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Introduction

This booklet is titled, “A Prophetic Manifesto;” not “A Prophecy Manifesto.” The difference is important.

My purpose is not to present a prophecy given to me by God. I have no such prophecy.

My purpose is to share some sobering truths that are based on prophecies which God gave to biblical prophets thousands of years ago. They are also based on principles the Bible reveals about how God deals with nations.

You are probably not going to like what you read in this booklet. Throughout history, people have always demanded prophetic voices who would assure them that all is well between them and God (Isaiah 30:10). They have desired what the Bible calls “pillow prophets” (Ezekiel 13:17-23 KJV). And there have always been spiritual leaders who have been more than willing to tickle people’s ears by telling them what they want to hear (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

I don’t like having to say what I am going to express in this manifesto. But I believe it must be said. It is the duty of a watchman on the wall to shout an alarm when appropriate. And the time is certainly appropriate here in America for a shout of warning.

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Part 1

The Death of America

America is finished. We as a nation have turned our back on God. We have kicked Him out of our schools and out of the public arena. We have declared Him to be off-limits.

Our Rejection of God

We have given the boot to the very One who made us great and showered us with blessings. We are in the process of becoming a thoroughly secular and pagan nation. And in the process, we are courting the wrath of God.

- Since 1973 we have murdered our babies in their mothers' wombs at the rate of 4,000 per day, totaling nearly 60 million, and their blood cries out for vengeance.
- We consume more than one-half of all the illegal drugs produced in the world, yet we constitute only 5% of the world's population.
- We spend \$2.8 billion dollars per year on Internet pornography, which is more than half the worldwide total of \$4.9 billion.
- Our rate of cohabiting partners has increased tenfold since 1960, totaling over 12 million unmarried partners today.
- Our divorce rate is the highest of any nation in the world.
- Forty percent of all our children are born to unmarried women.

- We spend over \$100 billion per year on gambling.
- Our number one drug problem is alcohol, producing over 17.6 million adults who are alcoholics or who have alcohol problems.
- Our nation has become a debt junkie, leading the world in both government debt and personal debt.
- Blasphemy of God's name, His Word, and His Son has become commonplace in our media.
- We are the moral polluter of planet earth through the distribution of our immoral, violent and blasphemous television programs and movies.
- We have forsaken the nation of Israel, demanding that they surrender their heartland and divide their capital city.

The Consequences of Rebellion

We have become a nation that calls good evil and evil good (Isaiah 5:20). And we are paying the price:

- Our schools have become arenas of deadly violence.
- Our prison population is increasing exponentially, from 500,000 in 1980 to over 2.5 million today. Over 7.2 million of our people are under some form of correctional supervision.
- Over 1.5 million of our women are reported victims of domestic violence each year, and it is estimated that the majority of cases are never reported.
- We are currently averaging over 3 million child abuse cases each year, involving 6 million children.
- We experience more than 12 million crimes every year, more than any other nation in the world.
- Teen violence has increased exponentially, with youngsters killing each other over tennis shoes.
- Gangs are terrorizing our cities.
- Even the nicest of our neighborhoods are no longer safe, requiring us to protect our homes with security

systems and weapons.

- Our money is becoming increasingly worthless.
- Our economy is being choked to death by a pile of debt that is beyond comprehension.
- Our major corporations and labor unions are in bondage to greed.
- Our society has become deeply divided, splintered among competing groups defined by racial, religious and economic factors.
- Our families are being destroyed by an epidemic of divorce.
- Our entertainment industry consists of vulgarians amusing barbarians.
- One of our fastest growing businesses is the pagan practice of tattooing and body piercing.
- Our universities and media outlets are controlled by radical leftists who hold God in contempt.
- Our federal government has become top-heavy with bureaucrats who are insensitive to taxpayers.
- Our politicians have become more concerned with power than service.
- All levels of government have become increasingly oppressive, seeking to regulate every aspect of our lives.
- Taxation has become confiscatory in nature.
- Our legal system has been hijacked by activists who desire to impose their will on the people, regardless of what the people desire.
- Our freedom of speech is being threatened by “hate crime” legislation.
- Our forms of sports are becoming increasingly violent, reminiscent of the gladiators of ancient Rome.
- Our society has become star-stuck, more interested in celebrities than people of integrity.
- Our churches are caught up in an epidemic of apostasy as they set aside the Word of God in an effort to

cozy up to the world and gain its approval.

