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A SPECTACULAR EVENT COMING!

“THE PREFERRED EARTHQUAKE”

An earthquake is a fantastic and, many times, terrible event. In our time, we have been hearing about earthquakes altering the landscape in many nations of the world. The record shows that earthquakes are happening with greater frequency and more severe impact than in any similar period of time in history. Nothing we have seen up until this time, however, compares with a devastatingly great earthquake which is still to come.

Describing this, the Apostle John says, *“And I beheld when He had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs,*

“...and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.”

when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places” (Rev. 6:12-14).

Here we have a description of an absolutely awesome event. From this brief account in the Prophetic Word, some observations need to be made. This because, even reading these pages now, may well be persons who will be impacted by that incredible disturbance.

The first observation which is apparent is the fact that **this earthquake will be a very smashing event.** The light disappears when the sun becomes black as sackcloth of hair. The moon assumes a frightening appearance as it becomes like blood.

Accompanying this earthquake are a series of cosmic events as the stars of heaven fall to earth. Here we have not simply a meteor or two, but stars in such numbers so that this phenomenon is like a fig tree casting untimely figs when shaken by a mighty wind.

As if this were not enough, the heavens depart as a scroll and

the mountains and the islands are moved out of their places. Obviously, nothing in all the earth will remain unshaken at the advent of this overwhelming quake.

As we read this frightening description, we remember that again and again earthquakes are described in the Bible as signs of divine judgment. Yes, it is apparent that the wickedness of men can even cause the earth to tremble. A little imagination invested in these words can cause in each of us almost a feeling of participation in this great form of the Judgment of Almighty God. We must learn and never forget that the universe, including this entire earth, is a fragile, destructible thing. What seems so solid can be blown away into dust by one puff of the breath of the eternal God. Millions have died in earthquakes far more gentle than this one. An earthquake means the loss of everything and must certainly be called a frightening experience indeed.

We can make a second observation from this account in the Word of God. That is that there is coming an experience more frightening to natural men

than even this devastating earthquake. What is that experience? It is that inevitable event when sinful men will stand unprotected before the naked judgment of God. This awful earthquake is described as to its effect upon the men of earth: *“And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every slave, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains”* (Rev. 6:15). Cowering in the crevices the rulers of earth extended a great cry, they *“said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb”* (Rev. 6:16). So it will be that the tardy discernment of the brave and the beautiful of earth will esteem the wrath of God as a more devastating experience even than a mighty earthquake. Better to be crushed by a falling mountain than to stand undefended before the Judgment of the Eternal God. These rulers of earth suddenly developed a proper view of things, but alas, by that time it was too late.

Is there not a lesson here for all of mankind? The people of earth, living a tranquil life and presuming that tranquility will continue, give not a thought about the end of earth and the first day of eternity. Preoccupied with the fading things of time, they think not at all about the reality of eternity that is soon to break upon them. Believing not at all

in God or His Judgment, the foolish denizens of earth will arrive astonished before the throne of God on Judgment Day. When they hear the judgment of eternal damnation, they will say something like, “How could this happen to me?” They should have learned long before that *“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”* (Heb. 9:27).

We can also observe that the Scripture states that the Day of Wrath is inevitable. It says, *“For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”* (Rev. 6:17). The great day of the wrath of God — what a statement! We know from the New Testament that man is treasuring up wrath against the Day of Wrath and revelation of the righteous Judgment of God, *“Who will render to every man according to his deeds”* (Rom. 2:6). For a long time now, the world has been amassing a treasure of divine wrath without ever considering the awful denouement of it all. Judgment Day is coming. Any person is a pitiful fool who does not make that consideration a first principle of life.

We have a final question, *“Who shall be able to stand?”* There is an answer to that question which we can announce with certainty and with joy. Who shall stand? Every person who has believed the Gospel of Jesus Christ and knows God’s precious Son as personal Savior. Each one of these individuals will stand and will be unaffected by that final Judgment.

