

Appointed Time Ministries

Yea, the stork in heaven knoweth

her appointed times .. Jer. 8:7



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- A very small “gap” that keeps a steady stream of foreign money flowing into the U.S.
- Simeon and Anna followed the Spirit’s leading and ended up at the right place at the right time.
- Being planted in God’s House is key in 2011.

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God’s Appointed Time

As we launch out into a brand New Year, I trust that the joy of Christmas remains in your hearts and minds throughout the entire year. It truly is a blessed time of the year as we think on the miraculous birth of Jesus and how the same Word of God produces miracles in our lives today as we believe and act upon it as did Mary in the day of her visitation.

The faith and obedience of Joseph and Mary is not the only lesson we learn from the nativity story. Perhaps one of the most important truths is the prophetic significance and the astounding number of scriptures fulfilled with one single event, the place of His birth, the virgin birth, His name, and His mission to name a

few. Closely interwoven with the fulfillment of prophecies told many years before the birth of Jesus, is the timing of God. Paul stresses the importance of the timing involved in His birth, “But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law” (Gal. 4:4 NLT).

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“prophetic silence,” due to the 450 or so years since Malachi the last prophet had spoken, there

were those who heard the Spirit of God and found themselves in the right place at the right time. Not only did the wise men from the east follow the star of the King of the Jews, when demanded of Herod, they divulged another trusted navigational tool. They informed Herod that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem as foretold by the prophets (Matt. 2:5-6). It is amazing that people from a foreign country, not even considered God’s people, found the place “written by the prophet” and believed the Word of God to the point of faith in that they packed up their bags and followed the star to the land of Judah (Mic. 5:2).

Two of my favorites of this time period are Simeon and Anna.

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The Day the Music Stops

Recently, Glen Beck hosted Damon Vickers, author of *The Day after the Dollar Crashes*. Some viewed the program as predictions of “doom.” Day 1 of Vickers’ scenario to me was enough to cause alarm due the fact that the catalyst that led to the collapse of the dollar was a trend that is already taking place. The first event, as catastrophic as it would be, was simply that China

announces that it will no longer buy U.S. Treasury bonds. Yu Yongding, a former adviser to China’s central bank, has recently been quoted in a Bloomberg article that “The U.S. dollar is ‘one step nearer’ to a crisis as debt levels in the world’s largest economy increase.” Also in the later part of 2010, this trend of China to move away from the “buck”

became apparent as we saw China move to number 2 in the list of the top foreign lenders to the U.S. They certainly did not hold back their criticism of the Fed’s decision to print 600 billion more dollars back in November either.

Sad to say, we can no longer find an E. F. Hutton in the financial world. As you may recall, when

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“Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks.” Dan. 9:25

God’s Appointed Time (cont.)

Simeon, a man who was “just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel” found the desire of his heart the day that Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple. The scripture does not say that Simeon (as we will see with Anna) lived in the temple, but because “he came by the Spirit into the temple,” he also showed up at the right place at the right time (Luke 2:27). He was so on cue, that after seeing Jesus, he asked God to let him depart in peace because his “eyes had seen thy salvation” (Luke 2:29-30). The scriptures does say that Anna “did not depart from the temple” (Luke 2:37). She, the scriptures declare, “coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord,” and she was not the only one waiting expectantly. Anna shared the news of His arrival to “all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem” (Luke 2:38).

If we talk about timing, we have to take a look at Daniel. Not only did Daniel give astounding prophecies concerning the Messiah, but did you know he gave the time of His birth as well? In Dan. 9:25, he lays out 69 prophetic weeks (483 years) from the time the decree was issued to rebuild Jerusalem unto the Messiah. The scholars tell us that the time from Cyrus’s decree to rebuild Jerusalem (445 B.C.) until Palm Sunday (33 A.D.) was 483 years using the 360 day years of the Jewish calendar. The full scope of what

God revealed to Daniel was 70 weeks which was an expansion of Jeremiah’s 70 years of captivity prophesied against Jerusalem. The scholars note that a “gap” is characteristic of Daniel’s prophecies. In other words, we could say that according to God’s prophetic clock we are at 69 and holding until the final week of Daniel’s prophecy starts. This final week, the Tribulation, will not begin until the Antichrist makes a covenant with Israel for one week or 7 years (Dan. 9:27).

