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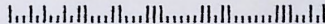
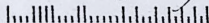
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During morning prayer time here at home on the 30th of June, 1998, Julie received the following Word from the Lord through the spiritual gifts of tongues and interpretation of tongues (I Cor 12:10).

"For there is no turning back now. For the judgment is determined, and the Word has gone forth, and I will not recall it", saith the Lord. "My judgment is determined upon this land, and the cries and tears of My Own people will not prevent it.

"The flood is loosed, and it cannot be called back.

"I have sent against this nation a demonic force, a force that cannot be resisted, and their power cannot be stayed. They will execute judgment according to My Word, for you have wanted them, and you shall surely have them.

"As for My people, they are to find their refuge in Me. Those who refuse will be swept away with the flood of the ungodly. All schemes, all plans, all secret thoughts are to be revealed as nothing in the fierce day of My wrath, which shall burn like an oven and consume all the naysayers.

"Never more will there be peace in this land. Never more will there be safety and prosperity in this land. Once My judgments begin, they will continue till I am done. For I am the One Who executes judgment, and I am the One Who executes wrath.

"Because you have turned from Me and have become joined to your idols, you may have them. Turn to them and not to Me in your calamity.

"My wrath is going to shake even the boldest sinner. Even the most brazen will see My hand in their judgments. They will understand more than some of My Own people. And some of them will turn to Me with crying and with supplications, and I will hear them and I will heal them. For this is the purpose of My judgments: To call sinners back unto Me, to call My Own people back unto Me.

"The time of shaking is just beginning. It's going to shake things that you didn't think could be shaken. The faith that is going to come through the fiery trial is the faith that is firmly founded on Me only, for there is none other refuge and no other place of safety except in Me", saith the Lord.

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On the afternoon of July 27, 1998, we had just completed our after-lunch Bible study, and prepared to close with prayer. It was 1:15 PM, and as we began, we could not continue, for into our midst came a strong sense of foreboding, even fear, as if something dreadful was about to happen. This occurred in three distinct and separate waves, growing in intensity, receding, then returning. It was most unsettling, and we could find no peace, no rest. Our children (ages 12 to almost 6) were also very aware of this sensation, describing it as "restlessness" and other terms. They were also aware of the growing and receding characteristics. Though we knew it wasn't the devil, we were quite disturbed by this, for it spoke of impending doom. We began to pray in the Spirit, crying out to God for answers. We know the Holy Spirit is the "Revealer of secrets" spoken of in Daniel 2:47, and we knew we would hear from Him. As we prayed, Julie became aware that she was getting a Word from the Lord, so she departed to the bedroom, while the children and I continued to pray. After several minutes, Julie emerged with what follows, and as she read it to us, she wept. Perhaps you will, as well.

"Terror, terror, terror. Terror is determined upon this land. I am getting ready to affright this land, and yet for all that they will not hear Me. I am sending terror on every soul that will not hear Me. My grace and My mercy have been extended to all for so many years, and so many have refused. So now My terror will strike their souls, and they shall see My mighty works, and My mighty judgments. Yea, they shall see them and shall weep and shall howl for the terrors that are coming on America. My quiver is full of terrors. I have not yet begun to show them what they will see in the days to come. Terror is determined upon this land, and My judgments will be poured out in fury and in fire.

"Only those in Me will be found safe and still standing when the fury passes over them. Only My faithful ones will stand and survive and have a song in the night. Only the ones who put their trust in Me will see the scourge pass by and yet be standing when it is gone.

"Terror after terror after terror after terror. No end, no hope, no peace for the ones who have rejected My offers of mercy. The worst is yet to be; the end of My judgments are more terrible than you can imagine.

"For an end is determined, and the end is destruction. There is no hope for the ones who rebel. There is no peace for the ones who resist.

"The only hope is in submission to My Word, and peace through the Cross, and walking in purity. There is no other way to escape the judgments I am sending on this land.

"My hand is lifted up in judgment this day, and I will work until I have accomplished a full end. I will recompense the iniquity of the evil ones on their own heads. Woe to America, for I have let her go----to judgment. I have turned her over to her enemies, and they shall work My will. I

have determined destruction to America, and I will bring it from a far country. Nevermore will there be peace on this land. You have destroyed your own peace, and I will give you what you have wanted.

"Woe to the country that has tried to rid itself of Me. Woe, woe, woe. No help is to be found for America's wound, for I have wounded her; and she shall surely fall among the wounded, and be among the slain.

