

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.**
(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)*

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Shaking of Heaven, Earth, & Institutions

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The last issue was about a word the Lord gave me in 1999 that "**a great cataclysmic upheaval is coming**" upon the world. I was led to this word after having forgotten about it for over a decade. However, without any doubt, at least in my mind, the Lord has been gradually turning up the heat of judgment, so to speak, since the beginning of the 21st century.

God is merciful, and, in His love for the world, He has been and continues to give the world, especially His Church, ample opportunity to repent and turn to Him. When all is said and done, no one will be able to accuse God of not warning and of lacking mercy, or even love, for that matter.

God said He would shake the heavens and the earth. In Haggai, He also made it very clear that this shaking will be of **the thrones and the power of the kingdoms of the nations** (2:21-22). According to John's Patmos vision, we also know that heaven is getting ready to make a mighty declaration.

And the seventh angel trumpeted. And there were great voices in Heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of the world became our Lord's, even of His Christ; and He shall reign to the ages of the ages.** (Revelation 11:15 LITV)

But be assured that a great worldwide upheaval is coming that will cause man's structures, both physical and institutional, to crumble. I have assurance of this through a word He spoke to me on **February 27, 1995**, even before the warning given in 1999. The 1995 word was: "**When you see the structures crumble, testify of My kingdom.**"

Putting the 1995 and 1999 words together serves as a mighty powerful indication that God is indeed going to shake things created (Hebrews 12:27) in fulfillment of scripture. I trust you understand what you just read. I do not mean that this event is just one of many that will occur to the end of the age, as if it were a prototype of one of many to occur over an extended period of, say, hundreds of years.

No; I mean that this great upheaval is designed for one purpose, and that is for man's structures, meaning "created things that cannot remain," to be brought to dust as the Kingdom of Christ comes to earth to rule over the nations. In other words, this is an end-time event that must come in order for the Kingdom of Righteousness to come.

Let me be clear; the Lord has been causing many created things to crumble since the beginning of our present century, but He is not finished. These shakings will continue and even intensify until He brings the hammer down, so to speak, in one final blow that will crush the kingdoms of this world *all together at the same time*. We know this is true based on Daniel's vision of the Stone Kingdom.

(34) You continued until **a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image** on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces. (35) Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were **together** [meaning at the same time] broken to pieces, and they became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. And the wind carried them away so that no place was found for them. **And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.** (Daniel 2:34-35 LITV)

I have long held that one of the reasons why man's structures will crumble as the end of the age approaches is because they cannot stand in the presence of or withstand the power of the Kingdom of Christ. As Jesus, the King of kings moves closer to earth, figuratively speaking, to rule and reign through His conquerors, the unrighteous kingdoms of men will not be able to stand nor withstand the Kingdom of Righteousness. They will be crushed under the weight, not only of His righteousness but also of His glory.

What does darkness have to do with light? What do hatred and war have to do with love and peace? What does man's partial, unjust government have to do with God's impartial, just government?

It is like trying to mix oil with water; they do not mix. When the **Kingdom of the Heavens** (another term for the Kingdom of God) begins to descend upon the earth, all that is not of the character and nature of God's Kingdom must be shaken down and blown away like chaff.

So, this great upheaval may be a rough road for many; but it is a good thing, for when the dust settles, a new world order will descend from heaven the likes of which the world and mankind has never seen. The new world order will not be of man's choosing that the elite of the world continue to plot to bring about. No; this new world order is of God; it is His doing that will be brought about through a called, chosen, and faithful people who have been conformed to the image of Christ and raised up to reign over the nations and to teach them the righteousness of God and the way to righteousness.

At night my soul longs for You, Indeed, my spirit within me seeks You diligently; **for when the earth experiences Your judgments the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.** (Isaiah 26:9 NASB)

Notice how Isaiah's soul and spirit longed for and sought God diligently. This is the heart of a conqueror. But also notice that he saw the purpose of God's judgments. The judgments of God are designed with one thing in mind, and that is righteousness. His judgments are so that the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

Answer this: Have the nations of the world or the inhabitants of the world learned the righteousness of God on their own, apart from those who have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them? The answer is that they have not and will not learn the righteousness of God. Of course, we know that imputed righteousness comes through faith in God's Son.

Instead, the nations defiantly stand against God and His Son.

(2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, (3) "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." (Psalm 2:2-3 ESV)

God will answer this defiance by giving them what they want; He will break all their bonds and cast them away and bring their kingdoms to dust so that they will learn what true righteousness is all about. Again, this is the mercy of God. Paul, the chief among sinners and the one who persecuted *the* Christ while in unbelief, knew it. Paul was amazed at the unsearchable judgments of God.

(32) For God shut up all into disobedience, that He may show mercy to all. (33) O the depth of the riches and of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! (Romans 11:32-33 LITV)

In closing, again, consider the word given to me by the Lord.

"Great cataclysmic upheaval is coming, the likes of which man has never seen or will see again. I will shake the heavens and the earth and this will shake the institutions of the world. In that day, no man will stand; no man will deny that it is the Lord who does such things. All will see that it is the Lord but not all will turn to the Lord God Almighty. Prepare your heart for the days that are coming."

In that day of great upheaval, the inhabitants of the world will finally come to see that there truly is a God, the Most High, who rules over the realm of mankind. After all, He is the Creator of all things and He upholds all things by the word of His power. The heavens do rule!

"Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters." (Revelation 14:7 NASB)