- We are experiencing one major natural disaster after another in unprecedented volume and ferocity.
- We have become afflicted with a plague of sexual perversion, producing an army of hard core militant homosexuals.

In summary, we are a people who have become desensitized to sin, and in the process, we have forgotten how to blush (Jeremiah 6:15).

Persecution and Alienation

Another negative characteristic of our society is that true Bible-believing Christians are being alienated from society and are being increasingly subjected to persecution. The speed at which this has happened in recent years is breathtaking.

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1607 – 1833	— The Establishment (236 years)
1833 – 1918	— The Predominant Force (85 years)
1918 – 1968	— The Sub-dominant Force (50 years)
1968 – 1988	— A sub-culture (20 years)
1988 – 1998	— A Counter Culture (10 years)
1998 – 2008	— An Antithetical Culture (10 years)
2008 – Present	— A Persecuted Culture

Cultural Christianity

An overwhelming majority of Americans (85%) claim to be Christians, but the evidence of Christianity in the lives of most of them is almost nil. They purchase lottery tickets, frequent R-rated movies, watch trash shows on TV, purchase pornography, idolize crude and vulgar musicians, frequent abortion clinics and compile a divorce rate that equals non-Christians.

They are what might be called “Culture Christians” — born into a Christian family, raised going to church, but without any personal relationship with Jesus.

Another characteristic of Culture Christians is that they rarely (if ever) read the Bible. This has resulted in gross biblical ignorance and the un-doing of doctrine.

Evangelical Christianity

Ignorance of God’s Word has even become true of Evangelical Christians, the very people whose identity in the past was linked to their reliance on the Bible for their ultimate authority in all things.

Surveys by the Barna Group reveal that among those claiming to be Evangelicals today:

19% are living with a partner outside of marriage.

37% do not believe the Bible to be totally accurate.

45% do not believe Jesus was sinless.

52% do not believe Satan is real.

57% do not believe Jesus is the only way to eternal life.

57% believe that good works play a part in gaining eternal life.

As you can see from these survey results, the term, Evangelical, has lost its meaning.

Christian Confusion

It is no wonder we have professing Christians voting for candidates who promote homosexuality, same-sex marriage, abortion, and casino gambling. Or professing Christians who vote out of greed for the candidate who offers to give them the most, regardless of the person’s wretched lifestyle or beliefs about social and moral issues. Or professing Christians who vote on the basis of race or ethnicity, regardless of a candidate’s viewpoints concerning vital moral issues.

Public opinion polls concerning the fundamental beliefs of Christianity consistently reveal that the number of true Bible-believing Christians in America today is less than 10%. It’s no wonder that during the past 50 years our society has secularized and

paganized so rapidly.

We are a nation shaking its fist at God. We are literally crying out for God's judgment. God has been very patient with us, as He always is. Consider the words of the prophet Nahum:

A jealous and avenging God is the LORD;
The LORD is avenging and wrathful.
The LORD takes vengeance on His adversaries,
And He reserve wrath for His enemies.
The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,
And the LORD will by no means leave the guilty unpunished.

(Nahum 1:2-3a)

Yes, God has been patient, but His patience is wearing thin. He has sent prophetic voices to call us to repentance. When we turned a deaf ear, He began sending remedial judgments. But our faces have become harder than stone (Jeremiah 5:3). The result is that we are now wallowing in immorality, violence and greed.

The Steps to Destruction

The first chapter of Romans reveals how God deals with a rebellious nation. He will step back, lower the hedge of protection and allow evil to flourish. The first result of this action will be the outbreak of a sexual revolution which occurred in this nation in the 1960's (Romans 1:24-25).

If the nation refuses to repent, God will take a second step back, lower the hedge again, and a plague of homosexuality will be unleashed (Romans 1:26-27). That happened in our nation in the 1980's, and it accelerated in the 1990's.

If the nation continues in its sin with no sign of repentance, God will step back a third time, lower the hedge again, and the society will be delivered over to a "depraved mind" that will result in its destruction (Romans 1:28-32).

The time has come for God to deliver us over to a depraved mind — to deliver us from judgment to destruction. We have reached the point of no return, which is identified by the biblical prophets as the point where "the wound cannot be healed" (Jeremiah 30:12; Micah 1:9; and Nahum 3:19).