"Let My Word go forth, as it has gone forth this day. My decree is forever settled, and My Word is determined. I will not change My mind. I will not change My Word. Terror is coming. Be prepared, be watchful; keep your lamps trimmed and burning bright. Keep your eyes open and your ears tuned. Be prepared to move at My Word. Listen for My Spirit, and be ready at a moment's time to move when He says, 'Move'.

"Watch and pray. The storm is coming. It's about to break. But be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world. And I go with you and bring you through the storm that I'm bringing on America."

This Word from the Lord came through the spiritual gifts of the Word of wisdom with tongues and interpretation of tongues (I Cor 12:8,10). The Holy Spirit released us shortly after 2:30 PM, we having been in prayer and His Presence for about an hour and a quarter. It is obvious to us that the Lord "gave us a taste", so to speak, of the feelings of anxiety and fear that many will experience on a continuing basis not too many days hence. Though it was but a very small taste, it was surely enough to cause us to realize we wanted no more! Praise God for His abundant mercy and grace that is yet available through that wonderful Cross!

Significantly, our Bible study passage the same night, as we continued in the sequence long since established, was from Matthew 14:22-33. This was no accident, but a further confirmation of His Word.

WELL, MR MAILER — ARE YOU READY FOR THE WRATH OF GOD? THOSE WHO HAVE REFUSED TO FEAR GOD ARE GOING TO BE STRUCK WITH STARK TERROR — THE VERY BIRTH PAINS OF THE 7-YEAR PERIOD OF THE TRIBULATION ARE ALREADY IN THE FIRST STAGES.

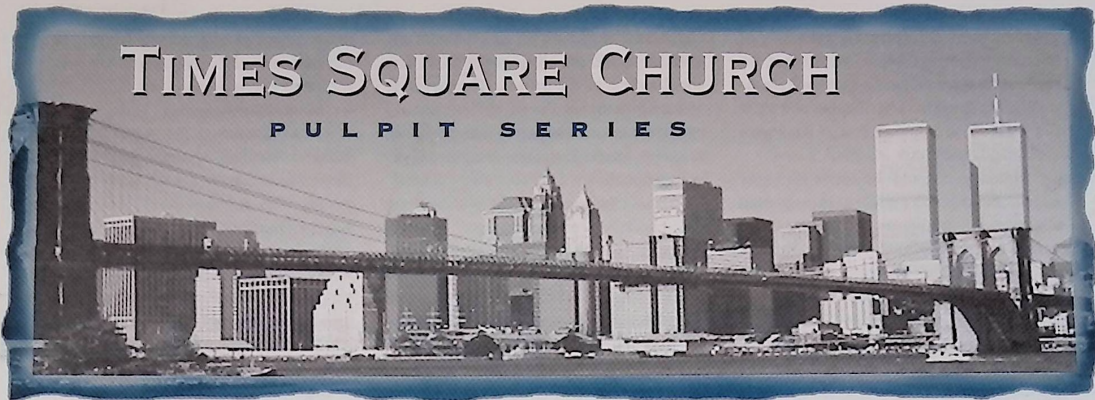
BE ASSURED, MR MAILER — THIS IS NO MYTH, NO FAIRY TALE, GOD IS GOING TO DESTROY THIS NATION FOR ITS WICKEDNESS, AND YOU WITH IT UNLESS YOU HUMBLE YOURSELF AND REPENT.

IF YOU DON'T, AFTER THE MISERY AND HELL TO COME, YOU WILL STAND BEFORE THAT RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, JESUS CHRIST, TO HEAR HIM PASS SENTENCE ON YOU. THE DEATH WITHOUT PAROLE SENTENCE IS THE ETERNAL LAKE OF FIRE.

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BY DAVID WILKERSON

America's Golden Calf Is Coming Down!

For some time I have prophesied that America is about to be stricken with an economic holocaust. Now, lately, I've become convinced that one of two scenarios could take place:

1. There could be a sudden "warning blowout" — perhaps a 1,000- or more point drop in the stock market. After a brief period of alarm, the market may rebound. When it does, investors will convince themselves it has made a correction. And once again the general outlook will be, "The sky's the limit!"

Tragically, this attitude will lead to a kind of euphoria never before seen in America. There could be wild economic speculating — and it could shoot the market into the stratosphere.

2. On the other hand, the stock market or bond markets may dive overnight with no rebound at all. If so, we would see a daily retreat among investors — because everyone will recognize America has been hit with a full-blown market crash. At that point, total panic will set in. And we'll know our nation has entered a period of divine judgment — because we'll take a precipitous, sudden slide into chaos.

What is the reason for this judgment? It will come as God's wrath upon a nation that has shed rivers of innocent blood! In the Old Testament, the prophets warned the

nation of Judah that judgment would come because of just such blood-shedding.