In fact, we will not stand as guilty before the King of the universe, but we will actually share His judgment throne. Yes, *“the saints shall judge the world”* (1 Cor. 6:2). Having been delivered from all judgment by the death of Christ on Calvary’s cross, we shall be a part of that judiciary which judges the world in that awful hour. Yes, we will be able to stand, undisturbed by the fires of divine retribution. The judgment which we deserve has already been poured out upon Christ at Calvary. We are, therefore, free from judgment, from condemnation. So it is that the Psalmist says, *“The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous”* (Ps. 1:5).

We have a recommendation, then. As that awful hour of divine judgment draws near, each one of us must be sure that we know Jesus Christ as our Savior from sin’s dreadful consequences. Let us also remind ourselves of the awful situation that is coming upon our world, which reminder should lead us to be overt, outstanding witnesses for Christ. Before the Judgment of God impacts this world with the velocity of an earthquake, we must snatch individuals like brands from the burning and bring them to the place of faith in Christ. Because of the shortening of time, no effort is more strategic than that of preaching the Gospel of the grace of God and offering to people the unsearchable riches of Christ. That is strategic activity indeed.

From the writings of Dave Breese

THE TIDE OF OUR TIMES

“GODLESSNESS IS IN TROUBLE, according to a growing consensus among philosophers, intellectuals and scholars.

‘Atheism as a theoretical position is in decline worldwide.’[...]

British philosopher Anthony Flew, once as hard-nosed a humanist as any, has turned his back on atheism, saying it is impossible for evolution to account for the fact that one single cell can carry more data than all the volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Mr. Flew still does not accept the God of the Bible.

But he has embraced the concept of intelligent design—a stunning desertion of a former intellectual ambassador of secular humanism to the belief in some form of intelligence behind the design of the universe.[...] The Rev. Paul M. Zulehner, dean of Vienna University’s divinity school[...] cautioned, however, that the decline of atheism in Europe does not mean that re-Christianization is taking place.

‘What we are observing instead is a re-paganization.’”

Uwe Siemon-Netto, United Press International

“PORN--PART OF THE PROBLEM--‘In the last three decades, prostitution and pornography have become increasingly tolerated, normalized and legitimized, resulting in expansion of sex industries all over the world.’”[...]

The Internet has made pornography ubiquitous,[...] and has ‘provided pornographers access to a global audience with almost no restrictions or regulations. It provided men, who are usually secretive about their exploitation of women and children, with easy, private access to unlimited amounts of pornography.’”

Ed Vitagliano, AFA Journal

WRITE OR CALL for your free copy of our position paper on PORNOGRAPHY.

“THE NATION’S GOVERNORS, facing a 32-percent drop-out rate among high school students across the country, spoke with urgency[...] about the need to redesign the system so students graduate and are prepared to succeed in college and in the workplace.

‘Many of us here today would say the situation in America’s high schools should be described as a crises.’” [...]

‘And this issue is terribly important in terms of our efforts to restore America’s competitiveness in the world economy,’ said [Virginia Gov. Mark Warner], the co-chairman of the National Governors Association.[...]

Gov. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas,[...] said ‘The failure of high schools to prepare students adequately for college and the workplace costs the U.S. economy at least \$16 billion a year in lost productivity.[...]

In terms of personal income,[...] the difference between high school and college education is at least a million dollars over a lifetime.’”

George Archibald,
The Washington Times

“THE FOUNDERS OF THE UNITED STATES REJECTED

the socialist’s utopian vision and sought to create a nation based on different, more realistic ideals—individual liberty and opportunity. And because they also understood man’s sinful nature, they sought to put ‘chains’ (their term) around government to put at bay its tendency to abuse power. They knew the ultimate check on the politics of power is found in the opening phrase of the Constitution: ‘We, the people. . .’ Their wisdom placed political power ultimately in

the hands of the citizens. If we do not take our responsibility seriously, then we only have ourselves to blame when we loose our liberty.[...]”David A. Noebel and Chuck Edwards, The Schwarz Report



A NEW BOOK which we just received is a book written by a friend of Dave’s. This friend is Dave Wheaton. He was one of the top professional tennis players in the world, winning the Grand Slam Cup. **This book would make a great gift for high school graduates and college students.**

UNIVERSITY OF DESTRUCTION
Your Game Plan for Spiritual Victory on Campus
by David Wheaton



Young people entering college often encounter overwhelming temptations while being forced godless philosophies--and the results can be spiritually catastrophic. **University of Destruction** outlines essential practical and biblical principles that will equip students for the inevitable spiritual battle they will face on campus.

