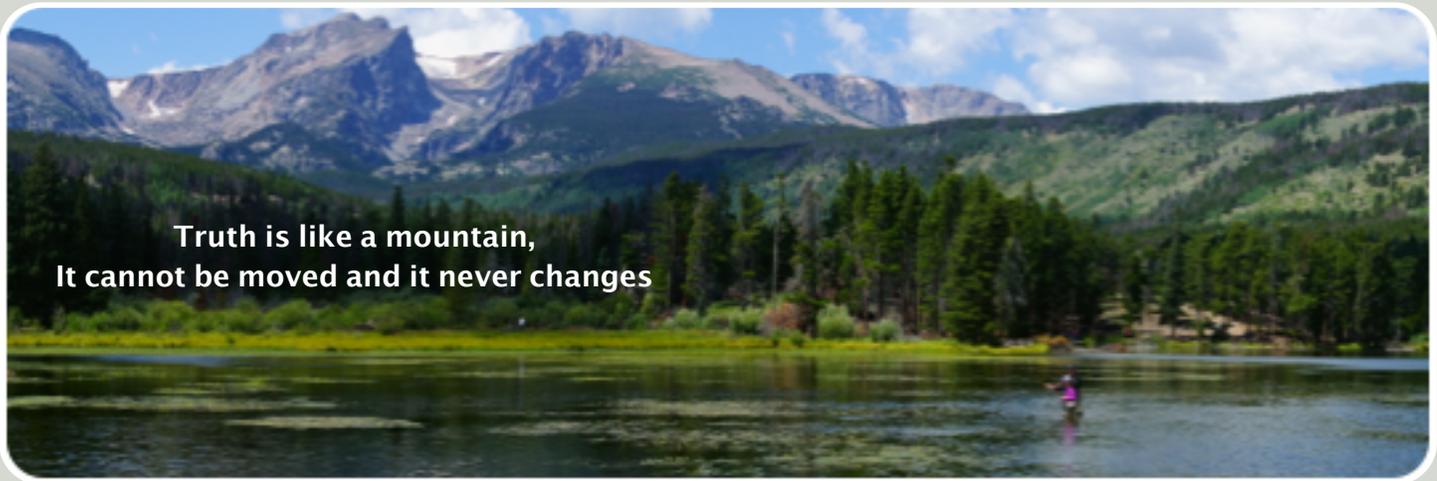


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



Truth is like a mountain,
It cannot be moved and it never changes

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MUST READ!!!

For several years there has been an article in my heart that I knew sooner or later I would be required to write. I have never wanted to write it, but sometimes a spiritual leader must say things they really don't want to say. That time has come.

Many have had their faith shaken by what has happened to our nation and are wondering why God allowed this. Unfortunately, at this time, very few answers are being given that line up with God's Word. The same false prophets that predicted a Trump win will now come up with more "words" of great things God is about to do, while at the same time refusing to admit they lied to us. I see no reason to believe them.

What God's people need now is solid teaching that lines up with His Word. We must remember that this kind of teaching won't always make us feel good, but nevertheless it is exactly what we need. **Please read the warning below before reading the article.**

FEATURE ARTICLE: "What Next?" Part 2

WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.

You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!

I am writing this on November 15th, the day after the Electoral College declared Joe Biden the winner of the presidential election. Many Christians are in a state of shock and confusion. The self-anointed "prophets" prophesied, God's people prayed, and yet a president who stood for right, had supported Israel, and had fought for the lives of the unborn was defeated. Many of us believe this was the result of massive voter fraud and corruption, but as we have seen, what we think does not change the outcome. Some think otherwise; we shall see.

Once again, our pastors are being called upon to be true shepherds and give us guidance. I believe most are trying. Those I have been listening to have been encouraging their congregations to not lose faith or hope and to trust that God has everything under control. This is foundational and when things get tough, we should always go back to the foundation stones we have stood upon.

One of those foundation stones is that God is sovereign, in control, and He makes no mistakes. The quicker we come to that place of faith, the better we will be. If we fail to hold to this truth, we are left with nothing. Gone is our belief that there is a God who rules the universe and is involved in the affairs of men. Sorry, that is not for me. My faith has sustained me through every trial of life and I am not about to abandon it now. I may not always understand what God is doing, but my faith will always be my lifeline.

