

Storm Warnings

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Although I was saved into a cessationist denomination at the age of thirty-eight, I was not surprised that Joel's prophecy concerning the latter rains outpouring of the Spirit on the church included spiritual dreams and visions as being a common experience for "all flesh," meaning both Jewish and Gentile believers and both men and women throughout the church age.

As a "young" man (in the Lord), having been recently rescued out of New Age occult involvements, I was awakened early one morning by the sound of my name being called.

As I sat bolt upright in our bed with the early morning sun sending bright shafts of light into the room I saw **John 14:15** written, like a holograph, across my mind's eye.

"If you love me, obey My commands."

The implication of this passage is that by His Spirit I was expected to both "hear" and "see" His word, not as religious rules, but as Spirit-revealed, personally applied truth, promises, and commands. These would come to me as the Spirit "guided" me into the truth of the written word, as the still small voice of the Spirit, my spiritual conscience, which is the Law of God written on our hearts, through my own spiritual gifts, through the spiritual gifts of others, even through certain kinds of circumstances, and through spiritual dreams and visions.

Therefore, what I hear with spiritual ears and see with the eyes of my heart by various means, and confirmed in the written word, is to be believed and obeyed by me and conveyed appropriately to others for their own confirmation by the Spirit.

For most of my thirty-four year walk with Him I have received spiritual dreams, and an occasional vision, as some of the many means by which He has instructed, corrected, and disciplined me in the faith. These normally come to me early in the morning, frequently ending as I am awakened one minute before my alarm is set to go off.

When I awake from the dream I review and meditate on the details of the dream in my mind before getting up to write down the details in my spiritual journal.

Sometimes the meaning is shockingly clear, especially if it is a corrective or disciplinary dream, sending me immediately to my knees in prayer. At other times I have to meditate and pray about the dream before the meaning becomes clear.

The dreams are always heavily metaphorical, as is most of the written word, and over the years the Spirit has taught me to interpret the metaphorical applications consistently and accurately.

The prophetic dreams concerning the coming storm, though, are more recent, and, though I know that it is His intent that I share these dreams, their meaning, and their application with others, I hesitate...knowing that the first response for some will be fear and/or rejection of both the message and the messenger.

Therefore, I do not ask anyone to receive the witness of these dreams or my interpretation of them as truth without praying and seeking confirmation from the Lord. These are, therefore, presented as a witness, but the truth, personal application, and confirmation for those receiving the witness must come from the Spirit.

Three years ago I dreamed that I was driving a van with my entire family aboard when I spotted a tornado coming straight down the highway toward us. I immediately looked into the rear view mirror, thinking to turn around and go back where we came from. But a tornado was coming up the highway from that direction, too.

I thought to turn to the left at the cross road, but a tornado was also coming from that direction. Then I looked to the right, and a tornado was coming from that direction as well.

At that point all we could do was get out of the van and lie in a shallow ditch.

I awakened in a cold sweat one minute before my alarm was set to go off, and the primary meaning of the dream was obvious. A storm is coming from which there is no escape, no secret rapture, and no bunker or cave deep enough to protect us.

The vehicle is our life, our motivation, and our direction as we know it now. And the natural protection from this coming storm, no matter how well we are prepared, is nothing more than a shallow ditch.

Our ultimate spiritual and natural survival, therefore, will require us to be in constant communion with Him, hearing and obeying His voice in every situation and circumstance.

Yet, the natural emotional and material preparation, which is the equivalent of lying in a shallow ditch, is also a wise faith response. But our spiritual confirmation of this prophetic storm warning and our spiritual preparation for the events soon to come upon us must precede the natural and material preparations.

As a second confirming witness, Brandon Horne of Lifepoint Church in Columbus, Ohio, whom I only recently met, but have received as a friend in the Lord by divine appointment, shared an almost identical dream given to him by the Lord, and at the time he shared the dream with me he had not heard about my dream. In his dream the same sequence of four tornados coming from the four directions closed in on him and those who were with him, but instead of getting out of the vehicle and laying in a shallow ditch, he and his family entered a farmhouse where other people were gathered.

Unlike my dream, though, when he and those who were with him in the farmhouse emerged after the storm, they witnessed the shocking destruction and death left behind by the storm. Yet, they were somehow unharmed.