Our Prophetic Type

Only one other nation in history has been as blessed as ours, and that was ancient Judah. Like us, they rebelled against the God who had blessed them so richly. And as with us, God sent prophets to call them to repentance. When they refused, He hammered them with remedial judgments.

When they persisted in their rebellion, God delivered them from judgment to destruction, allowing the Babylonians to conquer them and take them away from their homeland into captivity.

The fate of Judah prompted two of the saddest verses in the Bible:

The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy. (2 Chronicles 36:15-16)

We may experience a temporary revival, as ancient Judah did when the righteous king Josiah succeeded the monster king Manasseh (2 Chronicles 34-35). But when Josiah was killed, the nation plunged right back into spiritual darkness and soon ceased to exist (2 Chronicles 36). Evil had simply become too ingrained in the fabric of the nation.

Like ancient Judah, our fate is sealed. Our collapse will be just as sudden and overwhelming. Why should God treat us any differently? We can be assured that He will not.

Part 2

The End of the Age

Jesus is about to return, and the Church at large seems to be oblivious to the fact.

In the Church today, Bible prophecy is neglected, abused or scorned. Most pastors simply ignore it as irrelevant or too controversial. Many abuse it by spiritualizing it to mean anything they please. Some just write it off as nonsensical gobbledygook.

Prophetic Irony

The irony is that all this is a fulfillment of end time Bible prophecy, pointing to the fact that we are truly living in the season of the Lord's return:

Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." (2 Peter 3:3-4)

I used to think this prophecy referred to unbelievers – but they could care less about the return of Jesus. To them the whole concept is an absurd myth.

It is Christian leaders who are mocking and scoffing. Some are liberals who are Christians in name only. To them, the idea of Jesus returning to reign over the world for a thousand years is a joke. They consider it to be as ridiculous as the virgin birth or the resurrection.

Others are true believers who either know nothing about Bible prophecy or else have some perverted concept of it. Increasingly

they are espousing the unbiblical concept of Postmillennialism.

The Postmillennial Viewpoint

This is the idea that the Church will take over the world either through political action or evangelism, or a combination of the two, and that the Church will then rule over the earth for a thousand years. At the end of this reign, the Church will surrender the kingdom to Jesus who will transport the Church to Heaven and burn up the earth.

Few concepts could be more unbiblical! The Bible makes it clear that the vast majority of humanity will always reject the Gospel (Matthew 7:13-14). And the Bible makes it equally clear that as we approach the end of the Church Age, society will grow increasingly evil rather than increasingly righteous (Matthew 24:9-12, 36-39).

Furthermore, Postmillennialism is based upon the Humanist assumption of inevitable progress which, in turn, is based upon a belief in the essential goodness of Man. Again, this is a very unbiblical concept. The Bible teaches that Man is born with a sin nature that makes him inherently evil (Jeremiah 17:9).

Man cannot elevate himself by his own effort. Nor can Man be perfected by education or the revolution of society. God will prove this during the upcoming millennial reign of Jesus. During that time, all the world will be flooded with peace, righteousness and justice. Yet, at the end, when Satan is loosed, he will be able to lead a worldwide revolt against Jesus.

Jesus' rule with a rod of iron (Psalm 2:8-9 and Revelation 2:26-27) may produce outward conformity, but inwardly, there will be boiling resentment that will explode into open rebellion. Man will not be transformed by life in a paradise on earth. And that's because people can only be truly transformed by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that comes through faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).

The Amillennial Viewpoint

The end time viewpoint that is held by the Catholic Church

and the majority of Christian denominations today is Amillennialism. It is the strange concept that the Millennial reign of Jesus began at the Cross and continues to this day. Like the Postmillennial view, this view is based on a spiritualization of Scripture — which is a nice way of saying that it is based on an outright denial of what the Scriptures plainly state.

Logic alone is sufficient to destroy the Amillennial viewpoint. The Bible teaches that during the Millennium, the earth will be flooded with peace, righteousness and justice (Isaiah 11:3-9 and Micah 4:1-7). Can anyone truly argue with a straight face that such an atmosphere prevails today?

The Bible says that during the Millennium, Satan will be bound so that he can no longer deceive the nations of the world (Revelation 20:1-3). Is that a present reality? Of course not. All the nations of the world, without exception, are deceived and exist in a state of rebellion against God.