"Surely at the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; and also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon" (2 Kings 24:3-4).

Manasseh's blood-shedding was only a tiny rivulet compared to the ocean of blood shed by abortionists in America. Add to that the blood of thousands of innocent people killed by drunk drivers, gunfire, murder. Then add the blood of children killed by other children — innocent lives cut down by those who have no sense of right or wrong.

The Bible makes it clear: God will not pardon the shedding of innocent blood. He will send judgment!

The Lord Is Shaking the World All Around Us!

Right now, a divine shaking is taking place around the globe:

- Indonesia's economy has crumbled. When that nation's leader, Suharto, resigned under pressure, the rupiah collapsed, sending the 13,700-island empire into a

depression. In just six months, Indonesia went from unprecedented prosperity to utter ruin and chaos.

- South Korea is slipping even deeper into a depression. And Japan is sinking further into its deep financial hole. At last count, eight of that nation's highest-ranking financial leaders had committed suicide. And now a shaking has begun in Thailand.

- Russia is about to default on its international loans. Multitudes of workers haven't been paid in months. And now, as the depression spreads, a revolution is brewing.

- Argentina, Brazil and Mexico all are in deep financial trouble. Mexico is experiencing a severe drought, which has contributed to that nation's raging forest fires. The clouds of smoke have covered the skies of Texas and other western states.

Please hear me — this is not all just doomsday talk from a disconsolate preacher. These are facts. You can read about them in any newspaper from the past several months. God is shaking the world all around us — and soon he's going to shake America worse than he's shaken these nations. Why? We have shed more innocent blood!

I've brought up this scenario before, but it bears repeating here: One day soon, when the crash strikes suddenly and fear spreads across the nation, the President will stand silently in the Oval Office, staring out the window. He'll be panic-stricken — at a complete loss for words — because of the economic upheaval.

Finally, he'll turn to his gathering of advisers — the leaders of our nation, including the chairman of the Federal Reserve — and he'll ask: "What happened? How did it all come crashing down? And what can we do now?"

His questions will be met with stony silence. No one will be able to explain what caused the panic. Instead, everyone will wonder aloud, "The indicators were all positive. Inflation was under control. The economy was on track. It just doesn't make sense."

Beloved, America is facing God's judgment — and we will never be the same! In the days to come, literally hundreds of thousands of Americans will lose their homes. Why? They've leveraged them with equity loans, so they could play the stock market and try to strike it rich!

Right now, 43 million Americans are deeply invested in the market, with \$1½ to 2 trillion committed by individual investors. Thousands of these investors have actually quit their jobs so they can stay at home and play the market on their computers.

I tell you, the stock market has become America's golden calf! People see it as a financial savior, and they worship it daily — trusting in it, depending on it, giving it all their energy and attention. But it's going to fall suddenly — and none of the small, individual investors will be spared. They'll suffer the most, losing their homes, their cars — everything!

In the wake of the crash, we're going to see a wave of "assisted suicides." The masses who were driven by money and success won't be able to endure the failure and poverty they face. Many will opt for suicide — including corporate leaders.

Yet the coming judgment won't mean the end of American society. It will, however, mean a severe humbling of our nation, through a long, terrifying period of chaotic conditions — including rioting, looting and burning in our major cities.

I must ask you: Are you prepared for what is coming? If not, are you acting now to get ready? When I speak of being ready, where do your thoughts take you? Do you think immediately of investments, bank accounts, survival plans, safety for your family?

In the past months, our ministry's offices have been inundated with newsletters and prophetic warnings suggesting how

Christians can prepare for dark times. However, most of these messages concern personal safety and survival. They advise, "Stockpile dried foods, long-burning candles, kerosene lanterns, warm clothes, blankets, medical supplies, a battery-powered radio..."

I don't have a problem with anyone who chooses to do these things. After all, scripture tells us the prudent person prepares for a time of crisis. I think of the patriarch Joseph, who wisely spent seven years preparing for a prophesied famine.

But there is a problem underlying such approaches to the coming chaos. Indeed, if there is one thing God despises, it is when his children face the future with fear. It angers him to see believers panicking, stockpiling, hoarding, hiding — in fear and distrust of our heavenly father's care.

Of course, God often hides his people in times of chaos. Jesus himself warned the citizens of Jerusalem to flee when they saw the Chaldeans approaching. And God has been faithful to hide persecuted Christians throughout history. In this century, he hid many Jews during Hitler's awful purges, often using Christians to do so. *The Hiding Place* is a wonderful, modern-day story of God's keeping power in this regard.

