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Prophetic update #1

Hi all,

With so many world events apparently running headlong into fulfillment of prophecy in recent weeks, it seemed good to share some prophetic updates and things to look for.

No matter what a person believes about end times, the end of the Book makes it clear this world is headed to the end of the government of man, culminating in the return of Jesus to set up His earthly kingdom. He does so at a time Israel is on the brink of destruction, and comes literally riding in on His white horse to save the day. Revelation 19:11

Here are some characteristics common to persecution through the centuries. Do you see them in our day?

News flash - Christians aren't persecuted just for being Christian

Church culture would have us believe Jesus was sent to the cross just for being Jesus, and Christians are persecuted just for being Christian, but that is not the case. The old question, "If you were accused of being a Christian would there be enough evidence against you?" isn't exactly accurate. If we look at what the Bible actually says, we will see a spirit at work in our day. These were the charges against Jesus:

1: Treason. 2: Tax evasion. 3: Potential violence. 4: Being against popular culture.

#1, Treason - defined as 'betrayal of one's country'

Christians are not persecuted JUST for being Christian - that is the surface. Roman Governor Pontius Pilate asked Jesus: "Are you King of the Jews?" That was what it all pivoted around - treason - are you against Rome?. But when Pilate realized Jesus wasn't a direct threat he would have released Him, but the people kept the focus on treason, shouting: "We have no king but Caesar!" Even ISIS views Christians and for that matter, Muslims who don't believe as they do in the Caliphate, as traitors. (Matthew 27:11, John 19:15)

Until Christianity was legalized in the 3rd century, treason was the charge against Christians because they claimed to serve another king - they weren't in court just for being a Christian. The Caesars demanded worship as gods, Christians refused, and that was treason, worthy of death.

Root accusations of treason can be disguised within many other charges

Therefore we look for evidence in culture and government of that spirit at work - a spirit that seeks to criminalize faith in Christ as treasonous to a nation's well-being, purpose, and greater good.

From Jesus throughout history, Jews and Christians have been blamed as the cause of a nation's ills, because they refused to be good patriots - good Romans, good Nazi's, or Communist party members. Look for the nations to increasingly look at Jews and Christians, as well as politically conservative people, as the cause of a nation's problems, which will degrade to a point they accuse them (us) as un-patriotic. Pick your nation, that's the spirit behind it.

Look at the progression - it doesn't start as full-blown treason

In the first 6 months of Jesus' ministry when John the Baptist and He were ministering at the same time, John 3 says the Pharisees and various religious rulers stood by and listened to what each said. But things escalated over the next 3 years to the point of plots against Jesus: "And they took counsel how they might destroy Him." (John 11:53)

In the USA when *The Patriot Act* was passed after the 9/11 attacks, it granted the government freedoms on spying and arrest that were unprecedented. I asked "What do you think of this Father?" and He immediately replied: "Laws that were designed to protect my people will one day be used against them."

#2, Jesus was accused of tax evasion & financial wrong doing

In Luke 23:2 we are told another charge against Jesus: "And they began to accuse Him saying, 'This man perverts the nation, forbidding the paying of taxes to Caesar, and saying He is a king.'"

Back at the time of the *Patriot Act* the Father also told me: "The IRS will be used to persecute my people." I realize these 2 points are to an American audience, but the spirit behind such things is common to all governments sliding toward anger directed at conservatives, Christians, and Jews.

In this day of electronic communication, finances, and government spying on citizens to a degree never before possible, realize that any government so determined could produce convincing evidence of a person's moral or financial wrong doing just by breaking into accounts and making them say whatever they want.

Rabbit trail, which means a slight detour off the path - what 666 means

Much ado has been made of the 666 of Revelation 13:18: "This is wisdom. Let him that has wisdom count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is 666." The previous verses say a person cannot buy nor sell without that mark on their forehead or wrist.

Note that the first rule for understanding prophecy is that it had to have made sense to the original hearers/readers, and then also must make sense to future hearers/readers. In John's time when Rome took slaves they took away their name and gave them a number instead, branding their forehead or wrist with that number. This indicated the person was a slave to Rome and their economic & political system..

A great trivia trick is to ask 'Who wrote the book of Romans?', and most will say "Paul". But Romans 16:22-23 says: "I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you...and Quartus, a brother."

