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## **THE TERRIBLE AND DISGUSTING HURRICANE MATTHEW**

Thank you Lord. Those are the words that come to mind early today as I write. Thank you Lord for sparing the area where we live and for that matter sparing much of the entire East Coast. The terrible storm called Matthew stayed offshore much of its way up the coast of the US until the northern part of South Carolina. There it landed a while and then it continued close to the North Carolina shore. What the storm did not do was make the forecast right angle turn away from the coast and go out to sea. So the people inland in NC all the way to Raleigh were pummeled with water and then serious flooding. Some lost their lives. Nothing like the horror of what happened in Haiti of course, but still lost lives.

So it's thank you Lord for sparing where Cathy and I live and the nearby coastal area. We certainly were spared the brunt of this storm. We and countless others had prayed and in Jesus' name had ordered the storm away from land and to diminish in power, and the brunt of the storm stayed away from where we are based and did diminish in power. But others certainly suffered severely and we should continue to pray for them.

This practice of naming storms is a bit wrong, isn't it? The weather service gives the storm a name and in some way humanizes it. But a hurricane is just a horror, a terrible thing that wreaks havoc. We don't need to humanize these horrors. We should just condemn them, eventually get everyone to order the storm away and to diminish in Jesus' name. It is not a game, these storms, and their aftermath is atrocious.

Thank God for saving and sparing us and our homes and all our partners and friends who live in the coastal areas and elsewhere who were spared.

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## **THE ATROCIOUS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND JESUS' TIMING**

The US is getting ready for a presidential election. Neither candidate is liked much by the majority of the American people. Without getting down into the mud and mire of this campaign, it seems to involve these two candidate types: (1) a financially successful businessman who perhaps does have needed leadership skills but who is crude and boorish and does not know when to talk and when not to talk, and (2) a woman who has many years of experience in and around the federal government but whose life is filled with really bad scandals and who is just not trusted by most. Voting for either is sickening to many. Whether either knows the Lord is not obvious to us, is it?

How did America fall to such a position? Well, have you paid attention to the great moral and ethical fall of the country these past several years? Have you seen the actions of the government that are in direct rebellion against God...and also against the basic requirements of the Constitution? Have you seen the Administration make laws and enter treaties that should have been reviewed and voted on by Congress, yet Congress has just played dead and asleep? Have you seen the Supreme Court just roll over and largely disappear? Have you seen the news media move far afield from objectivity and engage openly in partisan reporting? Have you noticed the immoral public positions of many prominent Americans in many fields?

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A democracy works only to the extent the people are educated and informed about what is going on and take action along that line. They get involved. They seek to elect candidates that fill the roles they desire for their families and country – moral, ethical individuals who have the same basic values they have. In the US those would be Christian values, for this truly was a country established by persons seeking God and led by God for a long time, a nation that sent Christian missionaries to the world, a nation whose steadfast support of Israel was obviously used by God in assuring Israel's survival. In the US those candidates would be people who seek to do their best, to accomplish all they can and that God would have them do. Former president and founding father John Adams once said that a government such as ours only worked for a highly moral people.

All this is not descriptive of our country today. Simple. It just isn't. Certainly not the country of our fathers and mothers, of the founders.

Let me pass on some observations:

- Some have said that perhaps the crude mouthed individual who is running for president may be like Cyrus in the Bible. Cyrus was a nonbeliever whom God obviously used to accomplish his purposes. Well, I just don't know whether this is true or not. I haven't heard God yet say this. Maybe you have.
- The history of the woman running for president is fraught with really atrocious scandals and events - decades of such scandals involving her and her husband.
- Just a few years ago neither of these would have had a chance ever of being elected or even being nominated. But that was then and this is now.
- Regardless of how this election comes out, we are living in the last of the last days and the Lord is coming back very soon at the appointed time to collect his true believers, his CHURCH. The seven year tribulation will then begin, followed by the battle Armageddon, and the establishment of the Lord's rule from Jerusalem. All that is about to happen. Where this atrocious presidential election fits into the scheme is not clear.
- Certainly the trend of government and private behind the scenes power brokers worldwide continues to be to move the nations to that one-world government we know the anti-christ seeks to rule in the tribulation period. These constant efforts to break down borders of the countries, allow open trade everywhere with no consideration of the peoples or the individual economies, tolerate every belief and view as being of equal value...all this is part of the leadership of lost, worldly leaders and the one-world gang.