The Bible says six times in the book of Revelation that the Millennium will last 1,000 years (Revelation 20:2-7). Amillennialists say the Millennium began at the Cross and will continue indefinitely until the return of Jesus. Who is correct? The Bible or the Amillennialists?

The Premillennial Viewpoint

A literal reading of end times prophecies, seeking the plain sense meaning, will produce what is called the Premillennial viewpoint.

According to this view, society will disintegrate in the end times (2 Timothy 3:1-5), becoming as immoral and violent as in the days of Noah (Matthew 24:37-39). The Church will be taken out of the world in an event called the Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and then God will begin to pour out His wrath during a seven year period called the Tribulation (Revelation 6-18).

At the end of the Tribulation, Jesus will return (Revelation 19:11-16). A great remnant of the Jews will accept Him as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10; Romans 9:27; 11:25-27). Jesus will re-gather these believing Jews to Israel (Deuteronomy 30:1-9) and es-

tablish them as the prime nation of the world (Zechariah 8:22-23)

Jesus will then begin His thousand year reign from Jerusalem during which time the earth will experience peace, righteousness and justice (Micah 4:1-7 and Revelation 20:4-6).

Replacement Theology

This clear meaning of the Scriptures has been rejected by the Church ever since 400 AD due to anti-Semitism. The Jews were classified as “Christ-killers,” and the argument was made that God had “washed His hands of them.” Further, it was argued that the Church had replaced Israel and had thus become the heir of the promises which God had given the Jews.

The wretched theology that developed from these unbiblical assumptions came to be known as Replacement Theology. It contends that the Church has replaced Israel and God has no further purpose for the Jews. Accordingly, the advocates of this theology argue that God’s promise to the Jews of a future kingdom (Acts 1:1-9) has been annulled and has been transferred to the Church.

Paul’s Refutation

Replacement Theology is thoroughly unbiblical, as any reading of Romans 9-11 will clearly prove. In these chapters Paul affirms the Old Testament prophecies that God will save a great remnant of the Jews in the end times (Romans 9:27), and He will fulfill for them all the promises that He has made to the Jewish people (Romans 11:36).

Paul specifically addresses the issue of Replacement Theology in two places in Romans. In the third chapter he asks this rhetorical question concerning the Jewish people: “If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it?” For almost 1,600 years, ever since 400 AD, the Church has answered, “Yes!” But Paul answers his question in a directly opposite manner by declaring, “May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man be found a liar...” (Romans 3:3-4).

In Romans 11, Paul addresses the issue again, once more using a rhetorical question: “I say then, God has not rejected His people,

has He?” (Romans 11:1). And once again, the Church has always answered, “Yes!” But Paul responds by saying, “May it never be! ... God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew” (Roman 11:1-2).

An Absolute Truth

Whether Church leaders like it or not, God has promised the Jews that one day the Messiah will establish a kingdom for them and through that kingdom He will reign over all the earth (Isaiah 2:1-4).

There is no excuse for the Church to be covetous of the promises God has made to the Jewish people. God has also made some marvelous promises to the Church. One, of course, is the Rapture. Another is the promise that we will reign with Jesus over all the Gentile nations of the earth (Daniel 7:13-14, 18, 27 and Revelation 2:26-27).

Getting Serious About Prophecy

It is time to stop playing games with God’s Prophetic Word. There is too much at stake to simply say, “Every man to his own opinion.”

Jesus is about to return. This Church Age is about to come to a screaming halt. The world is on the threshold of the most horrendous time in human history — the Great Tribulation — when God will pour out His wrath on this God-hating world, (Revelation 6-18), and one half of humanity and two-thirds of the Jews will be killed in a period of only seven years (Zechariah 13:7-9).

Yet, despite this impending horror, Church leaders are lulling people into believing that the return of Jesus is some far distant possibility that is a current “distraction” to Christian living. What garbage!

The Word says the return of Jesus could occur at any moment (Matthew 24:36-44).

The Word says that we are to live looking for the return of Jesus (Titus 2:11-14).

The Word says that living with the expectation and hope of the Lord’s return will produce holiness in our lives

(1 John 3:2-3 and 1 Peter 1:13-16).

The Word provides signs we are to watch for that will signal the season of the Lord's return (Hebrews 10:25 and Matthew 24:33).

Today, one would have to be spiritually blind to not discern the fact that the future has arrived. The ancient prophecies pointing to the season of the Lord's return are being fulfilled before our very eyes. The signs are literally shouting the lord's soon return. And yet most Church leaders seem to be blind to the signs.

