


A TIME OF WAR! ©

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*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to get, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;
A time to rend, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A TIME OF WAR, and a time of peace. [Ecc. 3:1-8]*

*Surely the Lord God does nothing
Unless He reveals His secret counsel.
To His servants the prophets.
A Lion has roared! Who will not fear?
The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy? [Amos 3:7,8]*

In the last twenty-seven years, I have been called upon by the Lord many times to speak prophetic utterances that were disliked or even despised rather than popular, and polemic rather than pacific. What I speak here may be one of the most controversial and provocative prophetic messages I have ever delivered. Be that as it may, I must speak what the Lord has given me to speak.

Not long after I awoke yesterday morning, the Spirit within began speaking, "**A time for war!**" As the time went on, the Spirit began giving me flashes of revelation of the meaning and application of these words, only a portion of which I will be sharing in this article, and more in future articles. He began to make it clear to me that the Lord has decreed "A time of war!" and there is nothing that anyone can do to reverse what the Lord has decreed. And, as I continued to focus and listen to the Spirit's words, thoughts, and pictures within my spirit, He began to also make it very clear to me that this "time of war" encompassed not only war in the natural realm, i.e., nations against nations, to include the impending war against Iraq, but also war in the spiritual realm, a spiritual war, a true "Holy War!" The main portion concerning the war in the spiritual realm that will soon commence, I cannot speak about here in this article, but will in future articles, as the Lord permits.

*"First comes the **natural**; then the **spiritual**" (1 Cor. 15:46). Events taking place in the natural realm are often a reflection, preview, and forewarning of what is happening or is about to happen in the spiritual realm. The imminent war in the Middle East, Desert Storm II, is a preview of the war that is commencing in the spirit realm. As I write this, I hear the prompting of the Spirit to say that you can mark these words down as being **true and faithful**. Indeed, what I also hear the Spirit saying unto me as I follow His leading to write this prophetic message, is an actual passage out of Revelation:*

*...And he said unto me, **Write: for these words are true and faithful**. And he said unto me, *It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the **fearful** (cowardly, NAS), and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. [Rev. 21:5-8]**

Dear Friends, the days that lay ahead are no time for wimps or the faint-hearted. It is no time to cower in fear, or to be cowardly. It is a time to embrace what the Lord is saying to us, and to brace ourselves up in the Spirit as mighty warriors of God, put on the full armor of God, and take up all the offensive "*weapons of our warfare which are mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds*" and unleash them in mortal spiritual battle against our "*adversary, the devil,*" who constantly "*prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour*" (1 Pet. 5:8) "*But, RESIST him, firm in your faith,*" we are commanded in the ensuing verse.

In the protracted aftermath of the diabolical atrocities perpetrated against the American heart and soul on September 11, 2001, America has been gripped with a range of emotions, from fear to profound sorrow and sadness to bewilderment to outrage and righteous indignation. America was traumatized, and to a lesser degree still is, but we simply cannot allow ourselves to be traumatized to the point of being paralyzed. Instead, we must shake ourselves, rise up, and act! Action is the best antidote to despondency and despair.

In the days following the Attack on America, on 9/11/01, I wrote two articles (links below) from which I want to draw here. As I said in the original article, the overall consequence of the 9/11/01 attack on America is that nothing will ever be the same -- not in America, not anywhere. These satanically-powered barbaric acts of naked terrorism against the arch-bastion of freedom and "God-ness" were like unto a giant meteor falling from the heavenlies onto the shores of Long Island, initiating a slow-building tidal wave of enduring political and geo-political ramifications that will eventually ripple across the entire globe.

Quoting FDR's "A Day That Will Live in Infamy," I also alluded in my original article to the similarity of the 9/11 events with Pearl Harbor, sixty years prior. When the taunts of a diminutive megalomania-crazed nation turned finally into the unprovoked murderous ambush that was known as "Pearl Harbor," it not only "awakened a sleeping giant," as Japan's chief military commander later commiserated, but also egged the giant into a tirade that resulted in the vanquishing not only of its attackers, but ultimately also the Arian master-scheme of worldwide hegemony along with its human architect, one Adolf Hitler.

Essentially, these dastardly deeds of quintessential cowardice perpetrated against America's opposite shores on 9/11/01 amounted to Pearl Harbor II. Though the national origins and inspiriting ideology of these malevolent malice-mongerers were different than that of the assailants three-score years prior, the end result will be essentially the same. The sleeping giant has once again been incited to righteous anger which will ultimately end in the utter decimation of not only the worldwide terrorist network, whose delusional notions of forced world submission to "Allah" drove these maniacal thugs, but also every national entity that aids and abets terrorists and their diabolical designs.

But, it is not only America that has been aroused, so also has God Himself by these evil acts of naked and unprovoked aggression against a peaceful and peace-seeking people and nation. These diabolical deeds against innocent people, the shedding of innocent blood, has drawn the wrath of the Almighty God against the perpetrators and their sponsors who justify their actions under the indefensible strong delusion of "Jihad," or "Holy War." These acts have provoked God to anger, and He is about to avenge the innocent blood that has been shed! Throughout the annals of human history, God has orchestrated geo-political events and worked through the egis of kings, rulers, governments, and militaries to do His bidding to bring about His purposes. The Bible, "His-story," is replete with such chronicles. So, why should we think it strange that He would do the same today in dealing with malice-mongering terrorist organizations, rogue nations, and ruthless dictators?