Daniel 2:21 New Living Translation

"He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings."

Hopefully you have already heard this from your pastor. However, the one thing I have not heard any pastor deal with is the question of why God stood by and allowed it to happen. Answering this question can be very difficult because we are dealing with God, and this is what He says about Himself.

Isaiah 55:8 New Living Translation

"My thoughts are **nothing like** your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are **far beyond** anything you could imagine."

But does this mean we should never try to understand? I think not. Right now, we desperately need answers, so I am going to give you a possible answer. But I must warn you, I am not going to sugar coat this, so you may not like my answer.

In my November newsletter I wrote, "**Should Biden win we will see the destruction of our nation accelerate at an alarming rate.**" I stand by that statement. If Joe Biden actually becomes our president, I am very sure Christians will grieve at decisions made in Washington that result in our freedoms being eroded and our values trampled underfoot. The darkness of sin and corruption in high places will grow at an alarming rate and the true church will be viewed as radical troublemakers that need to be silenced.

I want to add to this the possibility that we may never again see a fair election that reflects the true heart of the American people. What has happened is something we have never seen before in the history of our nation. Those who are committed to the destruction of this country have seen that they can steal an election, and we can be sure they will use the same tactics in the future. If they have their man in the oval office, I see no way of stopping this from happening.

This brings us back to our original question: Why is God allowing this to happen? **We need answers that will give us understanding, and I firmly believe that only Bible prophecy contains those answers.** If you know anything about Bible prophecy, you know that a one-world government, ruled by the antichrist, is coming. And when that time comes, our God is going to allow it to happen. One of the clearest references of this is found in Revelation 13.

Revelation 13:7-8 New King James Version

"It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. **And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.** 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

All of us know the time will come when nations will surrender their authority to the man of sin. **What we may not realize is just how close this time may be, or that when this happens, America will be included.** Our minds recoil at this horrible thought and we don't want to even consider it a possibility. God has done such great things with this country, and because of this we tend to believe America will always remain strong and continue as a beacon of freedom and light no matter how dark our world gets. It pains me to say this, but based on Revelation 13:7, I see no way this will happen. You have no idea how hard it is for me to write that, but it probably is true.

It is important that I tell you that I am not entirely sure we have entered this time period. Rather, I am saying that at some point in time it will happen, and we need to at least acknowledge that there is a possibility it could be closer than we realize.

This brings us to a very important question: What spiritual preparations should we be making for what we know is coming? Is it possible God had no reason for telling us what was coming? Such thinking is ludicrous! Just as ludicrous are Christians who store up food and ammunition for the coming apocalypse. This is not making spiritual preparation; it is demonstrating that you consider the flesh more important than the spirit. How foolish! We know what is coming and we have been given ample time to make spiritual preparation. In fact, God even promised us blessing if we would heed the warning.

Revelation 1:3 King James Version

"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and **keep** those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand."

What does "keep" mean? The Greek word used here means: "To guard from loss by keeping the eye upon." If I were to paraphrase this, it would simply read, **"Don't blow it off and don't ever forget it! Remember it, and keep looking for the fulfillment of it."**

Are you blowing off the warnings of Revelation 1:3 and 13:7-8? Does the way you have been living reveal that you really don't believe either the coming of Jesus or the antichrist is near? If so, I assure you, the days ahead will perhaps change your mind. Always remember, if the rise of antichrist is near, then the return of Jesus is even nearer. Are you ready?

This creates an issue for me that I must deal with. I have always taught that we are not to be looking for the antichrist but rather the return of Jesus. Is it time for me to admit that I have been wrong? Maybe, but what if both were right? **Could it be that as we see the fulfillment of one, it should give us the motivation we need to prepare for the other?**

I am very aware that many do not believe in the rapture of the church. I am not one of them. What I view as nonsense is the teaching that says this great event will happen, without warning, when everything is going great, and only then will all hell break loose. If this is true, it had better be happening soon! The truth is, Bible prophecy reveals that the rapture occurs during a time of great spiritual darkness when antichrist is rising to power. (See Daniel 12:1-2 and 2 Thessalonians 2.) I think most would agree that it sure looks like we are headed in that direction. The spiritual horizon looks very dark and what God's people need right now is a light in that darkness. Certainly, a strong belief that our redemption is drawing near provides that light.