Yet I believe it is much more important today for American Christians to focus on spiritual preparation — or, spiritual "hiding" — before the coming storm hits. Let me tell you why.

The Coming Chaos Is Going To Open to the Church Ministry Opportunities Beyond Any We've Ever Seen!

If you've studied the history of revivals in America, you may know about the "laymen's revival" of the 1850s. It began in a church in downtown New York City. A lay Christian started a noon prayer meeting at the church, and right away the sanctuary was filled. Moreover, the meetings were marked by fervent praying and weeping.

Why did these meetings draw great crowds in such a short time? It was because most of those in attendance were the suddenly unemployed — panic-stricken workers and businessmen who'd lost their jobs overnight because of a stock-market crash. At that time, there was no societal safety net in place — no Social Security, no un-

employment checks, no insurance. These out-of-work men were afraid — so they turned to prayer.

Most churches in New York City at the time had abandoned any prayer meetings. But soon they had to open their doors again, due to the many requests from troubled people who had no one to turn to. Likewise, in the chaotic days ahead, multitudes of Americans will be driven to prayer out of sheer desperation. Here at Times Square Church, we're preparing to hold prayer meetings every day of the week.

I believe that when the coming storm hits with full fury, and the nation is reeling with panic and fear, people will flee all false gospels and feel-good churches. Christians will forget about gospel entertainment and Christian TV, and they'll start demanding hard truth. They'll flock to hear godly pastors, demanding the true word of God. Their cry will be, "Who will preach to us a prophetic, life-changing word?"

I've been asked many times, "Do you believe we'll see a great revival in these last days — especially during the hard times you say are coming?"

Yes, you can be sure a great revival is coming. But it won't be what we think of as revival today. No one will be laughing or making animal noises in that fierce day of reckoning. No, the only kind of revival that will meet the needs of this society — shaken to its core with fear and terror — will be a revival of Holy Ghost-sent truth!

God's Answer to Every Apostasy, Crisis, Turmoil and Chaotic Time Is Always This: A Fresh Revelation of the Risen Christ!

When the Holy Ghost moves in, what will be the manifestations of his work? Jesus identified the ministry of the Holy Spirit as follows:

"The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). "When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth..." (16:13).

Jesus says the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of truth — and he bears witness only to truth. He won't bear witness to any erroneous gospel or fleshly manifestation. He

is wedded to the cross — to the gospel of grace that teaches us to forsake iniquity. And he will bear witness to the truth that emanates from Christ's work on the cross.

Sadly, many charismatic Christians today talk much about being Spirit-filled — but they are totally bankrupt of truth. They're not intimate with Christ — and so they don't know how to draw on his strength in truth. They don't tremble at the truth of his word. They don't know how to walk in his resurrection power or live wholly dependent on him. Instead, they twist, manipulate and misinterpret his word to accommodate their flesh.

Jesus said we are not to tremble in fear at the awful things coming upon our nation. But we are to tremble in holy reverence for God's word: "...to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word" (Isaiah 66:2).

Samson Represents Ministries And Ministers Who Revel in The Holy Spirit's Power — But Who Lightly Esteem the Spirit of Truth!

Samson was a man wholly unprepared for the crisis his generation suffered. He misused his gifts and squandered the power the Holy Spirit gave him. And I believe his failure and fall are a lesson meant especially for the church in these last days.

When Samson was born, Israel was poverty-stricken, in bondage and deep affliction, because "the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord..." (Judges 3:7). But God raised up Samson to be a deliverer in this time of ruin and despair. Scripture tells us, "The Spirit of the Lord began to move him..." (13:25) at a young age. The Hebrew word for "move" here means "a regular stirring." In other words, God's Spirit stirred Samson continually.

Indeed, Samson was called from birth to be a Nazarite. The word "Nazarite" means "to separate, consecrate, abstain." In short, Samson was appointed to lead a holy, separated life — never cutting his hair, never drinking wine or any intoxicating beverage, never going near a dead body, even if it was that of a close relative. He was being set apart for use by the Holy Spirit, and therefore he was to be a totally consecrated vessel.

We know the Holy Spirit moved on

Samson long before he began his ministry to Israel. Yet how did the Spirit manifest himself in Samson? Peter tells us, "...holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). Whatever physical manifestations occurred in the Old Testament, they were always accompanied by God's Spirit speaking in and through people.

As the Holy Ghost moved on Samson, the Spirit surely confirmed to him the word he was taught in childhood. And the Spirit's stirrings constantly reminded Samson that the secret to his power lay in his total dependency on the Lord. Only through the Holy Ghost would he be able to remain separated and to keep his eyes on his calling.