The Preservation and Regathering of the Jews

How, for example, can a person ignore the supernatural regathering of the Jewish people back to their homeland from the four corners of the earth? This regathering in unbelief is the most prolific prophecy in the Old Testament (See Isaiah 11:10-12 as an example). It is always pictured in an end time context (Ezekiel 36:22-28).

Jeremiah proclaims two times that when history is done, the Jewish people will look back and consider the current regathering to be a greater miracle than their deliverance from Egyptian captivity! (Jeremiah 16:14-15 and 23:7-8)

This regathering began in the late 1890's and continues to this day — from 40,000 Jews in Israel in 1900 to over 6 million today.

No other people in history have been so widely scattered all over the world.

No other people in history have been so hated and so systematically persecuted.

No other people have been submitted to such an unspeakable atrocity as the Holocaust.

No other people have been so devoid of hope.

Yet, God miraculously preserved them, as He said He would (Jeremiah 30:11; 31:35-37; Isaiah 49:14-16 and 2 Samuel 7:24). And He has regathered them, just as He said He would (Isaiah 11:10-12 and Ezekiel 36:22-24). But Christian leaders write-off

these miracles of their preservation and regathering as an “accident of history” with “no prophetic significance.” Incredible!

We are blessed to be the generation that is witnessing the fulfillment of these prophecies, and yet the average Christian seems unaware of them, and even worse, many who are aware of them have the unmitigated audacity to deny that they are a fulfillment of prophecy or that they have any spiritual significance.

Other End Time Signs

Twenty-five hundred years ago the prophet Daniel said that in the end times the last great Gentile empire — the Roman Empire — would be revived and that the Antichrist would rise out of it (Daniel 2:31-45). Is the revival of the Roman Empire today, in the form of the European Union, an accident of history?

The prophet Zechariah said that in the end times the nation of Israel would come back into existence and that all the nations of the world would come against it (Zechariah 12:1-3). Is the rebirth of the state of Israel in May of 1948 an accident? What about the way in which all the nations of the world are currently coming together against Israel over the issue of who will control Jerusalem?

The prophet Ezekiel said that in the end times all the Arab nations would attempt to take the land of Israel (Ezekiel 35:1-36:7). Are their attempts today an accident of history?

Jesus said we were to watch Jerusalem. He prophesied that the city would be destroyed and the Jews dispersed, but He also prophesied that in the end times the Jews would return and re-occupy the city (Luke 21:24). Was the re-occupation of the city of Jerusalem by the Jews in June of 1967 (for the first time in 1,897 years) an accident of history?

New Testament prophets warned that one of the foremost signs of the end times would be an epidemic of apostasy in the Church (2 Thessalonians 2:3; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:5; 4:1-4). Is the present gross apostasy we are experiencing today an accident of history?

Spiritual Blindness

What's the problem with the Church today? Why are so many Christians and their leaders ignoring the fact that Jesus is at the very gates of Heaven waiting for His Father's command to return? Why is the Church so spiritually blind? Why are so many pastors more focused on church growth than on sounding the alarm that Jesus is coming soon?

Again, the lackadaisical attitude that prevails about the Lord's imminent return is a fulfillment of end time prophecy:

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Satan's Deception

We have arrived at the end of the end times which began with the establishment of the Church on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14-42; Hebrews 1:2 and 1 Peter 4:7). Again, we are living on borrowed time. And Satan is working overtime to camouflage the fact.

He is deceiving people into believing that the end times prophecies do not mean what they say.

He is motivating well-meaning people to set dates for the Lord's return in order to discredit Bible prophecy.

He is convincing pastors that Bible prophecy is pie-in-the-sky, with no relevance to the here and now.

He is convincing both Christians and their leaders that Bible prophecy is a Chinese puzzle that no one can understand, and thus it is a waste of time to study it.

In short, there is a Satanic conspiracy to keep the truths of Bible prophecy in the dark. Satan does not want anyone to know that Jesus is about to return. Nor does he want anyone to know that Bible prophecy reveals that when Jesus returns, Satan will be totally defeated and Jesus will be gloriously victorious and completely vindicated in history.

Realities We Need to Face

What pastors need to understand is two fundamental truths about Bible prophecy. The first is that the preaching of Bible prophecy can be a great evangelistic tool, as it was in the first Gospel sermon which Peter preached on Pentecost (Acts 2:14-36). Read that sermon. It is nothing but the recitation of one Messianic prophecy after another, followed by assertions that Jesus fulfilled each prophecy.