Yea, without the slightest qualm or reservation, I declare unto you prophetically that it is not just President George W. Bush who has declared war against these demon-possessed terrorists and those persons, nations, and organizations who aid and abet them, but the Supreme Commander-In-Chief, who has declared His own "Holy War" against the "*Prince of Persia*" (Dan. 10:20), the unseen principality behind Islam, which is perhaps the most violent and potent of all demonic principalities, in that the principality was able to withstand even the pre-incarnate Spirit of Jesus in His translation through the heavenlies to appear unto Daniel, until He was aided by Michael the archangel:

He said to me, "O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, "Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding this and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia.

YES! I AM saying that the war the United States is about to enter into is a war that God Himself has declared, decreed, devised, and determined. President Bush, though the Commander-In-Chief of the Armed Forces of the most powerful nation on Earth, is in the larger scheme of things, merely the under-commander subordinated under and hand-selected by Almighty God to carry out in the natural what Almighty God has decreed in the Spirit. He is a vessel in the hands of God, and so also is America and its military. I solemnly declare unto you that this is one of those relatively rare events in the affairs of men in which God in His sovereignty has *"interposed an oath,"* He has set, fixed, decreed something to take place that WILL take place, and all the kings horses and all the kings men cannot stop it! God has decreed it, and God alone can stop it. God's wrath is about to be poured out!

I feel compelled here, in light of the incredible leadership he has provided in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks and his matchlessly powerful "State of the Union Address" last night, to reaffirm some things I said concerning President Bush in a recent article about his Faith-based Initiative:

One other thing that I believe with all my heart and have no qualms about openly declaring, is that this President has been Divinely-chosen and placed into the highest office of our land....[Nevertheless,] There will be times during the next six years that critics and enemies will levy cruel and wholly politically motivated ad hominem attacks and criticisms of this president in an attempt to discredit him and undermine his leadership; and many of these attacks will be actually demonically-inspired. But, I am wholeheartedly persuaded that George W. Bush is at the top of the list of the most courageous, characterized, and God-fearing mortals that has ever led any nation in human history. This man has been raised up for such a time as this, not by his family or his heritage, not by himself, or the political machinery of the Republican Party, but by a Sovereign God. And, I believe that events both imminent and further away, will prove the accuracy of that postulation. Moreover, in saying these things, I also have no qualms about saying that I fully believe I am speaking prophetically by inspiration of the Spirit.

I say again, a period of time, the length of which is unknown to me, lies ahead that shall be "A TIME OF WAR!" Thus, the CHURCH must begin to incorporate into ITS collective understanding and mindset the immutable fact that, like it or not, we have been thrust into WAR! The quicker the CHURCH begins to understand this, the better things will go for us, for the war effort, and for the future of the world. The Church must quickly develop a WAR MENTALITY! We must quickly get behind our political leaders and military and support them wholeheartedly in this war that God has decreed for our nation.

If we, America, do not lead the counteraction against state-supported, Islam-based terrorism to protect freedom, peace, and civility throughout the world, who will? The US will lead the charge, other nations will ally with us in the struggle, both militarily and financially. The demon-possessed terrorists and their determined agenda of religion-driven domination and subjugation, leave us no choice. It is either defeat them, or they will defeat us. The Islamic state-supported terrorists initiated the first salvo of war on September 11, 2001 in their insane attempt to hijack the world's communication and financial center, along with the political and military commandposts of the most powerful nation on the Earth. Now America will finish the war!

How will we pay for it? DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! GOD WILL PAY FOR IT! You say, "How?" I tell you the wealth of the wicked of the world shall be turned unto the righteous as a result of this struggle. Read what you want into that, O Atheist or Agnostic Critic, interpret it how you may, but JEHOVAH JIREH SHALL PROVIDE! Though I in no way infer that there is even the slightest hint of this being a motivation for this war in the minds of any of our political leaders, I tell you that the unintended

result of the military actions that shall ensue shall generate a redistribution of the wealth of the world into the hands of the righteous.

For more than three decades, America and the freedom-loving and -promoting nations of the world have been under the siege of Islamic fundamentalist extremist groups and sponsoring nations hell-bent on forced subjugation of every nation and person on Earth to "Allah," who in reality is the devil himself. With the events of 9/11/01, America was cast headlong into the war against terrorism that many other nations were experiencing for most of the twentieth century. Now, America, and the rest of the world together, is no longer in peacetime, but rather WARTIME. Wartime brings with it wholesale changes, including constraints upon freedoms necessary to preserve freedom and protect the collective citizenry of the nation. Certain civil liberties in place during peacetime, of necessity must be sacrificed for purposes of the greater good during wartime. Mindsets, ways of life, must change. Pacifism must give way to protectionism and the counter-aggression it requires. War certainly is no game, and certainly no video-game, but as in sports, the best defense is an overwhelming offense.

