

EL ELYON

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We all know that these are troubling times in which we live. There is no doubt that these are the “last” of the last days. That is the main reason we have been encouraging you to do all you can through word, deed and finances for the Kingdom of God before “night comes when no man can work.”

Most of you know that *El Elyon* is Hebrew for “Most High God.” If we are going to be effective for God and establishing His Kingdom then we must know who *El Elyon* is, how He thinks and what His counsel is to us right now. The *true* prophets of God stand in His counsel in Heaven and so do many other saints such as intercessors; however, most Christians do not know the Father very well and have not stood in His counsel.

In 2004 the Lord gave me a message I preached at our church in Montana titled, “The Perfect Storm” (CD, \$6 in the bookstore). The text is taken from the book of Jeremiah and as I said in the message, “I never try to think up interesting titles for my messages but rather let the Holy Spirit give me the title.” He did give me the title for this message because it was and is true that there is a *Perfect Storm* coming upon the earth and we are in the beginning of it now! That’s why things are different than they’ve ever been in the past in this country and in many other countries – we can find many examples in Jeremiah and the other prophets of this “perfect storm” of judgment that came upon Israel and Judah and see with the *Eye of the Eagle* its application to the USA today.

We’ve been praying earnestly for some detailed revelation in the last few months over the timing of these judgments based on the many visions and dreams we’ve had over the past 12 years in particular. I don’t know about you

but I want to leave this earth in glory and victory and I don't want to leave any resources behind that could have been used for the Kingdom before I left.

Just before we went to Montana on a 10 day ministry trip last month the Lord showed me another vision that was an answer to the many prayers we've been praying about timing. I was standing in the middle of a street in a neighborhood in the USA looking at the houses in front of me that were only shells of rubble with only a few feet of the walls remaining as if they'd been bombed or shelled with artillery – this is a result of this *perfect storm*. I didn't "see" anything else but the Spirit of the Lord spoke from my right and said, "This will happen before the end." He didn't give me a precise date and I will continue to pray about it.

As you know there are various views regarding the rapture. Some believe that the body of Christ will be raptured before the tribulation period, some believe in a mid-tribulation rapture and so on. Because of the many visions and dreams we've had similar to the one mentioned above and because of what we see in Daniel and Revelation I must assume that the Church is going to go through at least part of the tribulation. We believe that there will be a mid-tribulation rapture.

We know from Revelation 16 that the second half of the seven year tribulation period will be when the wrath of God will be poured out upon the earth. I believe that the bride of Christ will be raptured prior to this taking place but there are many in the church today that are not prepared for the Lords return, they have left their first love - their god has become money, fame, pleasure and so on. Jesus is coming back for a bride that is without spot, wrinkle or blemish. Just as the parable of the 10 virgins mentioned in Matthew 25 speaks of many not being prepared for the bridegrooms return many in the church today are not prepared – they have not made themselves ready and will not get to go with the bridegroom. We must begin to prepare for not only the return of the Lord but also for the judgment that is now coming upon the nations, not just for ourselves but so that we, the Church, can be a refuge for others.

I do believe very strongly based on the vision the Lord gave me on 911 as well as some others that the USA is going to be invaded and, like Israel and Judah, perhaps taken captive. We must always remember that God, *El Elyon*, is the same and therefore we should expect to see the same judgments that fell upon Israel in the Bible fall upon the wayward church and nation of America. These include, the sword (war)/captivity, pestilence/disease (perhaps this is the

raison d'être for why the devil is able to put sickness and disease on more and more Christians today), famine, and many wild animals attacking people.

This is not a time to be afraid. The Lord always makes a way for His people (Psalm 91) but it is a serious time and a perilous time. It's a time to take stock of your life and to make sure you are living such a life in spirit and body that you would be counted among the wise virgins.

As I said in the message, "The Perfect Storm," people always prepare *before* a big storm such as a hurricane hits. If you think it's important to yourself and your family to be prepared for "all these things that are coming upon the earth" in this perfect storm then perhaps you need to change your priorities and spend more time in deepening your relationship with the Most High God through prayer and time in the Word to clearly hear what "the Spirit is saying to the Church" in this hour.

So many Christians, although they are saved and on their way to Heaven, never make their relationship with God a priority in their lives. We've seen this so much in ministry over so many years – so many never receive from God because they never put forth the effort to help answer their own prayers but just expect God to do everything for them either directly or through some ministry. But God, like a human parent, only does this for the new babies. After you've been in the family for awhile then He expects you to grow up and "take your rightful place in the family." Most of the promises of God are conditional and we have a part to play in bringing the will of God to pass in our own lives. But instead many Christians are looking for the easy, lazy way out so they never put forth the effort God demands of us in developing our own faith, resisting the devil, watching our confession, etc. All of these are part of the spiritual war in which we are engaged. The enemy is able to overcome people when they wait until the battle is upon them to get prepared. There is no battle that you cannot be victorious in if you are living a holy life and are sensitive to the Spirit of God. We cannot live on the edge and expect to be victorious.

We need to be prepared not only for the sake of our families, both Christian and blood, but also for those of the world to whom we will be able to minister during this Perfect Storm. For example, if you know that famine is coming then you need to begin to store food stuffs such as canned goods, beans, rice, etc. to feed those who are not prepared and those who are left behind. God expects His Church to be both a ministry and a refuge for Him.

We want to encourage you to pray into the timing of what is happening and share with us what the Lord is saying to you.