Finally, there is the birth of Isaac. His birth is so tied to Jesus’ because God told Abraham and Sarah that He would establish His covenant with Isaac and his seed (Gen. 17:21). As Paul explains the divine conversation, that “to Abraham and his seed were the promises made,” and his seed (singular) which is Christ (Gal. 3:16). Now concerning the timing of this event, I heard an interesting discussion that suggested that Isaac could have come earlier if Abraham and Sarah hadn’t have “helped” God. That would be the same as saying Isaac was born late. That is where I disagreed. In Gen. 17:21, God further states that “at this set time next year” Sarah is going to have a baby. The phrase set time (*Hebrew: mow’ed*) means appointed time. Appointed by who you may ask? This was God’s appointed time! I have heard many of the old-timers say, “God is never early, and He’s never late, but He’s al-

ways right on time!” I agree that God certainly doesn’t need our help and that by taking matters into their own hands, Abraham and Sarah created a situation that is still causing problems today, but Isaac came at God’s appointed time. In fact, how could Isaac be late and Jesus right on time since Jesus was the seed of Isaac? You may interject that God made up the lost time over the thousands of years between the two, but the scriptures are clear that both Isaac and Jesus was born on time, God’s appointed time.

Calling in the Reserves

I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. Rom. 11:4-5

Elijah, after being used mightily of God at Mt. Carmel where he takes on 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah, runs for his life at the threats of Jezebel, Ahab’s wife. The misinformed prophet now tells God his assessment of the ‘crisis,’ “I am the only one left.” God corrects the fleeing prophet, “I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal” (Rom. 11:4). Isn’t it amazing to see the disparity between God’s assessment of the situation and ours? God says, “No Mr. Prophet, your count is off

The Day the Music Stops (cont.)

he speaks, “everyone listens.” But there are however economic heavy weights, too numerous to ignore, that are sounding out on the dangerous trend of our government’s out-of-control spending.

Marc Faber, publisher of the Gloom, Boom, and Doom Report, calls U.S. Treasuries a “suicidal” investment in a recent interview with MoneyNews.com. According to Faber, “Over time, interest rates on U.S. Treasuries will go up. Investors will gradually understand that the Federal Reserve wants to have negative real interest rates. The worst investment is in U.S. long-term bonds.”

Pat Dorsey, director of equity research with Morningstar, also quoted in MoneyNews.com as saying, “After listening to recent statements by the Fed, I’m convinced central bankers will reflate this economy by any means necessary.” He further states about the present trend of the government, “A country that continuously expands its debt as a percentage of GDP and raises much of the money abroad to finance that, at some point, it’s going to inflate its way out of the burden of that debt.”

History records the devastating effects of hyperinflation on other nations, but according to Dorsey, “there are precisely zero historical examples” of economies that have mastered the delicate balance of using inflation as a mean to stimulate a stagnant economy.

Perhaps the most alarming to me of the recent alarms sounded by the economic watchmen, was that of Victor Sperandio, a trader used by many top investors, who spoke out in the latest issue of Barron’s. He explains hyperinflation as being different from “normal inflation.” The difference he says is that “hyperinflation has a single cause: It occurs when a government cannot borrow money because its debt has risen so much that investors believe they will never be paid back with close to the same purchasing power.” Oddly enough, Fortune reports that a Chinese agency issues the U.S. a downgraded credit report in 2010 “saddling the United States with a double-A rating, while warning that slow growth and budget problems could prompt further downgrades here and in other big Western economies.” He, referring to the U.S. risky

money printing business as a “ponzi scheme,” says that the key for this to continue is “confidence.” According to him, this confidence is now measured by a very small gap, the difference between the interest rate of the U.S. Treasury bond and the percent of inflation. Currently he says that the 30-year bond is at 4.21 percent while inflation has been averaging around 4.12 over the last fifty years.