Tertius is the Roman number 3, and Quartus is the Roman number 4, indicating slave #3 received dictation of Paul's letter to the Romans, and a co-worker was slave #4.

666 explained

The 666 is easy to explain. We look to Jesus as the truth, and then to Satan's perversion to understand the 666. So what is Jesus going to do at the setting up of His kingdom on earth, which will basically be a 777, God's number of completion? (6 being the number of man as man was created on day 6)

King Jesus will unite these three elements over all mankind: Political, economic, and religious unity. 777.

Therefore 666 is man's government trying to unify politics, economics, and religion - 666.

Dictators, Kings, Caesars, and to our day, rulers have tried to build their own 666. Rome was able to unify their world politically and economically, but not religiously because of those pesky Jews and Christians. They got to 66 but not to 666.

Fast forward to Nazi Germany. Hitler was able to unify his nation politically and economically, but not religiously because of Jews and Christians, though they tried to exterminate them all. Fast forward to the USSR. Stalin was able to unify the nation politically, economically, but not completely in the religion of atheism because of Jews and Christians.

One day there will be a man in the area of Europe and the Mediterranean, who will try again to bring the unity of man's perfect government as seen in the 666. He will unify things politically and economically, forcing all to be part of the system to buy/sell, and he will seek to unify religion as well.

Think of an economic system that would be against people raising their own fruits and vegetables, thereby side-stepping the system - So look for future government control over people making their own gardens.

But again, Christians will be seen as preventing that final '6', and eventually the nations will seek to destroy Israel as the last obstacle standing in their way.

I'm out of room for this week, points 3 & 4 and much insights next week, until then, blessings,
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Prophetic update #2

Hi all,

A relative of mine was taking a trail ride on horse back along with several relatives and friends. He is a tall man, retired from business, and not used to horses. As they went along the horses followed each other nose to tail on the rocky, mountainous path, often with steep drop offs on one side or the other of the trail. At one point the trail sloped up steeply and the horses plodded up, and then the trail fell away sharply at the top.

As my relative's horse stepped over the crest of the peak it fell to its knees as the trail turned steeply downward. My relative nearly went over the horse's head but regained himself after the close call, and the horse found his footing and resumed walking down the steep path.

Soon they came to another steep climb followed by another steep decline, and again my relative's horse stumbled to its knees but quickly recovered itself. With the 2nd stumble my relative yelled out to the Trail Guide who was on his horse at the front of the line; "Hey, what's wrong with my horse?! He keeps stumbling!" The Guide replied, "Oh, it's OK, he's blind and can't see the path, he just follows the other horses. You needed a big horse so I gave him to you. You'll be fine!"

Of course my relative was horrified, now scared with the realization the horse he was trusting with his life along the treacherous was completely blind and was only following the crowd.

My reason for sharing this prophetic update, which is about the spirits behind persecution, is that many Christians are like my relative on a blind horse. They think the spiritual horse they are riding is faith because it is following the crowd which brings comfort, but in reality they're on a spiritually blind faith that is going to stumble once the path has reached its zenith and starts heading downhill at a steep angle.

I've had 3 times and Barb once where the Father or Lord have said to us: "Times are coming when many who think they know what faith is will discover they don't know faith at all."

Last week...

I shared how Jesus was accused of #1 treason and #2 tax evasion, and lightly traced examples of the same spirit at work in persecution down through history. Now to my other points:

#3 - Jesus was accused of being a potentially violent threat against society

(False witness quoted) "And this fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" Matthew 26:61; Mark 14:58

Notice that Jesus' words were taken out of context and twisted to suggest He would rise up to destroy the most sacred building in the nation. Just the threat and fear of Jesus taking to the streets was enough for them to want the death penalty. He was a threat to Rome and Israel's ruling officials.

The spirit that makes false accusations that Christians might become violent like other right-wing violent groups, is not only a lying spirit, but a lying spirit working with and linked with a spirit of fear. These two spirits cause confusion and cause people to believe a delusion about Christians.

Notice also this false witness said Jesus could rebuild the (stone) temple in three days - the threat being unauthorized actions, a vigilante, someone who wouldn't bother working with authorities (to rebuild the temple) but would do it Himself with presumably, His band of followers.

This spirit seeks to involve itself in the lives of ordinary people, to keep them controlled, corralled, for fear they might do something contrary to tax law, building codes, zoning and such on a local level. And it is fear and lying spirits behind it.