The fact is, God would never send out a man to do a needed work of power without first teaching him the manner in which the Spirit would work upon him. So Samson knew full well he had to stay under the covering of the Spirit of truth — remaining consecrated and abstaining from wickedness — in order to minister the Spirit's power.

Yet we know from Samson's life he had a driving lust — an overwhelming passion for "strange" women. He first had a relationship with a forbidden Canaanite, then with a harlot in Gaza and finally with the prostitute Delilah. Simply put, Samson had a terrible sexual addiction.

Of course, the Holy Ghost was fully aware of Samson's propensity to lust. And as the Spirit stirred Samson, he would have made known to him the truth Paul would express in the New Testament: "...if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Romans 8:13). God's Spirit always speaks to people troubled by sin, urging them, "Trust in me! I'll show you the way to overcoming victory."

Samson had access to all the power of the Holy Spirit to lead a holy life. But he ignored the Spirit's voice. And he made this his first mission: "Samson...saw a woman in Timnath...and told his father and his mother...get her for me..." (Judges 14:1-2).

Samson Dared to Use the Power of the Holy Ghost Without Submission to the Spirit of Truth — and the Result Was Mere Theatrics!

Like Satan, Samson "...abode not in the truth..." (John 8:44). And anyone who dares to use the Holy Ghost's power apart from his truth will end up performing only theatrics.

When Samson visited the harlot in Gaza, the Gazites fenced him in and waited to capture him. Then something supernatural happened: "Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron" (Judges 16:3).

What a feat of strength! Samson's act was without doubt a demonstration of supernatural power. Yet, in truth, it amounted to nothing more than theatrics. It was played out before a sleeping city of unconcerned heathen — with no victory won, no bondages broken, no deliverance wrought. As I read the passage, I wonder, "What was that all about? What was the purpose?"

Likewise today, many so-called revivals are played out before a world that remains untouched and unaffected by such demonstrations. You see, whenever the Spirit of truth does not receive preeminence, all displays of supernatural power — signs, wonders, manifestations — end up being empty theatrics.

You may ask, "But, Brother Dave — don't you believe in manifestations by the Spirit?" I surely do. But if any manifestation is not founded on the Spirit of truth, its power is to no avail. Only the truth sets souls free!

Think of how little Samson accomplished in his ministry by all his demonstrations of power to no real purpose: He killed a lion with his bare hands. He trapped 300 foxes and tied their tails together. He burned down some fields and fruit trees. Yet no one was delivered by any of these acts.

The tragic fact of Samson's life is clear: He totally failed in his mission. After twenty years of his ministry, Israel was in as great a bondage as when Samson started.

Saul is another example of this. He was "slain by the Spirit," lay prostrate before God and prophesied. But in the end, it was all theatrics. Why? Saul had no change of heart. All those manifestations were wasted, because Saul wouldn't subject himself to the Spirit of truth. To use Paul's phrase, Saul

was "destitute of the truth" (1 Timothy 6:5).

Beloved, the power of the Holy Ghost rests in God's word — indeed, in his cross: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Many pastors and evangelists today have no interest in seeking the Spirit of truth. They think they can call on the Holy Ghost at any time to come down and sweep away all the powers of hell. But these people won't be prepared for the dark times that are coming!

The only manifestations we'll see when the storm hits will be men and women falling to their knees in awe and fear of God's word. They'll be slain by the piercing, convicting, soul-cleansing preaching that comes from the Spirit of truth!

God Knows What Is Coming — And He Knows the Exact Hour When America's Chastening Will Begin!

The Lord already knows how people will react to the coming storm. They'll be panic-stricken and full of fear. After all, Jesus warned that a time would come that's so frightening, people's hearts would fail due to the fear and stress.

Yet even in exercising his judgment, God always extends his tender mercy. He works far ahead of time, making plans for his people and stirring his true shepherds. Indeed, today — while most of America focuses on its prosperity — God is waking a holy remnant in the church. These saints

are on their faces, seeking him with all their strength and crying out for a true word from the Spirit of truth. And I believe the Spirit is revealing Christ to them with a glory beyond that of any past generation!

In recent months, our ministry has received hundreds of letters from pastors and believers who are repulsed by most of what they see in the church: hype, foolishness, entertainment, shallow preaching. They're crying out, "Enough! We're tired of seeing our pastors go to conventions and return only to introduce some new gimmick. We're sick of seeing the flesh accommodated. We're hungry for truth! We want to hear preaching that convicts us and challenges us to holiness and prayer."