I want to conclude this month by saying that I believe what I have written lines up with God's Word. If this makes you uncomfortable or you find it unacceptable, come up with a better answer for why God allowed our nation's election to be stolen.

I would love to hear it.

(To be continued next month)



A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



“IT’S TIME TO GROW UP!”

After the fire we were left with a number of burned trees that needed to be cut down and hauled away. The first week of December our grandson, Jordan, spent

three days helping his Papa with this ugly, dirty job. It was good to spend time with him, see his work ethic, and also his outlook on life in general. He is a fine young man who for sure will continue to make his parents and grandparents proud.

Later I got to thinking about this and what must be in the heart of God for each one of His children. **Conversion is an instant work, but becoming spiritually mature takes a lifetime.** We start as a seedling when we are born again, but God’s will for us is to grow and become as spiritually strong and mature as a large oak tree. There are so many scriptures that make this clear.

James 1:4 New International Version

“...be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

Ephesians 4:13 King James Version

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”

We need to remember that maturity does not come automatically with age. In the natural realm, physical growth comes automatically but maturity doesn’t. Likewise, the same thing is true of our spiritual maturity. Just because someone has been a Christian for decades does not mean they are a mature Christian.

This sad state is easily observed by watching how people respond to the situation’s life presents to them. Often it appears that Christians who should be mature act very much like middle school girls. They always seem to want their own way, only care about themselves, get upset easily, and are easily offended. We don’t like to admit this, but like it or not, far too often it is true.

So why does this happen and what can we do to make sure we are maturing and that God’s desire for our lives comes to pass? A good place to start would be to clearly establish what our goal should look like. For this all we need to do is go back to Ephesians 4:13.

“...unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”

I often wonder what would happen if people would just stop and ask themselves, “Is this how Jesus would deal with this situation?” Obviously and too often, being like Jesus is not the goal, but it sure would be a good place to start. But let’s not stop there. If we are serious about becoming mature Christians, there are other things God has given us to help bring us to a place of maturity.

"It's Time To Grow Up!"

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When we study scripture, we should never look at just one verse, but should always consider the context of each verse. This truth is very well illustrated here. If we look at the two verses before verse 13 this is what we find:

Ephesians 4:11-12 King James Version

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Yes, coming to the fullness of the stature of Christ requires that we place ourselves under the spiritual leadership God has given His church. I am always amazed and saddened when I see Christians who claim to be mature, yet don't feel any church or pastor is good enough for them. No matter where they go, they soon find fault. They remind me of

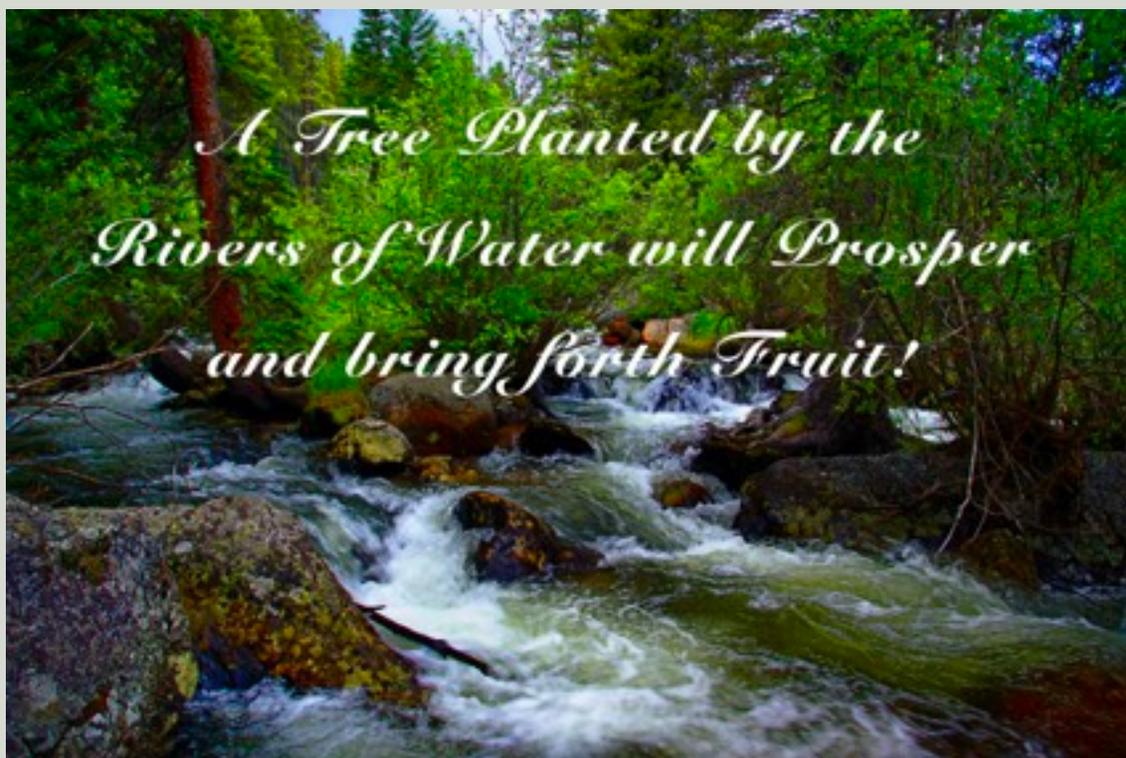
immature teenagers who feel they know everything about life and have no need for anyone to give them guidance.

