the horrible 9/11, has just happened. This was the tenth anniversary! Do you know that at the site of the World Trade Center is a tiny chapel, St Paul's Chapel? That is the chapel to which George Washington after his inauguration went to pray with those closest to him in government, to dedicate the country to God. You might say this was the real spiritual heart of the country at that moment. When the airplanes hit the towers, a beam fell toward the chapel, but it was protected by a sycamore tree. A bronze sculpture of that tree has been made and now stands in the Wall Street area. Take a moment to read Isaiah 9:10. The verse describes exactly what has happened there. It is part of a section expressing God's anger at Israel, at its pride, and culminates with a statement of what God is going to do as punishment (judgment?) on Israel.

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*Keep Your Eyes on Jesus!*

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But it obviously applies to America as well. The verse describes the bricks falling, but the people saying they will rebuild (pride!). And with a hewn stone. That has happened at the World Trade Center site. It describes the sycamore tree and then that tree being replaced. That has happened there also. That verse has been quoted by American politicians who read it proudly, not realizing that the verse is a condemnation of the pride of the people. And now we have had a ceremony for 9/11 that allowed no religious speakers. It was good none of the false religions was allowed to speak, but what about a representative of God? Lost. That's where the leaders are. Lost.

- Soon are coming three key dates from the Bible. The first is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, which occurs **September 28-30**.
- Next comes Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which occurs on **October 7-8**.
- Next is The Feast of Tabernacles, which occurs **October 12-19**.
- In history, major events have happened around key Hebrew festival and ceremony dates. The first, second, and fifth greatest one-day point falls in the stock market in the US happened at these three times in 2008, beginning the economic plunge the country is currently experiencing.

Lastly, just a couple scriptures for your consideration – Amos 3:6 and Nahum 1:3. Be sure to look them up. And to pray for your country. And for yourselves. What might be happening in these next few weeks? I don't specifically know. But I know that God cannot be mocked. America is full of God-mockers.

In our current world deception is rampant and false prophets are everywhere, some very charming in their roles not just as religious leaders but also as government leaders or television hosts. But you who know the Bible and who know Jesus and the Holy Spirit are to discern the truth. This is your time to represent Jesus.

This is quite a different newsletter than the normal one I send out. Consider – In Matthew 24, Luke 21, and Mark 13 Jesus warns believers of many things regarding the times we are living in. More specifically, in Luke 21:36 he warns we should watch and pray always so we might escape all that is coming to pass. Yes, Jesus is coming soon to call out his believers and take them with him (the rapture). But we do not know the specific day, nor do we know just how difficult things will get before that day. We are clearly living in the last of the last days, and much is happening all around us.

Aside from prayer and warning others as you are guided, consider how you might prepare for difficult times. As the Bible says, the rain falls on the just and the unjust alike. You still need to live healthy and vibrant lives until Jesus comes. So think about what preparations you might make.

And be alert! I will pray for you all that you have a heightened gift of discernment.

May you always live in the blessings of God.

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