How many economic reports does it take before America wakes up and changes its spending pattern? The pending doom for the dollar is clear for all to see, but many in Washington have apparently “drank the Kool-Aide.” It is bad when other countries see the madness, but some of those in power in our own country refuse to see it. Well, the sad truth is that while America is on her spending binge, our lenders continue to lose confidence and more and more see us as a credit risk. As long as the music keeps playing, we can play this game of musical chairs, but my question is, what do we do the day the music stops?

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Calling in the Reserves (cont.)

by seven thousand!” In other words, you failed to consider My Reserves, or as the NASB puts it, those “I have kept for Myself.”

God’s Reserves aren’t your average Sunday morning Christians who carry a big Bible and know how to say “I am blessed” or that “I am a King’s kid!” No, God Himself declares that this special group has never bowed their knee to Baal, or

in other words, they have never compromised or sold out to the world. These are God’s special agents that are always in a ready state and that have an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches (Rev. 2:7). These special agents have clean hands and a pure heart (Ps. 24:4) and are ready to speak a word in season for God (Is. 50:4).

Are you in a place where you can hear God and obey when He speaks today, or are you burdened

down with the things of this world? Draw nigh to God today, and He will draw nigh unto you (James 4:8). Allow the Holy Spirit to get you back into a place of readiness for the Master’s work. Time is of the essence, and as God’s children we should always know what time it is!

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. Rom. 13:11



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The birds and the turtles know what God commanded them to do, and they obey Him. It is God's people that seem to have the problem! The Bible tells us in Jer. 5:22, "The waves may toss and roar, but they can never pass the boundaries I set," but in these last days, many of God's people are pushing the limits! Jesus, referring to the time before His return prophesied, "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24:12).

In Jer. 5:1, God challenged someone to search throughout the streets of Jerusalem and see "if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it." God was willing to spare that holy city if He could just find a single man with judgment and that sought the truth. Sadly enough, God did not find that person, for they refused God's warning and suffered greatly under God's hand of judgment.

It is my prayer that we would be the people that God sought for and know the judgment of God. Not in the way that the people of God in Jeremiah's time came to know it, but that we would know God's judgments as taught in His Word and correct ourselves accordingly, so "that we should not be condemned with the world" (1 Cor. 11:31-32).

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2011 Outlook

Two things that the Spirit of God has impressed upon me to look out for in 2011 are: God's timing and upheaval. Now is the time, more than ever, to hear His voice and walk closely with God.

One main reason that God's timing is so important for us to understand is that God is wrapping things up, and we must be in step with His marvelous plan or get left behind. Another very important reason is that you may be praying for something and feel that God has not heard you. Do not despair. God heard you, but *He makes all things beautiful in His time!*

Upheaval is not something that is going to start; it has already begun. Concerning the Church though, the key will be to be planted by God and grow your roots deep. Jesus made this point clear when He said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." Remember "those that be planted in the House of the Lord shall flourish."

Prophetic Watch:

How do we Know it is the Last Days?



Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 1 John 2:18-19

How do we know that it is the last days? John tells us that we know this because many antichrists have come. We know from 1 John 4:3 that the spirit of antichrist does not confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh and is not of God. Next, he tells us of a group that left the church. Unfortunately, a survey of just a few pastors would confirm this to be a major problem in the church today! Church hopping is not the same as leaving God, however it causes people to miss their promotion because they fail to fulfill their God assignment.

First of all, he says those that left had a belonging problem! They went out from us, but they did not really belong

to us. Their leaving showed that they did not belong to us. Stop running after people that don't even belong to you! Let them go and just pray for them to see the light! You do not want to be in covenant with anyone that God hasn't placed in your life. The only way to cure this problem is that you have to belong to God by becoming His child. The only way to become His child is to receive Jesus, for the Word says, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to be the sons of God" (John 1:12). Secondly, you have to spend enough time with God your Father to get your church assignment, for God personally places members in the Body as it hath pleased Him (1 Cor. 12:18).

It is truly more blessed to give than to receive, and giving is more than just giving your money. It involves giving of your time in service to Him also. Find out where you belong in the body of Christ, get planted in the House of God, and start serving Him faithfully today!