The second truth is that the preaching of Bible prophecy can serve as a great tool of sanctification, for if you can ever convince a Christian that Jesus really is coming back and that He could return at any moment, that person will be motivated to holiness and evangelism.

Let's face it: the average Christian no more believes in the imminent return of Jesus than he believes in Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny. He may believe it intellectually, but he does not believe it with his heart. It is only when a proposition moves from the mind to the heart that it is truly believed and will start having an impact on our minds and actions.

The three most urgent facts of our time that need to be proclaimed from every pulpit in America are:

- 1) Jesus is coming back to pour out the wrath of God and to reign over all the earth.
- 2) The return of Jesus could occur at any moment — there is not one prophecy that must be fulfilled for the Rapture of the Church to occur.
- 3) The signs of the times indicate that we have arrived at the time of the Lord's return.

These truths are like a two-edged sword. To unbelievers, they are a call to flee from the wrath that is to come by fleeing into the loving arms of Jesus now. To the believer they are a call to holiness and evangelism.

The Message for the Unbeliever

The unbeliever needs to face the fact that our Creator God is a God of Justice (Psalm 89:14). Accordingly, He must deal with sin—otherwise life has no meaning. And God deals with sin in one of two ways — either grace or wrath (John 3:36).

Every person on this planet is living under either the grace of God or His wrath. It is a terrible thing to be subject to God's wrath. The Bible says that when Jesus returns, the unsaved will crawl into holes in the ground and cry out for the mountains to fall upon them, so great will be the wrath of God (Isaiah 2:19).

The most tragic thing about this scenario is that all a person must do to move from wrath to grace is reach out in faith, confess that he or she is a sinner, and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. Salvation is a free gift of God's grace through faith in His Messiah, Jesus. You cannot earn your salvation (Ephesians 2:8-10), and anyone who even implies that you can is an agent of Satan.

The Message for Believers

For believers, the imminent return of Jesus is a call to evangelism — to share the Gospel with as many people as possible, as quickly as possible.

The Lord's imminent return is also a call to believers to commit themselves to holiness. In practical terms, this means making Jesus the lord of everything in your life — your money, your job, your food, your entertainment — *everything*.

The Message for Pastors

And for those pastors who argue that prophecy is pie-in-the-sky, with no practical relevance, I ask, “What could be more relevant than a message that propels unbelievers to Jesus and motivates believers to holiness and evangelism?”

And that brings me to another point concerning pastors. It relates to the number one cop-out that pastors use for ignoring the teaching and preaching of God's Prophetic Word. It is often expressed in this manner: “I'm not Premillennial or Amillennial or Postmillennial — I'm Panmillennial because I believe it will all

pan-out in the end.”

Let me give you a translation of that comment. What the pastor is really saying is that he is too lazy to study prophecy to discover its truths, so he has decided to set aside one-third of God’s Word and simply ignore it. And that is truly tragic!

The Meaning of a Promise

“Jesus is coming soon!” That’s the promise given by the prophets of the Bible. It’s a promise made to Jesus’ disciples by angels on the day He ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:9-11). And it is the last promise Jesus made in the last words He spoke on this earth when He appeared to the Apostle John on the island of Patmos some 65 years after His death and resurrection (Revelation 22:12,20).

That promise means all, or it means nothing at all. To the world, it means nothing. To the average Christian, it is something that has been consigned to the indefinite future. To a true believer, it means everything.

True believers yearn daily with all their hearts for the Lord’s return. They share the Gospel at every opportunity, and they live with a commitment to holiness.

And because they live with a yearning for the Lord’s return, they will be candidates to receive a special Crown of Righteousness when they stand before the Lord on their day of judgment:

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course,
I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me
the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous
Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me,
but also to all who have loved His appearing (2 Timothy
4:7-8).

Part 3

Our Hope

Is there any hope for America? No! Our only hope is Jesus, and thus we have no hope, for we have rejected Him. We have turned our back on the very God who made us great and showered us with blessings. We have forgotten that God's Word teaches that "to those to whom much is given, much is expected" (Luke 12:47-48).

We have stubbornly set our course. We have determined to live as we please and not as God has dictated. We have chartered a course of self-destruction, and God is going to allow us to have our way.