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OCEANSIDE

*How many surges of foam at my feet
As a breaker's last passion expires;
How many fountains of salt-diamond spray
Like a flame of primordial fires;
How many vistas of purple and gold
From the sun's bright and westering way;
How many steps may I print in the sand
'Ere the sands of my time have their day?*

*How many moon-molten surfs will I see
With their liquid of silver and star?
How many dawns with their ominous gray
As the stubborn fog clings to the bar,
Then yields to the gold of that conquering orb,
Which ascends with Promethian fire,
To burnish a seascape of billow and cloud
Into castle, cathedral, and spire?*

*Ah, the gift that is mine from His heavenly grace
To view with terrestrial eyes
The nearly celestial montage of this scene,
With the infinite breadth of the skies --
Caught fast in the cadented watch-work of time
As I muse by this metronomed shore,
While the tick and the tock of eternity's clock
Brings that instant when time will be o'er.*

*The "when" of that instant I cannot now know,
As I know not the depths of the sea.
The mist-mantled future I only surmise
'Til the final wave breaks upon me.
The "whence" of that instant is lighted and clear,
Like the unclouded rays on the sand.
Like a sea eagle to heaven's fair shore
I shall soar to that bright, sunlit land.*

*Before that glad instant when faith becomes sight,
When we rise to the glory supreme,
I shall work to the utmost, unceasingly pray,
Speaking ever this transporting theme --
That Christ by His grace and the blood of the cross
Gives salvation and life to His own
Beyond these fair shores to rule ever with Him
Who will reign from His glorified throne.*

by Dave Breese



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



“My gifts are so small, but I do so very much look forward to the Newsletter or Bulletin of Christian Destiny-- a real blessing to me. I pray Christian Destiny will grow and prosper another year. David’s poetry is a delight and sobering thought. Every part of Christian Destiny is inspiring, a building up of our trust in God. God bless and keep you and yours for His soon coming for His Church. Much love in Christ Jesus.” – Fulton, KY

“I enjoy your Newsletter. Keep up the good work. I pass the letter on when I am through.” – St. Petersburg, FL

“We thank you for the great blessings that you have been. Every Newsletter and Destiny Bulletin are refreshing to our spirits. We are retired and our gifts are small, but we hope to be able to send them for several years–‘Til Jesus Comes.’” – Hutchinson, KS

“We are so thankful for you and this ministry. May God continue to bless you and your families. We all miss dear Dave, but you are doing a great job of carrying on.” – San Angelo, TX

“I’d like 20 of the ‘Life at Its Very Best.’ I’ve used those for graduates before and they are great. I sure appreciate you carrying on the ministry. May God help us. The days of apostasy are upon us. The coming of Jesus in the clouds to receive us unto Himself must be close. I look for His coming – every day! ‘May God supply your needs as you remain faithful.’” – Milaca, MN

“God’s blessing on all your staff as you faithfully lift up Jesus. Have a Happy Easter Season.” – Atwater, CA

“Once again I thank you for being a light to many. I’m about 80 days from being released and will send you my new address soon.” – Globe, AZ

“Greetings from our little village - hope all is well at Christian Destiny. Surely have enjoyed the latest Bulletin (haven’t read all of it yet) and the ‘Bible Says.’ Some of the questions are ones I probably would ask!! It is wonderful.” – Hoyt, KS

“Excuse my poor writing. I’m 93 the 25th of this month and believe me, it is just great to be old. 93 is OLD. Believe me. The Bible says when you get old, the window is dim, the sound of the bird is far away and the grinders get few. I’ve experienced all of them. I fervently want to join Dave Breese. He is home, praise the Lord. I pray God will take us all soon. My love to you all.” – Frenchtown, NJ

WORTH QUOTING

“If the wealth of this country were distributed, 90 percent would be destroyed by the act of distribution. The resulting starvation and anarchy would destroy the rest in 30 days.”

-- J. F. Lincoln.