One year later I was given a dream in which I was standing on a hill overlooking the ocean as a giant tsunami appeared on the horizon. This tsunami was not hundreds of feet tall, it was thousands of feet tall, and I realized with fear that it was going to destroy me and everything else in its path.

As the tsunami swept over the land I was suddenly picked up and carried along with the wave like a body surfer as euphoric joy filled my soul.

When I was awakened the Spirit caused me to understand that the Lord is coming like a destroying wave (the shaking of all that can be shaken, which begins at the house of the Lord), but that I would be picked up and carried along with the wave, not destroyed by it.

In both of these dreams my first response was FEAR, and I assume that most believers will have the same response that I had in my dream. But the purpose of the fear is to warn us, AWAKEN us out of our somnolence, and prepare us for the events that will soon come to pass.

Whatever the events in the world may be that correspond with the absolute, Spirit-given, Spirit-confirmed knowledge that the storm of the Lord is about to sweep over the world will eventually be accompanied by the groomsmen's awakening announcement, ***Behold! The bridegroom is coming.*** (From the parable of the ten virgins: Matthew 25:1-9)

But He is preparing many of the “wise” in advance in order that they might minister effectively to the rest of the body of Christ once the shofar has been blown from the watch tower and the storm breaks over the world.

On May 22, 2013 I was given a third storm warning. In this dream I was in Brad Kochis’s Lifepoint Church in Columbus, Ohio (where I have not, yet, been) with Brad issuing a emotional message of repentance to his congregation.

One third of his congregation came forward in repentance, but two thirds remained in their seats.

Outside, walking along with an unknown witness, we came to a marvelous, gigantic tree. It was tall and straight, like a pine tree, hundreds of feet tall and with a base at least six feet in diameter, but, unlike a pine tree, the bark was smooth and white.

Suddenly the tree fell without warning, and what we saw was shocking to us. The inside of the tree was completely rotten except for a core of living heartwood through the very center of the tree.

And, though the tree was broken, the heartwood was only bent.

Moving further down the street followed by several children playing with a total lack of concern about the shocking events we were witnessing, we came to a tall, modern, high-rise federal building, and as we stood on the steps we witnessed a glass-front bank building sliding down the street.

On the steps below us was a handsome, powerfully built, dark-haired man wearing a navy blue blazer with a gold emblem on the right side.

As he looked up at me I asked, “Is it going to be all right?”

He looked straight into my eyes and shook his head, “No,” without speaking.

When we turned and went up the stairs to the massive, heavily reinforced doors of the federal building, they were locked.

As I shook my head in disbelief I said, “I can’t believe the post office is locked.”

Unlike the previous storm warnings this dream contained specifics concerning the coming storm. The message Brad was preaching in his Lifepoint Church was one of repentance related to the coming storm of the Lord and the shaking of all that can be shaken, which begins at the deceived, divided, and somnolent house of God.

The lack of response by two thirds of the congregation has nothing to do with Brad’s own church but with the response of the universal true church once the storm hits and the church is awakened by the announcement of the groomsman, “***Behold! The bridegroom is coming.***”

This response is prophesied by Zechariah:

*In the whole land, declares the LORD,
two thirds shall be cut off and perish,
and one third shall be left alive.
And I will put this third into the fire,
and refine them as one refines silver,
and test them as gold is tested.
They will call upon my name,
and I will answer them.
I will say, 'They are my people';
and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'*" (Zechariah 13:8,9 ESV)

The one third that came forward in repentance represents the response of the wise virgins, and the two thirds that remained in their seats represents the response of the foolish virgins during the 4th, 5th, and 6th seal events of Revelation. (Matthew 25:1-9)

No event in the history of national, ethnic Israel matches the fulfillment of this prophecy, and it will be the "foolish virgins" of the end time church who are cut off and perish during the coming storm of the Lord (some of whom will continue to expect, but never experience, a pre-tribulation "rapture" of church only saints). But the "wise virgins" will be tested and refined by the fire of 4th, 5th and 6th seal tribulation, ultimately becoming the end time Philadelphian church who have the Lord's promise that they will be "kept" (protected in, but not removed) from the "hour of trial that will come upon the whole world." (i.e. the "great tribulation" of the 7th seal of Revelation)

The gigantic tree with the smooth white bark that we greatly admired is the United States of America. The tree, as we know it, will fall suddenly and without apparent warning, exposing the fact that, in spite of the magnificent appearance of the tree, the inside is rotten except for the core of living heartwood, which represents the influence of the true church of Jesus Christ.