Believer, you can rest assured — in the coming days of calamity, the true revival won't come through showboating, big-time preachers or TV evangelists. It won't come through prosperity teachings or other doctrines of false security. No — God's revival will come through a hidden company of pastors and lay people who have been in the school of Christ, learning his ways and trusting in him. These will lead a revival of truth!

I believe we're already seeing signs of the Spirit's work as he breaks up the fallow ground in America in preparation for this revival. The Op Ed page of the *New York Times*, May 24, 1998, featured an article titled "Coming — the Most Religious Century." The article reported the following:

- Norman Mailer, the renowned pagan and liberal writer, has declared, "Religion, to me, is now the last frontier."
- Vaclav Havel, the famous Czech

writer and leader, calls America "the most atheistic society in the history of the world." Yet both he and Mailer agree that our nation is on the brink of the most religious period in its history.

Most amazing of all, Mailer and Havel are predicting a return not just to any religion, but specifically to Judaism and Christianity. They predict even scientists will yearn for faith.

Of course, they're right — the age of reason and science has failed to satisfy humanity's need for peace. Socialism has failed...communism has failed...politics has failed...the new age has failed. And now even the most successful people in our society are crying out, "There has to be more to life than this!"

Yet not everyone is going to want truth. Many will turn to unbridled lust. Indeed, our society could see Sodom replayed a hundred times over. But as our nation poises on the brink of chaos, many Americans will begin to seek truth, answers, life.

As for me, I want to face the coming times as "...a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). I believe that's the way we're to prepare for the days ahead — by girding our loins with truth (see Ephesians 6:14).

I urge you: Ask the Lord to prepare you — his way — for the day America's golden calf comes down. Seek his Spirit of truth in your secret closet. Learn to recognize his voice above all the worldly clamor going on in his church. Then you'll truly be prepared to face the coming storm!

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Some people do not believe there is a literal hell. I do. I believe it, first, because the Bible emphatically teaches that there is; and second, because of a tremendous, miraculous experience which God brought to my heart, and which I cannot deny.

As I lay prostrate on my back for over three hours, the Lord gave me a vision. It shook and stirred me to see some of the glories of Heaven; and then He allowed me to see some of the horrors and awfulness of Hell.

I did not die—I want that clearly understood. I simply fell into a trance, as did the apostle Peter (Acts 10:10). I am not a person given to dreams and visions, but that day God portrayed the awful reality of hell before my mind in such a way that I never can forget it.

I saw pictured before me the soul of an unsaved man going into eternity at the same time of his physical death. That soul left its mortal tabernacle, the earthly body, and moved out of the sick room, and into space. It began to descend. Down, down, down it went into the lower regions, and everything grew dark. Soon it was so black that one could not see an inch away from his eyes, though he had the keenest eyesight. But, still, the motion or sensation of descending continued, and after awhile there began to appear, faintly at first, weird, fantastic lights and shadows. It was like a flickering firelight, which gradually grew brighter and brighter.

The atmosphere, which had been warm, suddenly became stifling hot and almost unbearable, and the descent ceased for a little time. From the lower regions there ascended a weird-looking creature that had been sent evidently to guide that lost soul on the remainder of the journey to the lower kingdom. Together the lost soul and the strange creature continued the descent; and at a short distance I was permitted, in vision, to descend and watch again.

Far below us, by this time, things began to take on definite shape. There appeared, far below, a great glowing orb. That was the source of the flickering firelight I had seen. It became larger and larger, as we came nearer, until ultimately it was so huge, a person couldn't begin to see around it. All one could see was a small portion lying within his vision. I want to say this: That huge orb was covered with flames of literal fire—no. I think I would be more accurate if I said liquid fire, for that is as it appeared. Tongues of liquid fire covered every portion of that orb, and licked to the tongue of flame at its top. Finally the descent ceased, as we came right up against this great orb, or close to it. There was evidence of a fierce struggle, for a moment or two, between that lost soul and the weird conductor that had come for him. Then, suddenly, with a wild shriek, that soul was plummeted head-long into the wall of flame. Then everything was silent, except for the licking of the flames of fire.

