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PROPHETIC INSIGHT FOR THE LAST DAYS

“God’s Place of Safety in the Last Days, Part 1”

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“The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.” {Proverbs 18:10}

“Yet the Lord is faithful and He will strengthen {you} and set you on a firm foundation and guard you from the evil. {one}” {II Thessalonians 3:3}

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty {Whose power no foe can withstand}. I will say of the Lord, He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I {confidently} trust!” {Psalm 91:1-2}

“God is our Refuge and Strength {mighty and impenetrable to temptation}, a very present and well-proved help in trouble.” {Psalm 46:1}

“You are a hiding place for me; You, Lord, preserve me from trouble, You surround me with songs and shouts of deliverance. Selah {pause, and calmly think of that}!” {Psalm 32:7}

“In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for You, Lord, alone make me dwell in safety and confident trust.” {Psalm 4:8}

“The Lord is good, a Strength and Stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows {recognizes, has knowledge of, and understands} those who take refuge and trust in Him.” {Nahum 1:7}

“You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind {both its inclination and its character} is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You.” {Isaiah 26:3}

“Trust {lean on, rely on, and be confident} in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed.” {Psalm 37:3}

“The Lord also will be a refuge and a high tower for the oppressed, a refuge and a stronghold in times of trouble {high cost, destitution, and desperation}.” {Psalm 9:9}

“Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let righteous be shaken.” {Psalm 55:22}

“He will protect His faithful ones, but the wicked will disappear in darkness, No one will succeed by strength alone.” {I Samuel 2:9}

“I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.” {Psalm 16:8-9}

“When thou liest down, thou shall not be afraid, yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.” {Proverbs 3:24}

As we grow closer and closer to the end of this earth age, trouble, perplexity, conflict, dismay, and a stripping away of safety and stability will be consistent throughout the world. We are now witnessing the beginning of mandatory vaccines, a stripping away of privacy and security, racial conflict and violence, police brutality, political perversion and government deterioration, and our cities and communities are in a state of desperation and upheaval. If you have been lead to believe that the government is going to take care of you, it is quite clear by events that are currently taking place that you are looking to the wrong source. As I have consistently taught for numerous years, the governments of man are coming down and rapidly collapsing, and the Government of the Kingdom of God is increasing and causing all nations to bow to the will of God.

According to the book of Matthew 24:29, “the powers of the heavens shall be shaken,” and you are about to find out through this book that this has already happened and within a very short time is going to happen even more. The spirit of Antichrist has set in motion everything necessary to implement the mark of the beast as stated in Revelation 13:11-17.

“Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of the people, and by the signs that it is allowed work in the presence of the beast, it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. Also, it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.”

Apostle John could only write what he saw with limited understanding of what it really meant, but we are living in the day and time when the technology to produce these various manifestations has already been developed, and is being fine-tuned for the Antichrist to gain control over masses of people through these deceptive signs and wonders. In my book entitled Discernment for the Last Days, I go into quite a lot of detail about the mark of the beast and the different methods that will be utilized to gain control over the world, and to implement his plan. In that book, I uncover what the enemy is really after and that is what he wanted from the very beginning --- WORSHIP!!! This chapter is going to teach you how to find that hiding place of safety and protection for the last days, because God has already told us in Psalm 27:5:

“For the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall he hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.”

I want to impress upon you to get this whole chapter in your spirit and meditate on it often. It will build your faith and create an assurance and confidence in your life that will stop the spirit of fear from dominating your thoughts and emotions. IT REALLY WORKS.

One of the greatest chapters in the Word of God on safety, protection, and walking in confidence and assurance is found in Psalm 91. No matter how many times I have read this chapter, taught and preached it to masses of people, and written about it in numerous newsletters, I always receive new revelation when I read it.

Your safety for you and your family can be greatly enhanced as you meditate and get this Word in your spirit. I want to point out seven great insights from this chapter that will empower your life greatly.

1. The presence of God is available to you continuously when you make it your top priority to seek God on a daily basis. God's presence is greater than anything that the devil can bring against you and your family, and when you live under the shadow of the Almighty, His presence shall cover you everywhere He leads you to go.
2. The presence of God will give you boldness to speak God's Word with confidence and assurance, and rather than being shaken by the noise of this enemy, you will be steadfast and immovable, knowing that the greater one lives in you.
3. The presence of God will completely remove fear from your life and you will have a trust in God that is greater than any trouble that could come your way. We are witnessing right now how the spirit of fear has paralyzed so many of God's children, but when the presence of God is on your life, it will make you more than a conqueror.
4. The presence of God will drive evil far from you and will release discernment in your life to be able to see what natural eyes cannot see; what natural ears cannot hear; and what natural understanding cannot speak.
5. The presence of God will surround you with angelic assistance to keep, guard, defend, watch over your life, and to help you fulfill the purpose, plan, and destiny that God has placed on your life.
6. The presence of God will bring great deliverance to your life in the midst of any situation you face. God has promised to those who stay in His presence that He will be with you in trouble and that He will honor you.
7. The presence of God will release a warring spirit within you when it's time to do spiritual warfare with no fear or hesitation. You will rise up with the Lion of the Tribe of Judah anointing, and take ground and territory that God has assigned you to take.

ALL OF THIS CAN BE REALIZED IN YOUR LIFE SIMPLY BY SEEKING TO STAY IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD.

There are 6 demonic spirits that the enemy will attempt to use to create havoc and dismay in your life to rob you of your safety and protection in God.

1. **The spirit of fear.** II Timothy 1:7 “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind.”
2. **The spirit of divination.** Acts 16:16 “And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying.”
3. **A familiar spirit.** Leviticus 19:31 “Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.”
4. **A lying spirit.** John 8:44 “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”
5. **The spirit of unbelief and doubt.** Matthew 17:20 “He said to them, ‘Because of your unbelief. For most certainly I tell you, if you have faith as a grain of a mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.’”
6. **The spirit of bitterness and resentment.** Hebrews 12:15 “Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”