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Dear Friends,

August letter - Part A.

<u>The Lord said</u>: In Isaiah chapter 17 -- Just as in Isaiah's day, because you have forgotten ME, and <u>planted your gardens of life with cuttings of a "strange" God</u>, your "<u>harvest</u>" shall follow suit. (verses 10-11). The result – <u>TERROR</u>! (verse 14). And in Chapter 18, You give us warning yet again Lord, to be watching and waiting for Your signals!

Isa 18:3 All you inhabitants of the world, you who dwell on the earth, when a <u>signal</u> is raised on the mountains—look! When a trumpet is blown—hear!
Isa 18:4 For thus the Lord has said to me: I will be still and I will look on from My dwelling place, like clear and glowing heat in sunshine, like a fine cloud of mist in the heat of harvest.

And yes, Lord, I have done as Isaiah did, walked around the keyboard, 'comparatively naked and barefoot', for four years, on the 19th November, as a sign and forewarning, to all those around the world, that would listen to what it is, YOU would have to say, <u>at</u> this late hour! (Isaiah 20:2).

<u>A hard and grievous vision is declared to me</u>...(Isaiah 21:2) and...(verse 4 says) ...[In my mind's eye I am at the feast of Belshazzar. <u>I see the defilement</u> of the golden vessels **taken** from God's temple, <u>I watch</u> the handwriting appear on the wall—<u>I know</u> that Babylon's great king is to be slain.]

Yes Lord! Just as the prophet Isaiah saw the world plummet into a chaotic mess, and the Jews overtaken and dispersed for hundreds of years, with nothing he could do about it, except continue to warn them verbally; that is, to the few who would listen; so too, I watch on, as the world spirals into spiritual oblivion. I warn those who would listen. Most just walk on by; oblivious! I KNOW that Heaven will reveal the results of my labour here, for YOU, Lord! And, I will continue to be faithfully obedient, to tell the story of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; while You Lord, will be faithful to CALL those whom You have chosen, to "COME" to You! Amen!

- Isa 21:6 For thus has the Lord said to me: Go, set [yourself as] a watchman, let him declare what he sees.
- Isa 21:7 And when he sees ... he shall listen diligently, very diligently.
- Isa 21:8 And [the watchman] cried like a lion, O Lord, I stand continually on the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my station every night.
- Isa 21:9 And see! Here comes... And he [the watchman] tells [what it foretells] ...[in my vision]!
- Is a 21:10 O you my threshed and winnowed ones, ...that which I have heard from the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, <u>I have [joyfully] announced</u> to you [Babylon is to fall]! Is a 21:12 The watchman said, The morning comes, but also the night...
- Is a 21:16 For the Lord has said this to me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling [who will work no longer than was agreed], all the glory of Kedar [an Arabian tribe] will fail.

Isa 21:17 ...for the Lord, the God of Israel, has spoken it!

Wow! Lord, You bothered to make mention FIVE times in those five chapters that these are "inspired predictions". I heard You Lord. And as a result, and a faithful watchman, I obediently pass on to our brothers and sisters here, that You are not happy with our blatant disregard to Your divine instructions. I love You Lord, and it breaks my heart that so many may be left behind, because of their spiritual apathy, or just plain rebelliousness and consequent disobedience. Thank You Jesus for Your obedience to do; Thank You Father God for Your long suffering grace toward us; and thank You Holy Spirit for Your sweet, sweet communion, and the sitting with me and giving me a hug, as we weep together, for the family members and friends, who still have not shown the necessary evidence of repentance, that leads to salvation and eternity. Thank You, for it is YOU who enables me - to "BE"; the watchman, called, anointed, and appointed! Amen!

The Bible uses the 'role of a watchman' to describe the 'work of a prophet' among God's people.

Eze 3:16 And at the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me:

Eze 3:17 Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth and give them warning from Me. [Isa. 52:8; 56:10; 62:6; Jer. 6:17.] Eze 3:18 If I say to the wicked, You shall surely die, and you do not give him warning or speak to warn the wicked to turn from his wicked way, to save his life, the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand.

Eze 3:19 Yet if you warn the wicked and he turn not from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered yourself.

And back in Isaiah 21, God said the same of Isaiah...

Isa 21:6 For thus has the Lord said to me: Go, set [yourself as] a watchman, let him declare what he sees.

Notice this: — it is God's message, not Ezekiel's message or Isaiah's message, or any other prophet's message. It is always God's message delivered through the human instrument. The warning comes from God in language phrased to fit the situation, and designed to bring people to repentance. Let's keep this point firmly in mind. The prophet had the duty of delivering the sobering message. These passages in Isaiah and Ezekiel paint an image of godly people, who are given unique vision into the world of today, and the world to come. But they also have insight into the world at the end of this age.

They (the watchman/prophet) see the dark gathering clouds on the world's horizon, that spell the end of Satan's reign as the god of this world, and author of all its evil. This leads them (the watchman/prophet) to mount the "walls" of society and shout a warning to any, who will hear. To say... Our God is a sovereign God, and a jealous God. He will bring a time of judgment on the world, to prove that He alone is God, and that ALL other gods erected by people, to hide His truth, will be destroyed, once and for all time. Amen!