But, at the time that this tree will fall, the core of living heartwood will no longer be able to hold it in the upright position, and, at this present time, the current administration is an apparent servant to this cause.

We will, therefore, be impacted and "bent" by the fall, but we will not be "broken."

The children following us and playing with no concern about the shocking events we were witnessing are the "foolish virgins" of the true church, totally engaged in their "playing," which includes numerous false doctrines, false interpretations of prophetic scripture deliberately introduced into the church by the Father of Lies to keep us in a state of spiritual stupor, and in an attitude of denial concerning our immediate future.

These "children" are those two thirds who will ultimately fall away from the faith because of the trouble and deception in the world, though most of these do not believe

that it is even possible for a born again, regenerated believer to reject their faith in Jesus Christ through the hardness of their rebellious and adulterous hearts.

The glass front bank building sliding down the street needs little explanation. This is an indication that the fall of the United States of America will begin with a financial collapse that will hurtle us into a time of world-wide economic crisis corresponding with the black horseman carrying a pair of scales (Revelation 6:5,6)

Our knowledge that the financial prosperity and security that many of us enjoy in the United States of America will come to an end sooner than we hope or expect, putting us in the same state of crises that much of the rest of the world has already experienced, is an unpleasant consideration to say the least. But I would rather be warned beforehand by a loving Father than to be surprised and shocked by it, leading to doubt and fear concerning the provisions and promises of God.

My shock that the federal building is locked indicates that at some point the true church will no longer have any influence on the federal government of the United States of America, although the United States of America was once the ultimate representative of the white horseman and of the first beast kingdom, a lion with eagle's wings (eagle's wings are always representative of the Holy Spirit in scripture).

(See [The Four Horsemen](#))

But, at the point that the federal building is locked, the eagle's wings will have been plucked from the lion, and the lion will stand up and be given the voice of a man. (Daniel 7:4)

This is an indication that the United States of America is likely to be the spokesman for the first form of a world government with the nations of the world surrendering sovereignty to a revised United Nations with a ten nation ruling council.

The handsome, powerfully built, dark-haired man wearing a blue blazer with a gold emblem represents a messenger of the Lord, and when I asked him if everything is going to be all right, he answered by shaking his head, "No."

My question implied that I wanted to know if the fall of America, the foolish virgins continuing to "play" without spiritual awareness concerning the coming storm, the financial collapse, and the true church being locked out of our influence on the federal government of the United States is going to be restored to some former condition.

The answer is a firm, "No."

Then I hurried off to warn my family and friends concerning what I had witnessed, and, as usual, the Spirit awakened me one minute before my alarm was set to go off.

This is a conundrum for me as it is for most who are reading this testimony.

I served in the Marine Corps. I fly the American flag on the 4th of July, and I place my hand across my heart with the emotion of patriotic pride rising up in my heart as the national anthem is sung. My unspoken assumption has always been that the United States of America and the kingdom of God are somehow synonymous.

But I am forced to acknowledge that no matter what country we live in or how strong our patriotism, our true citizenship is in the nation of God, spiritual Israel, the Israel of God in Christ, and not in whatever political nation we have our natural residence.

For years I have heard the call to prayer for the nation of America in numerous churches as being a response to the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

The initial promise given to national, ethnic Israel, as those who temporarily held the title-deed to the promises of God, included the natural healing of geopolitical Israel.

But what we have missed in this original promise to national, ethnic Israel, is that the promise, now applicable only to spiritual Israel, the Israel of God in Christ, is the healing of the spiritual nation of God, the church of Jesus Christ, not the healing of America or Germany or England or any other geopolitical entity.

Of great interest to me is God's preface or condition to this promise in which He states that He has withheld the natural "rain," allowed the natural "locusts" to devour the land, and sent natural "pestilence" among "His people" because of their sin.

The original application included God's judgment on national, ethnic Israel, through a natural drought, natural locusts, and natural pestilences, but the prophetic application for the deceived, divided, and somnolent nation of God today, reveals that God has withheld the spiritual "rain" of His Spirit that was initially manifested in fullness on the early church, allowed the demonic "locusts" to devour the nation of God in various ways through our adulterous acceptance of the idolatrous doctrines of demons as though they are the absolute, immutable, revelatory truth of God, and sent spiritual pestilence among us because of our sin, all for the specific purpose of bringing us to repentance and restoration leading to our ultimate blessing.