These accusations and misinformation cause Christians to be viewed as different from the rest of the citizenry. This was true for Jesus, it was true throughout the persecution seen in Acts, and even Hitler hated the Jews not so much for their economic power but because they were different than the rest of Germany.

The strategy for persecution is to separate the focus people from the rest of society and turn the citizens against them - and as happened with Jesus, it can happen in an instant. As Nero burned Rome and blamed Christians, so too have others blamed those who are different or stand out in a culture for their problems.

Look for the same lying spirit to cause government officials to suggest conservatives and Christians are a potentially violent threat against government and society - there is a spirit behind it as it was in Jesus' day, it is more than just people who disagree - they viewed Jesus as potentially violent and they will us too.

#4 - Living and teaching contrary to popular culture, which was seen as subversive and hindering government's goals"

And we found this fellow misleading the nation..." Luke 23:2. (Greek: diastrepho; to distort, twist, pervert)

This accusation reveals a goal to make Jesus a national threat, not just locally threatening the temple in Jerusalem, but a spirit accusing Christians as national threats. Rome misunderstood Christians, that they were cannibals because they ate and drank the body and blood of this man Jesus. They thought Christians were perverted, having these 'love feasts' where were said to be drunken orgies. They were thought to be some form of atheists because they had no shrines, no images, no statues to gods in their homes.

All that misunderstanding, propaganda, and cultural stereotypes led to Roman culture being suspicious of Christians, which contributed to the elements of my first 3 points above and last week. Accusations that Christians are subversive or live and teach contrary to society have been seen down through the centuries.

At some point dislike comes into the open in a culture and Christians (and Jews in many cases) are blamed for the economic problems of a nation, and are said to be the reason the government can't proceed with their plans. The plans will work IF ONLY we didn't have these Christians standing in our way...therefore they aren't Patriots, they don't want to pay their fair share, they are dangerous to our culture and way of life, and they are misleading the nation. Sound familiar? From ISIS to some in the liberal left in the US to dictators of history past, those are the same themes - as they did to our Lord so will they do to us.

Some things the Father has told me

Four times since 1991: "Watch Turkey. It will be rejected by Europe and will ally itself with Russia to become a major power once again in the Middle East."

2003: "...but watch out when Hillary takes office." At that time she was a US Senator, then she became Secretary of State. During her tenure we certainly did need to watch out, and continue to watch out. It remains to be seen if He was talking about being President.

2003 after the invasion of Iraq: I asked the Father what was going to happen to Iraq and He said: "It will all be undone." The only way for it to be all undone would be for Iran to set up a puppet Shia government or take it outright. Ancient Persia was the land of modern Iran and Iraq.

2003 after the Patriot Act was passed and I asked Him what He thought of it: "Laws that were passed to protect my people will one day be used against them." and "The IRS will be used against my people."

2005 when I was reviewing all that had happened in the US over the 10 years between 1995 and 2005, and I made the comment to the Father I didn't recognize the country for what it had been. He replied: "I tell you the truth when I say you won't recognize it again in another 10 years." (2015)

2006 when I was complaining to the Father we didn't have a savings account and though I know He will take care of us, still....and He replied: "Why would you want to put your money in there?" Suddenly a large screen appeared before me of a bank, and I knew somehow it was either Thursday or Friday, and the bank shut down. Suddenly the scene shifted to what I knew was Saturday morning and people were banging on the doors of the bank trying to get in, but it was closed. Then it opened for business

on Monday and the US dollar was worth 50% of what it had been the previous week. Then the vision disappeared.

2014 springtime, among other things: "2017 will be a bad year for the world."

That's enough for now - I'm not trying to scare people, though over a year ago the Father revealed to Barb, who is a strong intercessor, that an economic crash is going to happen in September/October 2015, but it might be delayed by prayer. I've heard nothing from the Father about it, so I hope it is delayed.

I want the body of Christ to wake up, fall out of love with the world and its toys and distractions, and start to love one another in true relationship, true fellowship, in homes, in small groups...and I remind you what Jesus said to me in November 2001 when He appeared to me and laid His hands on my anointing me as an apostle to start house churches and a network of house churches. When I asked Him why He said: "It's a resource against a time to come. Be a resource, for it's against a time to come."

New subject next week, blessings,
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