If the presidential election indeed comes off on November 8, at least please get out there and vote as you are led by God to vote. Ask the Holy Spirit for guidance. Many have said it is voting for the lesser of two evils. Well, when was it ever not really like that, although I admit these are really unattractive candidates?

No matter what happens these next few weeks, keep your eyes focused on the one who counts, Jesus. Stay focused on him. And follow his great warnings about our time today:

- Watch that you are not deceived
- Be always on the watch and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man

I might add to that, don't allow yourself to be drawn into the ever increasing pool of people and society that is in headlong fall away from God.

I would also add that you should seek out true believers in the Lord to associate with, those who are born again, Spirit-filled believers, who operate in the gifts such as discernment, those who know the Bible and the prophecies of the return. If you have just a handful of such to be with or around, you are fortunate indeed in this lost nation and world.

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It is difficult to write such harsh words, but they are true. Don't fall victim to those who say everything is going to be alright. It is, for those who know Jesus, alright in the sense that they are going to be with the Lord and his father forever. Certainly not alright for anyone else, who currently make up the overwhelming majority of people on the earth.

We do expect to see a last days' revival sometime somehow. Doubtless God will do something bold to precipitate that. I do not think such a revival will come about by the old traditional means. Certainly at least in the US that has not seemed to work in recent years.

Stay focused on God and keep going. And keep seeking guidance from the Lord.

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## **MORE EXTRAORDINARY LAST DAYS' HAPPENINGS THAT SURELY PORTEND THE SHORTNESS OF DAYS:**

### **(1) JEWS FROM FRANCE MOVE TO ISRAEL IN RECORD NUMBERS!**

The ingathering of the Jews is one of the events prophesied in several places in the Bible that has happened since 1948 (Amos 9:14-15, Zephaniah 3:20, Ezekiel 37:21- 22, Jeremiah 16:15, and Isaiah 43:5-7). From very few Jews present in 1948 at its rebirth, Israel has grown until now today Israel has almost half the Jews in the world living there! They have come from the East, the North, the South, and yes the West too. But primarily, percentage wise, not from the West.

A recent report from the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews says that last year 7469 Jews from France moved permanently to Israel, up nearly a thousand over 2014 and up nearly 4500 over a decade ago. **This was the largest group of Jews from a single nation immigrating to Israel in 2015 and has been for two years, surpassing the Russians and the Ukrainians.**

That's no surprise. Life in France has certainly taken a turn for the worse recently with the horrible terrorist attacks. And attacks on Jews there have increased greatly. In 2015 there were 808 reported anti-Semitic incidents in France, double the number from two years before. Life for Jews in France has become increasingly uncomfortable. So they are going to Israel, moving there from the West in a continual fulfillment of prophecy.

I expect this trend will continue as Jews leave Western Europe for Israel. There is one remaining large Jewish population area where there has not been significant immigration of Jews to Israel - the United States. When will that change? When life becomes more and more dangerous and unpleasant for Jews here. When will that happen? Probably not very long to wait.

[For your info: According to the Jewish Virtual Library, from the rebirth of Israel as a political entity in 1948 through 2015 a total of 3,181,861 Jews have immigrated to Israel from various countries. The former USSR region far and away is the top provider of these immigrants. By country data is fully known only through 2013. Through that year 1,231,003 had come from the former USSR, 354,852 from the combination of Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria, and 276,586 from Romania. The US ranks sixth on this list with 101,592 even though the US has a huge Jewish population in the millions. The question remains when will the US Jews return home in large numbers.]

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## **(2)STARTLING WORDS FROM ISRAELI LEADERS: CAN YOU IMAGINE AN AMERICAN LEADER EVER SAYING THIS?**

*Israel Today* on September 14 reports a bold statement by the Education Minister of Israel, Naftali Bennett. He this week declared that the Bible and Jewish faith are the most important topics children learn in school! Minister Bennett noted that in his eyes learning about Judaism and excellence in the subject **is more important than mathematics and science.**

**Get this:** He reminded Israelis that their primary mandate was to be a light to the nations.

The article also notes that two weeks ago at the start of school Prime Minister Netanyahu called on young students to study the Bible. He said that this study is "...**the basis for why we are here, why we have returned here, why we stay here.**"

## **(3)THE ARCH TO THE TEMPLE TO BA'AL ERECTED IN NY CITY AFTER ALL!!!!**

Yes. It really happened in September. Imagine what that opens NY City up to. I don't think I have to write more on this despicable subject.

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*To be sure, these are amazing and terribly difficult and distressing times.*

*Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:36 NIV)*

*And keep your eyes on Jesus!*

## **John**

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