“He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven.”

-- Lord Herbert

“Someday people will learn that material things do not bring happiness and are of little use in making people creative and powerful. Then the scientists of the world will turn their laboratories over to the study of spiritual forces which have hardly been scratched.”

-- Charles P. Steinmetz

“No man or woman has achieved an effective personality who is not self-disciplined. Such discipline must not be an end in itself, but must be directed to the development of resolute Christian character.”

-- John S. Bonnell, D.D.

But especially,

“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Re-compense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men” (Romans 12:16-17).

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q. When is Christ coming again?

A. We are told in Scripture the fact of His coming, but we are not told the time of His coming. This because God wants us to live every day as believing that that day may be the time of the return of Christ. Nevertheless, we have the promise in Scripture: *“He which testifies these things says, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen”* (Rev. 22:20-21).

Q. I am afraid to die. Is there any hope for me?

A. Fear of death is a troubling concern for many people. If you are a Christian, fear of death is easily countered by paying attention to the truth of Scripture. *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage”* (Heb. 2:14). In Christ, we are absolved from the fear of death.

Q. How does God speak to us today?

A. Scripture says, *“God,*

who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Has in these last days spoken to us by His son.” (Heb. 1:1-2).

Q. I read much about success in life. Can I be a success?

A. The path to the beginning of success is plainly described in Scripture, but it will not be followed by most people. The Scripture says, *“For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth”* (II Cor. 13:8). Millions of aspiring people are laboring in pitiful little pursuits which promise success but guarantee failure. The only activity that will produce a successful result is that activity which is *“for the truth.”* Therefore the prelude to any real success is that we become masters of the truth, the truth of the Word of God. Without this, failure is assured.

Know the truth and then do it, this is the winning combination. Substitutes and chicanery accompany most people’s efforts at “getting ahead.” Truth is then ignored and the cause fails. Industrious labor on behalf of the truth is therefore the basic ingredient. Master this and you will be well on your way.

Q. If the Holy Spirit is

removed from the earth at the time of the Rapture, how will people be evangelized during the Tribulation?

A. To suppose that the Holy Spirit must stop operating in the world because the Church, in which He dwelt, is no longer present, is erroneous. People were saved in the Old Testament economy, though the Holy Spirit did not indwell all believers in that age, as He does in this present Church Age. Nicodemus was reminded by Jesus, that the new birth by the Holy Spirit was necessary for salvation (John 3:3-5). That was prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit, also. Thus, in the Tribulation Age, the Holy Spirit will work just as He did when dealing with Israel before He indwelt the Church.

It should be recalled that the indwelling ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church is as Comforter (John 16:7) and for power (Acts 1:8), both of which are apart from His work of regeneration. From this, it is evident that He will be able to regenerate even though not indwelling the believers during the Tribulation. As a member of the Godhead, He is not limited as to how He can perform His saving work, now or then, and remarkably, as the Millennium dawns, all flesh will experience His gracious and blessed ministry.

THINKING TOGETHER

BE STRONG

There is a simple admonition of Scripture which applies to every believer in Jesus Christ. If practiced, it would lead to remarkable Christian capability on the part of every child of God. It is contained in two simple words and constitutes a call for all who know Christ.

The two simple words are, "Be Strong." As we read the Bible, (which we should do every day), we find these words repeated. In fact, they are found so frequently in Scripture that one begins to suspect that God really means it when He tells us that we are to be strong. Let us, therefore, suggest just a few areas in which the Bible specifically tells us that we are to exercise strength, force, purpose, and determination.

First of all, we are to be strong for the Lord. We are never to be afraid of the opposition, but we are always to operate in the strength of the Lord. Whatever may be the form of opposition which we face, we are not to fear, but rather we are to be resolute Christians. Virtually every writer of the entire Bible brought up the subject of strength by which to operate for God. At the same time, virtually every writer confessed to his own human weakness, and therefore, the impossibility of accomplishing a great work by depending on his own strength and wisdom. Each one of these writers of the Word of God then reported that they were empowered with unusual strength because they had not depended upon themselves but upon the Lord. Therefore, the Scripture reports

that in their weakness, they were made strong. For instance, the Apostle Paul was able to write about how we can possess "*the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power*" (Eph. 1:19). When we are empowered by God, strengthened with His own courage, we find that the Lord is "*able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us*" (Eph. 3:20). There is no doubt that each one of us faces impossible problems, frightening difficulties, perplexity which is beyond our capability to solve. In the midst of all of this, however, if we determine to be strong in the Lord with His help, we will experience divine enablement far beyond our poor little powers. The Lord turns our weakness into strength! We know this because of hundreds of applicable promises in the Word of God.