Suddenly a weird sensation passed over me. A messenger sent from the Lord stood by my side and said, "Be not afraid. I have been sent of the Lord to sustain and strengthen you." Then the weird, strange sensation passed through my very being, and suddenly I felt myself plummeted headlong through that fire. It did not burn or hurt. In an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, I found myself in another realm. It was like being in another world. And in that world I heard the shrieks and groans of souls by the countless thousands. I heard ironical, sarcastic laughter. I heard weeping and wailing; I heard cries and curses. Instinctively, before my heavenly conductor told me, I knew I was in the regions of the lost, the place that we speak of as hell. Let me pause long enough to say this: I believe in literal hell fire, because the Bible says it is literal; and also because I've seen it. I know that it exists. Not only will the souls of lost men and women be tormented eternally by literal fire, but they will also be tormented by the sins and vices that caused them to be lost. For I discovered, as my guide conductor led me through the various caverns and corridors, that hell was divided into sections.

Over yonder I saw the greatest gambling games that could ever be imagined. I shuddered. There were devices of gambling which I am sure have never been perpetrated on the face of the earth. There were great piles of gold and silver and precious gems; and these lost souls were

gambling with them. They gambled furiously. Every time they touched the devices, and the money, it burned, and they drew back; and yet some irresistible force drove them to gamble again. They loathed it, they hated it, they wanted to get away from it, but they couldn't. They were held to the spot as by some magnetic force.

Not long ago, when we were traveling to Boise, Idaho, I had a strange experience. We read signs along the highway advertising a certain gambling place in Reno, Nevada. We stopped in Reno for just a few moments, and I said, "I want to go in that gambling place and see just what goes on." It was evening time. We stepped inside and walked through some of the corridors. Hundreds of people were engaged in gambling of every form. Suddenly my blood chilled. I turned to my wife and said, "Oh, please, let's get out of here. I've seen this place before, and I don't want to stay around it." We went outdoors, and it was so good to get a breath of fresh air again. I had seen something just like that, only worse, in the realms of the lost!

In another section of hell I saw an eternal dancing party going on. As I came close, and looked into the faces of those lost souls, my heart pitied them with a great pity; for they were so utterly, abjectly weary and tired. They pleaded and said, "Oh, can't we stop for just a moment?" But there was no stopping. The eternal dance went on and on, just like some great churning caldron. I never spend much time preaching against worldly amusements; for I believe that, when people really get saved, the Lord will take the desire for such things out of their hearts. But I'm going to pause long enough to say this: The modern dance hall is one of the devil's biggest trap doors leading directly into hell.

In another place an eternal drinking party was going on. I have witnessed some scenes of drunken debauchery in this life that have been hideous, but nothing to compare to the wild, drunken orgies that go on eternally in hell. They can't stop it. That thing, that took them to hell, torments them continually throughout all eternity.

In another place in hell, I saw the most rank, rawest form of fear that ever existed. We have never seen anything like it on the face of the earth. Every time there was a cry, a shriek, a groan, or any other sound, anytime the cracking of the flames of hell could be heard, these poor, abjectly fearful people darted back into the shadows, trembling, horrified. And I saw more people in

that classification than in all the other classifications combined! These, the messenger, who was with me, said were the millions of people who were too fearful to publicly and openly confess Jesus Christ. Their fears had taken them to hell: fear of their families, fear of their parents, fear of wife or husband, fear of friends or business colleagues, fear of this or that kind. There they were lost, filled with an abject fear that tantalized them, as the flames of hell burned endlessly on.

Last of all, you may be shocked when I tell you that I also witnessed a form of religion in hell. The music that went with it was enough to make a man tear his hair. You talk about a minor music, but you never heard anything like this. It was the worst kind of funeral dirge that grinds into the bones, even into the marrow of the bones. Religion! No worship of God, but a form of religion. And, as I looked at these multitudes, I was told by my messenger that these were the ones who once had a form of religion but who denied the power of the gospel.

Friend, only the blood of Jesus, applied by faith to the heart, can save a man or woman from being eternally lost. People in hell were screaming for release everywhere, but there was no help: for they had ignored the blood which alone has power to save. None escaped! That wall of fire that covered the great sphere seemed to be an eternal barrier through which a lost soul could never pass, once it had penetrated the flames at the time of physical death.

Oh, I wish I had the power to make hell as real to you, my friends, as God made it to me. I would give anything if I could help you to realize how awful it is. It is ten thousand times more horrible than I can describe. Are you saved and on your way to Heaven? Or, are you bound for Hell?

If you have not accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, please do it now. Tomorrow may be too late. God is calling you. He has said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man," but He is striving with you now. I beg you, from the depths of my heart, turn to the Lord while you have the desire and opportunity: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." I have seen hell. I don't want you to see it.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. "Repent ye and believe the gospel."

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Friend:

The contents of this mailing are probably going to be met with apathy, unbelief, scorn, or one or more of any number of attitudes, depending on what you believe about God. Please do not dismiss this as some form of religious fanaticism or political harangue; it's neither.