This <u>message of the watchman/prophet</u> also includes **teaching** that will show **any who** will listen, the way to <u>personal peace</u>. It will reveal the <u>TRUTH of God</u>, and the <u>way to salvation</u>. It is also a <u>message of how one can choose to escape</u> the time of <u>judgment</u>, which God has promised to bring to the world.

Isa 21:6 For thus has the Lord said to me: Go, set [yourself as] a watchman, let him declare what he sees.

You have asked me to **set myself as a watchman**, again Lord; but <u>not to be silent - I must</u> declare what I see!

So as I take another look at the role of the 'ministry of the watchman', with some insight from further research. I look at the verse -- Eze 33:7 So you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth and give them warning from Me.

****** The watchman is a prophet and intercessor called to bring the Word of God to Israel, the Body of Christ. ******

We use the term <u>watchman</u> to include both roles of - <u>prophet and intercessor</u>.

The <u>function</u> of the <u>prophetic intercessor</u>, <u>or watchman</u>, is best defined as taking place in the course of <u>four stages</u>: <u>Revelation</u>, <u>Intercession</u>, <u>Proclamation</u>, <u>and Restoration</u>.

We must use the <u>Scriptures as our sole authority for defining and determining the</u> <u>job description of the prophet</u>. Whatever the popular thought or current practice may be; we are not interested in man's notions of what a prophet should be, or what everyone else is doing. Taking the passage from Ezekiel as a springboard, we make the following observations:

1) "I have set thee a watchman..." Prophets are not self-anointed. Prophets are not called by a denomination or installed by men. Prophets do not receive a prophetic ministry through the laying on of hands by another prophet (but it certainly may be confirmed by another prophet; that is not the same thing). One does not decide to become a prophet; neither may one volunteer their services to be a prophet.

God reserves the right to set His own watchmen, and this He will do according to His will, and according to His timing. We do not know why He chooses the ones He chooses. It is a work of grace. Many prophets are selected from birth or from childhood. John the Baptist was filled with the Spirit within his mother's womb. We dare not intrude into this holy work by setting up our own prophets or stepping into a place that God has not put us. It is God's Hand, and no other.

2) "Unto the house of Israel..." The prophet speaks primarily to Gods people, the house of Israel. The New Testament church is the spiritual Israel of God (Galatians 3:3-9; 4:21-31). Watchmen do not speak to the world at large, casting their pearls before swine. They are called to exhort, edify, rebuke, and build the Church of God, building upon the foundation that is laid already in Christ.

The prophet <u>does not</u> usually bring a one size fits all, generic sort of message that speaks to the universe. It is typically a <u>surgical strike</u>, <u>directed and honed to</u> <u>penetrate a particular thing in the <u>Body of Christ</u>, with <u>Spirit-led precision that cuts through the formalities and niceties to get to the guts of the task at hand</u>. The very nature of the message cuts to the quick, and makes some, gnash their teeth. <u>Even so</u>, <u>God has set Watchman in the Church</u> - for <u>its own edification</u>, <u>comfort</u>, and <u>protection</u>.</u>

3) "Therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me..." Why doesn't God speak directly to His people? Why speak indirectly through a prophet? The prophet is called to speak warning. It presupposes that the house of Israel has sunk to such a low degree, that God may no longer speak directly to the nation. He must use a man to speak to men.

Let us not quibble about through whom the Word comes. The watchman is on the wall and is looking at things from a different vantage point. He sees things you cannot or will not see. Since God has set him there, it would be a mistake to ignore the warning he brings. If God can use a donkey to rebuke the madness of Balaam, certainly we should pay particular attention to one who comes to us in the name of the Lord.

Let us receive the prophet in faith and judge the message he brings with righteous judgment, not murmuring, because God chooses to warn us through someone else, and not US, directly. Usually it is because God cannot get through to us directly, that He is compelled to send a prophet to arrest our attention. Prophets are a last resort, NOT a primary expression for God, or the preferable vessel God would use. If we will not obey the written Word, God will send a prophet to speak the Word to our face. Thus it is, that if they will not hear the LAW and the PROPHETS, they will not believe, even if Christ should rise from the dead, and tell them directly (Luke 16:29-31). To reject the one that is sent, is to reject the One who sends, (Luke 10:16).

This in a nutshell, is the Ministry of the Watchman. (Part A)

The <u>discharge of the burden</u> of the <u>Lord 'through the watchman'</u>, may be properly classified as falling into <u>four areas</u>, in chronological order...Revelation; Intercession; Proclamation; and Restoration.

(We will look at them in Part B of this study on the "Ministry of The Watchman").

Meantime, please pray with us for the Ministry of some of the End-Times Watchman, that are doing now, as Isaiah and Ezekiel did back then; warning the people – <u>exactly as God has instructed them to do</u>.

Brother <u>David Dellit</u> is currently beginning a new series of Mission Meetings in East Africa – as an OBEDIENT Watchman on the wall. He has written down what the Lord has instructed; "<u>The Valentine Prophecies</u>"... and he is delivering it to all who

would COME - and listen to what the Lord would have then to know - before it is too late.

Also pray for Brother <u>Leon Gosiewski</u>, author of "<u>A Watchman's Warning</u>; <u>Christianity Mis-Sold</u>". He too is ministering in Great Briton, and we would appreciate your prayers for him also. Thank you and God bless you.

Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.