Then we are admonished to be strong against the Devil. The Scripture tells us, "*we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*" (Eph. 6:12). What then are we to do? "*Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand*" (Eph. 6:13).

The Devil is in serious confrontation before all of us. He wants to ruin your life, destroy the

work of God, and defeat the Church. So the Scripture seriously says, "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world*" (1 Peter 5:8-9).

So, we as members of the army of the Lord, are in the "contingent of resistance" against His Infernal Majesty the Devil. The Devil should be seriously worried every day about the prospect of facing resolute Christians who are determined to be good soldiers for Christ.

The Scripture also indicates that there is coming a time when Satan will know his time is short and will go forth with great wrath (Rev. 12:12). We can, therefore, expect that pressure from the satanic side will increase. The battle, therefore, will grow stronger, the battle between Satan and the believers. This is not the time to run and hide. O indeed, it is the time to check our armor, strengthen our resolve, and be ready when the trumpet sounds.

We are also called upon to be strong in the Word. There are many Christians in today's world who do aspire to live a life of capability and consequence. They are seeking the strength by which they can be soldiers for Christ. Unfortunately, many are looking in the wrong direction. They are seekers of "the great experience,"

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BREESE GRANDCHILDREN GRADUATE

Congratulations Katie!



Katie will graduate in May, with honors, from the University of Louisville School of Nursing.

Congratulations Carolyn!



Carolyn will graduate in May from Cornerstone Christian Academy, Eighth Grade.

Congratulations Elliott!



Elliott will graduate in May from Ayesbury Christian Academy Home School, Eighth Grade.

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pursuers of “the secret,” analysts of “the mystery,” and these pursuits do not seem to work. Many are in this state of spiritual frustration because their aspirations to Christian capability are not based on real knowledge.

Do you want to be a good soldier of Christ? Then notice that the Bible says, “*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*” (Heb. 4:12). Here we are reminded that the major weapon in the battle for truth in today’s world is the Word of God which is living and powerful. We have a spiritual resource in the Bible that pierces even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit. The resource is not argument, coercion, endless reasoning, or any of that. It is the Bible. Therefore, we are admonished to be strong in the Word! A person who pursues their capability will find strength growing in his life which is truly inexplicable. A powerful knowledge of the Bible, the ability to compare Scripture

with Scripture is truly taking unto ourselves the whole armor of God. It is this pursuit that will make it possible for us to stand in the evil day and “*having done all, to stand*” (Eph. 6:13). According to the Word, the helmet of salvation is the Word of God, which Word is also presented to us as being sharper than any two-edged sword. Therefore, put it down and never forget it, that the greatest asset in the life of a Christian is a knowledge of Holy Scripture and the ability to readily use this

knowledge in every circumstance of life. The believing Christian, filled with a careful and exact knowledge of the Bible is the greatest threat against the Devil in the world today. A simple, careful study of the Bible is the believer’s most worthy pursuit. We do not have to travel to some mountain in India, look for a strange light in the sky, listen for midnight noises, or any of this kind of thing. In fact, until we have a disciplined group of articulate Christians who cannot be withstood, we will seek to do great things but in vain.

FINALLY



Dear Special Friend of Christian Destiny,

I am sure that we all note that our world is turning into a complicated and dangerous place in which to live. Since our last newsletter, thousands have died in Southeast Asia and great numbers have been made homeless. We certainly can be sure that every day brings us closer to the moment of the return of the Lord. I trust, therefore that we will all determine to be thoughtful, effective witnesses for Christ which is the only appropriate response for times like these.

Sincerely,

Carol Breese
Christian Destiny, Inc.