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THE TIMING OF JUDGMENT & THE CHURCH DECISION

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PART 2 **THE BASICS:** **Young Prophets, Church Decision & Experience**

YOUNG PROPHETS

It has been my observation that when young prophets set out to do the Will of God and to then present His Word, they tend to be very accurate in knowing the times of judgment events.

However, this tendency towards accuracy often proves to be very TEMPORARY. Fairly quickly, young prophets will fall flat on their faces, timing-wise. This is a phenomenon most young prophets experience. It is, let us say, a learning experience.

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I have seen that being accurate in knowing the times for judgments has limited value. In the long-run, timing is quite a difficult thing for young prophets.

The reaction of God's people to prophesied judgments that come on the days and at the times young prophets give is commonly adverse, unfriendly, and downright nasty. In fact, young prophets who are accurate in knowing the timing of a given judgment will face the unexpected: hostility, rejection, and unbelief. This reaction is just the opposite of what young prophets would expect to encounter.

CHURCH DECISION

*What is given here is, at best, a very condensed presentation of what I have come to call, **THE CHURCH DECISION**. (Note: If you want a more in-depth study of this subject then obtain a copy of: **THE CHURCH DECISION REPORT** and the **ADDENDUM TO THE CHURCH DECISION REPORT** If you do want a more in-depth study of this subject, then check the **MORE INFO** page. You can navigate to the **MORE INFO** page by clicking on the **MORE INFO** navigation button at the top of the **WELCOME/HOME** page.)*

Prophets, both young and seasoned, are held to a standard that no one else in the Church is willing to even attempt to live-up to.

The Word of God that a prophet brings is expected to be PERFECT, when, Biblically, it cannot be better than PARTIAL (see I Corinthians 13:9). Prophets are expected to have a perfect understanding of everything they receive. When it comes to timing, if prophets venture into the valley of timing, they are expected to be perfect in every respect or else they face judgment and condemnation as being FALSE or DECEIVED—or, both!

The contemporary wisdom of men is to teach that prophets ought not present timing connected to the Word of judgment. It is held that the Lord's Word is sullied and made of no account if prophets are in error on timing. In truth, it is the basic God-given and anointed nature of a prophet to explore the timing of the things God reveals (see I Peter 1:10–12).

Thinking again about young prophets: young prophets need to be nurtured in the Church and the only way they learn is through trial and error. Except they be surrounded by Christ's love and held in both patience and kindness, they do not grow to their potential.

EXPERIENCE

Experience (and patience) in working with the timing of judgments is crucial. Recently (on August 18, 2008), I wrote a report on the subject of timing of judgments. In the report, I shared four examples from my own experience. Here follows the text of that report that contained four of my own experiences.

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Here is one example from MY EXPERIENCE . . .

In the early 1970s, I was associated with a Charismatic prayer group in a western suburb (La Grange) of Chicago. One night during a time of prayer and praise, the Holy Spirit moved on me. I openly prophesied that an earthquake would shake the Midwest that very night. No comment was made afterwards. That same night, a 5.0 Richter earthquake shook the Midwest—in fact, 20 states felt it. At the next prayer meeting, no mention of this was made. The only exception was that one brother in the Lord came up to me and said quietly, *“I see the earthquake you prophesied hit.”* This experience was a bit disconcerting as a strange attitude about a prophetic Word surfaced—a quiet hostility.

In 1979, I expected to see an earthquake shake Iowa on March 19th and had written about this in a Newsletter. On March 19, 1979, some Christians living in Iowa felt the earth tremble and reported this. However, the earthquake was so weak that it was not picked up by a seismograph. A geologist explained that a heavy truck driving across a road bed could trigger a similar shaking and their machine could not distinguish between a heavy truck and that small of a tremor.

Nonetheless, people felt the earth tremble and reported it. According to Jesus’ Word to me, a larger earthquake would strike Boston some 30 days later from the Iowa tremor and that worked out to April 17, 1979.

On April 17, 1979, Boston was rattled by a 4.1 Richter earthquake, the strongest felt there in ten years. I got the phone number of a Boston newspaper and called the city desk. I learned that this earthquake was a headline news item.

One brother told me that unless he saw the newspaper himself he would not believe my report. Then, a local Pastor and others checked and learned that the epicenter of that earthquake was in Maine, not Massachusetts and so they stated, *“It was not a Boston earthquake because it centered in Maine!”* I was a little bit incredulous and made the comment, *“Oh, if an earthquake struck outside of Chicago and leveled Chicago you would not call that a Chicago earthquake!?”* Not put-off, they responded and said, *“Yes!”*

In 1989, a major earthquake struck California and did significant damage to San Francisco. The epicenter of that major earthquake was a good distance from San Francisco, but it was and is referred to as the “1989 San Francisco earthquake.”

In the 1980s, as I traveled across North America extending ***The Seal of the Living God***, a report came to me of a prophet living in Tennessee. And so, in my travels I managed to contact and meet him.

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He related his experience to me on the subject of timing, one I will recount now. In a discussion with Jesus, he said that he would get people to respond to His Word by telling them when it would come to pass. Jesus challenged him saying, “**HOW WILL YOU CONVINCe THEM?!**” He replied, “*By giving them the time of judgments and when they come to pass they will believe.*” Jesus then told him that He would give him ten events and the dates that they would come to pass. Jesus instructed him to give these events and the dates to those pastors and brethren he fellowshiped with—one-by-one.

The brother prophet told me that he gave them the first event and when it would happen. When it came to pass on the day and in the way he shared, none remembered that he ever said that and denied that he told them. So, he gave them the second event and time in writing. When that came to pass in the way he detailed and on the day he gave, they argued that it did not happen the way he said it would. He now gave them the third event and timing and when it came to pass even as he said it would the two pastors told him that they did not want to see him anymore and some of his friends turned away from him.

