

The Messenger

A Prophetic Bulletin Published by Prepare the Way International
Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me."

Volume 9, No. 8

November 2011

Prepare America!

A Prophetic Word to a Nation in Crisis

Part 6 of 7

Prepare to Prosper

by Rob Winters

Approximately a week after a 9.0 magnitude earthquake devastated Japan on March 11, 2011, I abruptly awoke at 1:23 AM. I did not give it much thought, until the very next night I again suddenly awoke at precisely 1:23 AM. Knowing that the Lord was speaking through this prophetic sign, I carefully examined all of the 1:23, 1:2-3, 12:3 and 123 scriptures in the Bible. I discovered within the 123 scriptures the following clear and timely prophetic message to America. I am elaborating on this message in seven consecutive editions of *The Messenger*, this one being the sixth.

Despite the adversity that America will be facing over the next several years, the Church must not merely survive the crisis, but instead thrive in the midst of it. Indeed, the principles of the kingdom of God work whether it rains or shines. In a nation covered by deep darkness, the degree to which the light of God's glory rises upon the Church will be determined by the measure in which we walk in kingdom prosperity (Isaiah 60:1-3).

Kingdom prosperity is not just about obtaining the wealth of the wicked. On the contrary, as the "123" passage below indicates, kingdom prosperity garners God's blessing on all aspects of our journey. Indeed, it favorably impacts not only our spirit, soul, and body, but also our relationships, economic provisioning, and influential capacity. Moreover, kingdom prosperity greatly enhances our Christian testimony to a world without Jesus and to those overcome by hardship (Proverbs 13:22).

III John **1:2-3** "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth."

True kingdom prosperity is measured by one's ability to influence people in behalf of King Jesus. Unfortunately, American Christianity has equated kingdom prosperity with affluence instead of influence. Consequently, in a vain attempt to build their own kingdom, many Christians are overcome by greed and are unwittingly serving Mammon. One of the most influential Christians in the 20th century, Mother Teresa, was not affluent whatsoever. On the contrary, her life of self-sacrifice and ministry to the poor, sick, orphaned, and dying not only helped millions, but also inspired many to do likewise (I Timothy 6:9,10,17).

Although all believers are eligible to walk in kingdom prosperity, most fail to realize their potential. The key to fulfilling that potential is not only knowing truth, but also walking in truth. In other words, knowing the truth makes one free, but walking in truth makes others free (John 8:31-32, III John 1:3).

Delight in the Law of the Lord

God's written word, contained in the canon of Scripture, is the foundation for all truth. As the following "123" passage specifies, those who delight in God's word continually meditate on the truths therein. Daily contemplation of God's word eventually yields not only the knowledge of truth, but also the application of truth (John 17:17, Ephesians 1:13, Colossians 1:5, II Timothy 2:15).

Psalm **1:2-3** "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper."

The consistent application of God's word is one of the most important keys to living a prosperous life in behalf of the King. Ironically, of all of the "123" passages, exhortations regarding the importance of meditating and applying God's word are the most prevalent. In Solomon's introduction to the book of Proverbs, he clarifies his intentions - that readers receive instruction regarding all aspects of truth, including wisdom, understanding, justice, judgment and equity.

Proverbs **1:2-3** "To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity."

However, without practical application, truth is confined to the recesses of the soul. Wisdom draws truth out of the soul and applies it. Justice, judgment, and equity are all products of wisdom. For example, Solomon's wisdom, bestowed to him by the Lord, enabled him to discern and administer justice in settling a dispute between two harlots, who both claimed to be the mother of a newborn (I Kings 3:16-28).

Unlike our Old Testament counterparts, Christians have the privilege of possessing not only the word of truth, but also the Spirit of truth. The indwelling Holy Spirit guides

us into all truth and tells us things to come. Indeed, the Holy Spirit's prophetic impressions can range from warning us of impending danger, to steering us clear of a false doctrine (John 14:17; 15:26, 16:11, I John 4:6).

I Timothy **1:2-3** "To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine."

Our lives must be built upon the rock of God's written word, so that we remain steadfast and immovable when floods of iniquity and winds of adversity rage across our nation. Moreover, staying in tune with the voice of the Holy Spirit is equally important. We cannot live on stale bread, but must clearly hear and obey the fresh, living words that perpetually proceed from the mouth of God. In certain circumstances, our obedience to the Holy Spirit's directives may mean the difference between living and dying (Matthew 4:4, 7:24-27).

For instance, on May 22, 2011, a devastating tornado ravaged Joplin, MO, where one Christian couple found themselves weathering the twister in Walmart. While employees were ushering everyone to safety in the layaway section of the store, the man sensed the Holy Spirit urging him and his wife to stay right where they were. Moments later, a wall near the layaway section collapsed killing many, while the Christian couple only sustained minor injuries. Surely, the God's written and spoken word must become the Alpha and Omega word of our existence - guiding us to safety and leading us to victory!