In war, stealthy and preemptive strikes of overpowering aggression are absolutely necessary to swiftly vanquish the enemy, as well as to limit the inevitable casualties. Be assured, America will never be engaged in another Korean or Vietnam War. As in the case of Desert Storm I, we will act suddenly, swiftly, decisively, and definitively. If our armed forces and those of our allies are to win for us a quick and decisive victory, Americans must immediately acquire a political appetite for the initiatives and actions that war requires, such as expanded intelligence gathering regarding groups and nations that pose a threat to American security, as well as the absolutely necessary preemptive aggressive action against known potential terrorists that our intelligence agencies identify.

Our nation is entering into war, Church. The brave men and women of our military will lay down their lives to defend us, the men and women who serve our country as political leaders will provide the political leadership, civil servants will do what they do to serve us, Americans across the country employed in US enterprises that supply goods and services utilized in the war effort will labor to produce those goods and provide those services, but it is up to the Body of Christ to supply the spiritual goods and services that a war fought to win and win swiftly requires. "The effective and fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Wars are won first in the spirit realm by the fervent and effectual prayers of spiritual warriors in their secret prayer closets, before the victory is carried out in the natural by valiant warriors upon the open battlefields of sieged countries.

As Churchill and FDR orated the resolve of freedom-loving people and brave and able-bodied warriors from freedom-loving countries gave their all and shed their blood on the battlefields of Europe and Asia, World War II was first won IN THE SPIRIT -- by praying saints gathered in the basements of bombed out tenements of demolished British towns and villages, by heaven-storming hidden enclaves of prayer-warriors scattered throughout the freedom-defending nations of the world, and by inordinately determined and devoted intercessory generals, like the missionary Rees Howells, who lead the charge of spiritual warfare against the ultimate unseen adversary from their secret spiritual command-bunkers.

Now, it is up to us, believers who comprise the church today, to route the enemy, to defeat the foe, to vanquish the adversary -- in prayer, in true, effectual spiritual warfare. Now we must heed the call of God conveyed through the writing of the Apostle Paul:

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. [1Tim 2:1-4]

The American people, and the American Church, in particular, must quickly come to the realization, as did President Bush regarding the senseless attacks on America on September 11, 2001, that the aggression perpetrated against us are not merely acts of terrorism by terrorists. They go far beyond that. **They are acts of WAR!** Indeed, from the outset, President Bush has been calling the US counteraction campaign, "The **WAR** on Terrorism." The intent of the enemy is not merely to terrorize, but to "*steal, kill, and destroy*" (Jn. 10:10), because it is in fact "*(OUR) ADVERSARY, THE DEVIL*" who is ultimately behind

all these acts of aggression against our nation, not mere humans, crazed as they are. The war cry of Islamic fundamentalists is "Destruction to the Great Satan!" which they consider to be the United States. Just like Satan, the ultimate adversary behind Islam's agenda of annihilation of the United States and the nation of Israel, Islamic terrorists and national leaders, such as the megalomaniac Saddam Hussein, are not merely engaging in psychological warfare. Rather, it is an all-out, shoot-to-kill WAR! The sooner we recognize this reality and respond with deadly and unrelenting force against our assailants, the fewer the casualties and the lesser the losses.

As President Bush and his administration have been warning for months and months, the time for negotiation and diplomatic resolution is long past. **Like Satan himself, Saddam Hussein is a vanquished enemy, a defeated foe!** His attempts to hijack and control the world's oil supply by his 1990 invasion of Iraq's diminutive neighboring nation, Kuwait, were soundly stopped twelve years ago in the 100-day routing led by the US military that drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait and wreaked severe destruction on the Iraqi infrastructure. To avoid complete annihilation of his kingdom and save his hubristic hide, the ruthless dictator, who truly believes he is the reincarnation of Nebuchadnezzar, surrendered and signed a treaty requiring immediate disarmament and destruction of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

Yet, in the twelve years that have passed, as President Bush indicated in his speech last night, insane Hussein has not disarmed or destroyed his WMD arsenals, but rather has merely defied, dodged, deceived, and continued to amass WMD, even audaciously attempting to purchase nuclear weaponry and the raw materials for the making of nuclear weapons while UN inspectors were in Iraq to gather any evidence they could of disarmament, as well as ordering the commission of unspeakable atrocities against his own people.

As President Bush said in his State of the Union Address, the terms of the cease fire agreement of 1991 made it incumbent upon Saddam Hussein to demonstrate openly to the International community clear and verifiable evidence that Iraq has disarmed itself of and destroyed stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction they were known to possess. It is not incumbent upon the nations of the world to go on a scavenger hunt in Iraq, a nation the size of the state of California, searching for evidence of the existence or non-existence of WMD.

And so, after twelve years of deception and defiance, the Hitlerian megalomaniac has sealed his own fate. One way or another, insane Hussein is a dead man. God has decreed it. George W. Bush and America will see to it that the mission is accomplished. The result shall be a more stabilized strategic region, and world, as a rogue regime and its lunatic leader is deposed, and the potential for world domination he posed is removed.

There is a time to kill, a time to hate, and a time of war.

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