



THE COMING STORM

2020 has turned out to be a year of great change, great fear, and great deception for the late great planet earth! It is as though God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, called a planet-wide timeout for a rebellious people to shake and wake us from our sinful stupor and help prepare us for what is coming next: **The Coming Storm.**

God is Sovereign over **all** creation -- which means nothing happens without His approval and consent. In both the Old and New Testaments, God continuously tells us that a time called **“the Day of the Lord”** is coming. **“Blow a trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; Surely it is near.”** Joel 2:1 This is a time at the end of the age when God will judge the wickedness of fallen man, and Jesus Christ will set up His millennial reign in Jerusalem. Throughout the Scriptures, God sends warnings through His prophets of this coming Day as well as warnings of God’s judgments to get man’s attention and lead him to repentance and a time of refreshing. I believe the day of the Lord is coming closer to us! **“But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,”** Acts 3:18-20.

On March 15th, 2020 life changed permanently and drastically in America by a microscopic virus called Covid19. We were told to stay in our homes, shutter our businesses and shutter our churches -- and we the people, panicked and proceeded to empty the grocery stores. America and the world became paralyzed by fear -- satan’s favorite tool! And it seems now that a lot of this may have been orchestrated by the shadow governments of the world and the WHO! And we the sheeple gave away our constitutional rights without so much as a protest. Today in our news headlines unemployment in America is at 14.7% with over 20 million unemployed! **This is the highest since the Great Depression of 1930s and just one month earlier we had the least unemployment on record! We have been played and duped by workers of iniquity.** Who are the workers of iniquity? They are those of the spirit of antichrist which is alive and well throughout the world influencing government, secular society and even the church. Scripture defines the spirit of antichrist. **“By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.”** 1 John 4:2-3.

Know that the world and America will never be the same and will not recover to what we were *before* Covid19; and the workers of iniquity know this and rejoice in this so that the one world government spoken by the prophets in the Bible can be put in place soon. Unfortunately, some businesses will stay shuttered and never open again. People are going to be out of work as they were in the 1930s. The difference between today and the 1930s is that the people of the 1930s were **not spoiled and pampered** as we are now in America. The people of the 1930s knew how to survive without a lot of **“THINGS”!** Three quarters of today’s world live in abject poverty and would love to be one of America’s poor who have great healthcare, food stamps, and welfare -- and because of this many continue to cross our borders illegally every day to obtain it. We, the **“spoiled ones”**, are now upset when there is no chicken or meat on the shelves at our local grocery stores -- and this lack has been the norm in many countries around the world long before Covid19! We love in America to complain about much and not do too much about it. Just give us our smart phones, internet, games, movies, and entertainment and we are good to go. Take this away and we are in disaster mode, something the people of the 1930s would openly laugh at.

This spoiled behavior is evident even within American Churches. Know that the workers of iniquity want to also keep the churches shuttered and they have seen how easy it was to shut them down! We do not go to church in America if it rains or snows; yet in China and other places of great persecution, they walk many miles in the rain and snow to be in church with God’s people. Over 300,000 Christians are martyred worldwide every year, while we sit safe and sound in our warm homes. **BUT** know this: **The Storm is Coming.** It is on our horizon and coming to America. The Scriptures clearly say this. Great persecution is on the horizon and most of the American Church is ill prepared and not even aware of its imminent coming. This persecution will separate the sheep from the goats and the wheat from the tares! **“The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away”** Matt 13:20-21 (also Mark 4:18-19). Only the truly regenerated born-from-above believer will withstand the coming storm’s onslaught. I recommend reading Fox’s Book of the Martyrs to see how real believers have endured for 2000 years the onslaught of the workers of iniquity. Those who are looking for the best life now will fall away. The name-and-claim-it will abandon the faith. God is going to sift the churches like wheat!

So Church -- God has been trying to get our attention now for some time. My biggest fear is that we will not repent and we will not seek revival and mercy from God and that we again will lose the opportunity to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, turn from our wicked ways and lose the blessing of God’s healing the church and our land. He is calling us and leading us to a deeper life of holiness, prayer and hatred of sin if we will only listen to Him.

Know that **The Storm Is Coming** and we will see great persecution in our lifetime, and we may even face death and imprisonment for our faith! But Church, **KNOW THE WORD OF GOD!** **“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)**

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, **“FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”** But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:35-39)