Those who are serious about becoming mature Christians should have a church home where they can grow and mature. A good church home provides a place where we can be fed spiritually, corrected, and edified. Also, we need to remember that a large oak tree is what it is because it was planted in fertile soil and allowed to stay where it was planted.

Psalms 1:3 King James Version

"And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

**I want to make my Father as proud of me
as I am of my grandson, Jordan!**



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH

P R O P H E C Y U P D A T E

“Ezekiel 38–39 Update”

Those who have been reading our newsletter for the last five years know that I believe the stage is being set for the fulfillment of the prophecies given in Ezekiel 38-39. The alliances spoken of in those two chapters are becoming clearly established. This is exciting and causes me to continue to watch for more signs that this prophecy may soon be fulfilled.

Last year something happened that I now believe could be another piece to the puzzle. In September the world was shocked when it was announced that the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain had agreed to make peace with Israel and establish full diplomatic relations. Shortly thereafter the nations of Oman, Sudan, and Saudi Arabia indicated they might also follow suit. At the same time, many in the Arab world began to voice their criticism of the corrupt Palestinian leadership that has been a constant thorn in the side of the Israelis.

I was concerned about all this and expressed why in an article I published in November. (If you missed it, it is in the archives section of our website.) However, I have always been one to admit when I was wrong and this is one of those times. I want to show you why I now feel that the peace deal President Trump brokered was necessary for the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38:11 to be made possible.

Ezekiel 38:11 King James Version

“And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,”

Prior to the events of last year this prophecy could not have been fulfilled. In Israel it is easy to tell the difference between Arab and Israeli villages because every Israeli village is surrounded by guard towers, chain link fence topped with razor

wire, and steel gates. This situation still remains, but now a path for change has been created.

Obviously, all Arab nations will not be willing to make peace with Israel and it should be pointed out that Iran is on the top of the list of nations that attack Israel in Ezekiel 38. **What many may not understand is that the rise of Iran as a nuclear threat in the region is the main reason other Arab nations are finally willing to make peace with Israel.** Today many Middle East nations view Iran, (not Israel) as their greatest threat.

I assure you, Barack Obama never envisioned this when he made a deal with Iran that only served to strengthen them. He thought a powerful Iran would force Israel to bow to his demands, one of which included the establishment of a Palestinian state based on pre 1967 borders. Many, including myself, were very upset with Obama because we failed to see that God was using this proud and arrogant man as nothing more than a pawn to set the stage for the fulfillment of Ezekiel 38:11.

All this has reminded me that the kings of the earth are really nothing more than chess pieces used by God in His epic commitment to perform that which He has spoken. Another thing this has taught me is not to get upset every time I see a ruler do something I think is wrong. I need to remind myself that they are not in charge, God is! We may view kings and rulers as mighty and powerful, but God sees them as nothing more than dust on a balance scale.

Isaiah 40:15 King James Version

“Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance:...”

Going forward, this is a lesson we are all going to need to remember. No matter what world rulers do, God is still in charge and He will see to it that His agenda for this planet and for His church will come to pass.

Never forget, our God reigns!