What you have now has been sent to every state governor, the President, Vice President, various government persons, denominational heads, media sources, and other places. It's been sent to you in this capacity; this is why the rather ambiguous intro, for which I apologize, as this must be expedited efficiently, and there's no time for niceties.

Here is an excerpt from a letter received the 7th of this month from a brother jailed in Tennessee for things done before he got saved. We had sent him a copy of the Word from the Lord received here July 27th (your copy is enclosed), and after his Christian greeting, his reply was this:

"Brother I was overwhelmed with your letter. It lines up with a vision I had from God on July 17, 1998. I was sleeping, and God woke me up and showed me how He was going to destroy the United States.

"He said that Iran was going to drop a nuclear (sic) bomb on (the) eastern United States and it destroyed seven states on impact, then the gas from the bomb slowly destroyed the rest of the United States, and God had me to go to my church and call all of the people together, and to go out house-to-house to tell them that the end of the United States was at hand, to repent or perish.

"Brother your letter has got me bothered about this, I know it wasn't the devil's voice, because I know his voice, and I don't listen to it.

"I have shared this vision with some other people but you had no idea about it.

"Brother Gordy I am scared about this, I know now that it was real, the question now is, When is it going to happen?"

It should be obvious that Randall Abbott is not an educated, polished, sophisticated, dignified product of a prestigious theological seminary. No fancy titles precede his name, no fancy letters follow after. Had he been alive at the time of Christ's birth, he would have been out with the shepherds in the hills near Bethlehem, and heard from God then.

One of America's most notorious wolves, one of the all-time great false prophets (in my opinion), told our President on his second inauguration day: "You will be the repairer of the breach..." (Isaiah 58:12), and

many other vain words of flattery. It is not to be. Some years back, God told us Bill Clinton was to be His Instrument of Judgment. He also said Clinton was a "lightning rod" for His judgment. The Lord has warned him time and again of the coming destruction--and why it was coming; he has ignored all warnings, has in fact multiplied his wickedness and bloodshed, and so the entire nation will bear the brunt of God's holy wrath.

"Repairer of the breach"? No, he is the cause of them--and judgment.

In fact, America has elected someone just like herself to govern her; what is the general mood or reaction to the exposure of his corruption? "So what?" "What's the difference?" "Big deal." "Leave him alone, he's doing a good job." Bill Clinton well represents what America has become, and the Lord God in Heaven is going to show the world what He does with a hypocritical nation that calls itself "Christian".

The terror that is coming on America is only the prelude to the trouble that will engulf the whole world during the 7-year Tribulation. What's coming on America will be a drop in the bucket by comparison to the woe and horrors of that period, which will begin after the Lord Jesus comes and takes His true Church off the earth. Then heart-failing fear will dominate men's hearts, the very heavens will be shaken, the wind will not blow, cosmic disturbances will pollute the waters of the earth, the earth itself will be knocked from its orbit, everything everybody takes for granted is going to be shaken as never before...and then, before man exterminates himself off the earth--in the name of "peace", of course--Jesus Christ will come from Heaven with great power and glory to save the Jews from their extinction (they're still the scapegoats after all these centuries of human "progress"), to slay all those who are gathered against Him at His return (a real UN effort in futility!), to establish His Millennial Reign as King of kings from present-day Jerusalem.

Sound far-fetched, too surreal to be real? Well, it's going to happen, because the Bible says it's going to happen, and God cannot lie. Your unbelief will change nothing; God will bring to pass everything He has spoken. He still speaks to His people today, showing things to come.

Many stout words have been spoken by government people--including the President--as to how terrorism will not be tolerated. Terrorism will be dealt with, they say, peace and safety will be America's portion. These are empty promises made by vain people, for God Almighty will see to it that terror becomes a way of life here in America, from the greatest to the least; this nation has sown the wind, and the whirlwind is even now descending. Because this nation has sown terror, it will reap terror.

What you do with this is up to you; we have done our part. You are in a position to spread this truth--that's why it's sent to you. You have an obligation to your fellow humans to warn them of the destruction ahead; God will hold you accountable. If you ignore this and scorn it, you will stand before that Righteous Judge, Jesus Christ, and explain to Him why you didn't believe His messenger, why you didn't warn anyone. Amen.

If you want to verify this with a man of God, don't bother trotting out all your "religious experts"; they know nothing of God and His holiness. Check with David Wilkerson in New York; he's a trustworthy man of God, a true watchman on the wall. He has warned America for many years of the coming disasters, and now they are at the very door.

His for the truth at all costs,

* Randall Abbott's entire letter is on file here.