Having the timing correctly did not impress anyone, In fact, most were visibly irritated by it and some got downright angry with him and turned away from him entirely.

However, if the prophet gets the timing wrong and it does not happen, it is no better as he or she is now branded as being FALSE or DECEIVED by the Devil—or both.

Here is a second example from MY EXPERIENCE . . .

Most of Jesus’ Prophets in America that have worked to understand the timing of these judgments have run into a brick wall and proved unable to KNOW just when these things would happen (although they do happen!). It was not always so. In the early years of this Ministry, I was able, by the Spirit of God, to easily forewarn of coming events to the day, month, and year with ease. But, as time passed, this became more and more difficult and then nearly impossible.

Why? In 1979, Jesus commissioned me to work to understand the timing of judgment. A major revelation came whereby I understood that it was His Church (His people) and their decisions to believe His Word, to repent and pray as He asked or not that was the determining factor in the timing of judgment.

I found that as time passed more and more brethren in Christ did NOT want to hear about the coming judgments and in this they individually and then collectively (the Church—His people) were BINDING Jesus’ Prophets from knowing THE WHEN—they simply just did not want to hear about THE WHEN. This, in turn, would prevent Jesus’ Prophets from knowing THE WHEN. (See what Jesus had to say on this in Matthew 16:19).

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This animus to hearing God's Word and call to prayer became most evident to me in 1980.

In January 1980, I knew through Jesus' Word that there would be a serious event IN THE EARTH on or about **March 27–29, 1980** and that it was connected to somewhere in the Pacific Northwest, possibly Washington State. I issued a warning and call to prayer about it in February 1980.

On **March 27, 1980** Mt. St. Helens volcano erupted pumping hot gases and ash over the Pacific Northwest. Again, through Jesus' Word I KNEW that this volcano would EXPLODE VIOLENTLY on May 18, 1980. *[Note: In studying the timing of judgments, I came to recognize a number of time-cycles at work here. One was that one event would be seen to intensify 53 days later (inclusively). So, March 27, 1980 plus 53 days (inclusively) = May 18, 1980.]*

From Chicago (where I lived at that time), I issued a call to prayer to as many churches as I could locate (through telephone directories in the library) in the Washington/Oregon area. I warned these churches that Mt. St. Helens would explode on May 18th and that life and property would be lost unless there was prayer.

One Lutheran Pastor (whose church was not far from the volcano) wrote me an angry letter demanding to be removed from my mailing list and also saying that he did not want to receive any more of this kind of nonsense. Another pastor (in Electric City, Washington—about 500 miles from Mount Saint Helens) told a brother on our mailing list (who attended that church): *“When it comes to pass we will know he is a prophet.”*

On May 18, 1980, while that pastor in Electric City was giving his sermon, the Mount Saint Helens volcano exploded. The sound was so powerful that it was heard strongly in Electric City, Washington and SHOOK THE ELECTRIC CITY CHURCH BUILDING. In that it was built near the base of the Coulee Dam, the people rushed out of the church thinking the dam had broken. The sky was clear of clouds, it was sunny and bright and the dam was intact. That pastor would later comment about me saying, *“That troublemaker!”*

As a result, the capacity of Jesus' Prophets to know WHEN certain judgments will happen has been crippled and literally BOUND (see Matthew 18: 18).

Here's a third example from MY EXPERIENCE . . .

I have learned to fall back on details Jesus has given in His Word to KNOW that we are close to these judgments He has warned about for many years. For example, in the vision of July 1973 of the monster earthquake that will lay waste the Midwest (Chicago being the center), He shewed me a huge airliner coming to land at O'Hare airport that had two rows of windows. It looked like a flying apartment building to me in 1973.

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That two decker airliner, seen in the vision of 1973, landed at O'Hare in March 2007! It was the new Airbus A380 plane—such a plane had not and could not even be conceived of in 1973.

A fourth example from MY EXPERIENCE . . .

More recent events (Russia invading the nation of Georgia this August 8, 2008) conforms to what Jesus shewed me in 1983, where I saw Russia invading Iran through the nation of Georgia. Russia has destroyed the military of Georgia. They are now no threat or blockage to Russian military forces when they decide to invade Iran as Jesus revealed they would back in 1983.

In that vision of 1983, Jesus shewed me that the US was rushing troops into Saudi Arabia by air and sea and assembling our army in Saudi Arabia. I then saw Iran fire a missile across the Persian Gulf which exploded over our assembling army, a nuclear bomb wiped our standing army out in one blow.

Tensions between the U.S. and Russia were very high in this time and not long afterwards Russia ACCIDENTALLY launched 12 ICBMS at the U.S. Russian technicians were able to destroy all but three ICBMS. An anti-ballistic missile defense system the U.S. had destroyed five of the incoming Russia nuclear bombs, four survived and fell on the U.S. The U.S. president fired three nuclear bombs back at Russia, destroying three Russian cities: a limited nuclear exchange. *(Note: In 1989, Jesus told me that **President George Bush** would build and install an anti-ballistic missile defense system. President George H.W. Bush was president at this time (in 1989). He did not do this. But, in 2000, when George W. Bush was elected president, he did begin the program to build and install that anti-ballistic missile defense system. The system was installed it in 2005.)*

Coming into focus . . .

What I am seeing is that the visions of years ago are coming increasingly into focus. These circumstances are taking form and shape before our eyes, conforming to what Jesus shewed or told me would be prior to certain key events (like the accidental nuclear attack by Russia to happen in the month of December to be preceded by a major hurricane hitting the Gulf Coast from Florida to New Orleans in September of the same year).