The Lack of National Hope

Many professing Christians have deceived themselves into believing that there is hope for our nation if we can only elect the right President or elect the right political party to control Congress. If that is your view, then you have set yourself up for certain disappointment.

I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat. I am a Monarchist because I have devoted my life to doing all I can to help prepare the way for the coming of the King of kings and Lord of lords who will reign in glory and majesty from Jerusalem and who will bring peace, righteousness and justice to this earth.

Allow me to repeat my fundamental point for emphasis: ***Our only hope is Jesus, and since we have turned our back on Him, we have no hope as a nation.***

The abundance of Individual Hope

But there is individual hope for those of us who know Jesus as our Lord and Savior. He has promised to walk with us through the fire and high water, comforting us in our sufferings and providing our needs. He will never forsake us (Isaiah 43:1-3 and Psalm 37:25-26).

We also have the incredible hope of the Rapture of the Church when true believers will be taken out of this world in the blinking of an eye to be with Jesus forever(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

And there is hope for those who will be left behind to face the terror of the pouring out of God's wrath, for even when God pours out His wrath, His major purpose is not to punish but to bring people to the end of themselves so that they will repent and be saved (Isaiah 26:9).

That's grace. Let us rejoice that our God is a God of grace (1 Peter 5:10). Otherwise, there would be no hope for any of us.

Part 4

A Series of Pleas

The urgency of the moment demands action — action on the part of all of us.

A Plea to Unbelievers

If you have never received Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, I pray you will do so this moment. Time is short. Action is needed now. God has prolonged your life to this point because He does not wish that any should perish, but that all might be saved (2 Peter 3:9).

Perhaps you think you are saved because you have been baptized or have become a member of a church — or because you consider yourself to be a good person.

None of these things will save your soul from Hell. Salvation is not a matter of religious rituals, church membership or good works. It is a matter of relationship. Jesus said, “this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” (John 17:3)

Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior? Have you committed your life to him? Are you trusting in Him or in your good works?

To come to know Jesus personally and to be sealed by the Holy Spirit for salvation, you need to reach out to God in faith through a simple prayer like this one:

Dear Heavenly Father, I confess to you that I am a

sinner and that I am sorry for my sins. I thank You for the salvation You have made possible through the sacrifice of Your Son. I accept Him as my Lord and Savior, and I welcome the indwelling power of your Holy Spirit. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Once you have prayed this prayer, seek out a Bible-believing church where God's Word is preached and where Jesus is held up as the only hope for this world. Make a public confession of your faith in Jesus and be baptized to manifest your commitment to Him and to symbolize your own death, burial and resurrection as a new person in Christ (John 3:3 and 2 Corinthians 5:17).

A Plea to Believers

For those of you who have truly placed your faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, my plea is that you will get serious about reaching out to unbelievers with the message of the Lord's soon return. Time is short. Urgent action is needed.

I pray too that you will examine every aspect of your life to see where you have made compromises with the world — where you have grown comfortable with sin. The Holy Spirit is calling you to holiness in preparation for the Lord's imminent return. Identify those areas of your life that are not totally surrendered to the Lord and crucify them.

A Plea to Pastors

My plea to pastors is that you will commit yourselves to studying God's Prophetic Word and take it to mean what it says.

This will enable you to recognize the signs of the times and the urgency of the moment. You then need to communicate this sense of urgency to your people, convicting them that Jesus is returning soon. And you need to teach them how they can best prepare for that momentous event.

A Plea to God

Dear Heavenly Father, I praise You for the manifold blessings that You have given our nation — for Founding Fathers of great

wisdom, for unparalleled freedom, for abundant prosperity, and for the great joy of serving as a conduit of Your spiritual blessings to the rest of the world as You have utilized our riches and ingenuity to communicate the Gospel to all nations and to translate and publish Your Word in many languages.

I thank You also, Lord, for the great patience You have shown toward us in the midst of our rebellion against You.

I am terribly grieved, Lord, that in our pride we have deserted You. I realize that we fully deserve Your wrath, but I pray for mercy. I pray that before You deliver us from Judgment to destruction, You will raise up one last national revival to bring more souls into Your kingdom.

Most of all, Lord, I pray for the soon return of Your precious Son. Send Him quickly, Dear God. Send Him in glory and majesty, and through Him, please flood this wicked world with peace, righteousness and justice.

Maranatha!

Amen.

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