Hebrews **1:2-3** ". . . His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power. . . ."

Along with possessing the word and Spirit of truth, our faith in the Lord's promise to sustain us through adversity becomes an anchor to our soul. In other words, knowing that God is in control and is upholding all things by the word of His power, produces unshakeable faith - even in the midst of shaking. Despite the deep darkness covering the earth and its people, undaunted faith in an omnipotent God will cause His glory to arise over the Church. Indeed, His glory will transform us into undeniable witnesses and ambassadors of His saving, healing and delivering power (Isaiah 60:1-3, Hebrews 12:28, (Revelation 1:8).

Multiplied Grace and Peace

Kingdom prosperity and blessings have their origin in heaven. In Paul's letter to the Ephesian church, he teaches them that every heavenly spiritual blessing, including the Father's grace and peace, is available to all believers. However, it is crucial that we partake of these heavenly treasures when and where we need them the most – right here and right now!

Ephesians **1:2-3** "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ."

During the adverse times America is facing, it is essential that God's grace and peace are not merely added to us, but instead multiplied to us. Thankfully, the following "123" passage from the Apostle Peter's second epistle, provides us with the key to procuring multiplied measures of these heavenly treasures.

II Peter **1:2-3** "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue."

Have you ever read a great book, and could not wait to meet the author at a book signing? It's time to meet the Author of our faith, face to face. Indeed, we must come to know not only God's word and works, but also His ways. Only then can His grace and peace be multiplied to us.

Jesus offers rest to every weary soul, heavy laden with life's cares and burdens. In order to enter into that rest, we simply need to learn of Jesus' gentle and lowly heart – the essence of His divine nature. In preparation for the approaching time of need, we must condition ourselves to come boldly to the throne of grace on a daily basis. Our persistent pursuit of the face of God will not only transform us into His image, but also position us to receive of His multiplied grace, mercy and peace (Matthew 11:28-30, Hebrews 4:16).

Bless Israel

The Lord's covenant promise to Abraham in the following "123" passage applies as much today as it did during Old Testament times. Indeed, the Lord blesses those who bless Israel, and curses those who curse Israel. This divine promise has widespread implications at a national level – blessing countries that support Israel, and cursing those who do not.

Genesis **12:3** "I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

In August 2005, with the United States' full endorsement and support, 9,500 of Israeli Jews were evacuated from their homes in the Gaza Strip and parts of northern Samaria. In this particular instance, the United States failed to support Israel and the retention of the land given to them by Jehovah. Consequently, America became a candidate for divine judgment. One week later, Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans on the 29th of August. Indeed, America drew swift judgment to itself for not blessing and supporting Israel.

Japan incurred a similar divine judgment on March 11, 2011, when a 9.0 magnitude earthquake devastated their nation. Many do not realize that exactly one year to the day prior to the earthquake, on March 11, 2010, Japan made the following statement against Israel.

"The Government of Japan deplores the decisions of the Government of Israel to give permission for the construction of 1600 housing units in East Jerusalem in addition to the 112 units in West Bank. The Government of Japan does not recognize any act that prejudices the final status of Jerusalem and the territories in the pre-1967 borders. Japan demands that the plans should not be implemented."

The following "123" scripture, from the prophet Zechariah, clearly indicates that all nations that oppose Israel will be "cut in pieces". Indeed, scripture and history prove that one of the quickest ways to reap deserved judgment is to curse Israel. Unfortunately, the current executive governmental administration of the United States is not only indifferent towards Israel, but also considered by many to be hostile. Therefore, as a priority, Americans, individually and corporately, must continue to pursue strategies and implement means by which we can bless Israel, including praying for our governmental leaders. The future of America greatly depends upon it.

Zechariah **12:3** "And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it."

Despite the adversity that is coming to America, Christians can prosper in the midst of judgment. Indeed, if we will daily walk in God's word of truth and continually be led by the Spirit of truth, we will prosper and influence many for the cause of Christ. Moreover, our daily pursuit of the face of God will transform us and bring a multiplication of divine grace and peace necessary to not only survive the coming crisis, but thrive in the midst of it. Indeed, it is time for the church in America to awake, arise and become a light to a nation engulfed in darkness.

Prayer: *Father, give us an insatiable desire for Your word of truth and the companionship of Your Spirit of truth. Transform us into Your image as we daily seek Your face, that Your grace and mercy would be multiplied to us in the midst of crisis. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and ask You to give us creative ways to bless Israel. Lord, may the light of the knowledge of the glory of the gospel of Christ arise upon the church of America, that many may come to the brightness of our rising, for Your glory, in Jesus' name, Amen.*

The Messenger is a prophetic bulletin published by Prepare the Way International. Issues of **The Messenger** are available on our website (www.preparethewayint.com). To receive **The Messenger**, subscribe to the Prepare the Way e-mail distribution by e-mailing us (info@preparethewayint.com) your name and e-mail address. Thank you.