It is "My people," the true church of Jesus Christ, who must turn from their "wicked" ways in order for the nation of God to be healed (as will ultimately be the experience of the "wise virgins"), and this turning of the true church away from our "wicked," spiritually adulterous ways and our sin during a time of intense trouble in the world must be led by the prophets and shepherds of spiritual Israel, the "fathers" of our faith.

After the second dream, out of fear, I asked the Lord if I had time to prepare for the coming storm.

His response was, **“You have time. But you do not have time to waste.”**

My question included material preparation for the coming storm, but my primary fear was related to the spiritual preparation of my family, my friends, and those in the faith with whom I am associated. Because, like many reading this testimony, my family, my friends, and many of those in the faith with whom I am associated are NOT ready, spiritually, emotionally, mentally, or materially. And this lack of preparedness is accompanied by an attitude of denial that will result in serious consequences for those who remain in that state.

This testimony, therefore, merely confirms certain details about the coming storm that we have ALL been sensing in our spirits, and our emotional response, like my initial response in all three dreams, is one of fear. The fear, in turn, drives our natural man to prepare materially first, like those we see on reality TV building underground bunkers and storing up massive quantities of food, medical supplies, and ammunition.

But the ordained order of preparation for us is 1) spiritual, as we confirm the word of the Lord; 2) mental and emotional, as we acknowledge that the wisdom of the world will ultimately fail us, but the wisdom that comes from God through the Holy Spirit, will not; and 3) materially, as we acknowledge that hoarding for ourselves, except to survive the first shock wave without panic, would be contrary to the revealed will of the Father.

Rather, the “wise” among us will begin thinking in communal terms of preparation (gathering in the farm house that Brandon saw in his dream) so that the body of Christ will be the beacon of hope in crisis rather than the body of Christ scattering like frightened quail with the rest of the world.

It is important to remember that it is the purpose of God to bless the remnant of Israel (spiritual Israel) in this, though the testing and refining of our faith in the troubles to come is not a pleasant consideration for our unyielded flesh.

This will require great wisdom and spiritual insight by the pastors and ministry leaders of the corporate church in America and the western world who may be unwilling to receive the warning signs that the Lord is giving us, much less warn and prepare the sheep, because it threatens the status quo of the institutional church.

But the watchman on the tower has a responsibility, and the blood of those whom he fails to warn will be required of him.

But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. Ezekiel 33:6 KJV

Therefore, the only (*agapao*) love response we can make is to begin warning those whom we have been given responsibility for in order to prepare them for the worldly trouble and the shaking of all that can be shaken that precedes the return of the Lord.

And, in spite of the fact that the final stages of the separation of the United States of America from the kingdom of God are imminent, (as the Lord counts imminent), we must continue the fight to maintain kingdom presence in this country or wherever we have our natural residency...no matter what the cost.

And we must do this in spite of the absolute, Spirit-given knowledge that the United States of America will ultimately fall under the influence of the final beast kingdom, and, as the current location of the United Nations, will likely host the first form of the final beast kingdom.

But it is this continuing fight of faith, taking back every inch of ground, and fighting for every scrap of truth and faith that the enemy has stolen from the deceived, divided, and somnolent church, and fighting for the hearts and minds of every man, woman, and child separated from the life and blessings of God in the midst of great uncertainty and difficulty in the world, that ultimately determines our individual and corporate destinies as either “wise” or “foolish.”

The Lord’s warning concerning the future of this generation, whether “wise” or “foolish,” is found in Matthew 24:9-14 (Amplified) –

Then they will hand you...(Christians)...over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.

And then many...(of My followers)...will be offended and repelled and will begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and will stumble and fall away and betray one another and pursue one another with hatred.

And many false prophets...(who were once true Christians but have become apostate and filled with the spirit of Antichrist)...will rise up...(in the Harlot church)...and deceive and lead many...(of My followers)...into error.

And the love of the great body of...(My)... people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity, but he who endures to the end will be saved.

And this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached...(by the remnant “wise” believers)... throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then will come the end. (Emphasis and inserts are the author’s)

This is both the revelatory warning and the hope that has been unsealed and revealed by the Spirit of Truth to the “wise virgins” of the generation who will experience it.

Look, then, to the HOPE and not to the fear, because the time is short.