

A CONSPIRACY OF DARKNESS

*"Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. **There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. Her priests have violated my law,** and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken. **The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.**" Ezekiel 22:24-29*

I was awakened from sleep on January 9, 2021, hearing one of the strangest messages I have heard from God in my fifty-six years of ministry. In fact, the message did not make sense to me at first as I heard the words **"...hounds from hell...like wolves ravening the prey."** I recognized the second part of this as words from the scripture when God gave His indictment of the land of Israel just before the destruction of Jerusalem, saying, *"Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain"* Ezekiel 22:27. The prophet Jeremiah had also warned of a horrible end for Israel when he defined the problem decades before:

"A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" Jeremiah 5:30-31

The problem with Israel was in her "church." The prophets were prophesying of peace and prosperity, and the priests were making themselves rich through their deceptions against the people. It was a strange phenomenon (which is equally true in the twenty-first-century church) that caused God to say, *"and my people love to have it so."* They loved what these prophets spoke, but did not understand what the "end" of these things would be. They came to that "end" in the utter destruction of both Jerusalem and the Temple of God.

I have understood for many years that when the nation is in trouble, the problem always begins in the church. Consider the parallel between the condition of Israel which led to their destruction by the armies of Babylon and the condition of the American church and nation. Israel changed their image of God into a corruptible image, and God gave the nation up to sexual uncleanness. Romans 1:23-24. This happened in America fifty years

ago. Again, Israel changed the truth of God into a lie, and God gave the nation up to *"vile affections"* Romans 1:25-26, which speaks of the homosexual, lesbian, the LGBT community, and gay marriage. This is America today! Well-meaning preachers tell us God will judge America for these things, not understanding that these things are the judgment of God against America. The end, however, will be complete destruction. So, what is it that brought our nation to this low estate in 2021?

The Prophets: For years we have been told God was raising up *"a company of prophets."* Israel also had *"a company of prophets."* God called it *"a conspiracy of prophets."* Jeremiah said, *"the prophets prophesy falsely:"* Ezekiel said *"they have devoured souls."* For the past fifty years, much of the church has believed lies, taught by false teachers, that a believer could learn how to *"speak in tongues,"* to *"prophesy,"* to *"heal the sick,"* to *"do signs and wonders,"* and the *"many wonderful works"* which Jesus said *"workers of iniquity"* would claim at the day of judgement Matthew 7:22-23. If Jesus, *"the only begotten Son of God,"* said, **"The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise"** John 5:19, why would anyone believe they could learn how to do things which Jesus could not do, without first seeing it of His Father? Some of these may be sincere, but they are grossly mistaken and do not know the ways of God.

Many among the "company of prophets" prophesied repeatedly during the past year and a half that God said Donald Trump would be re-elected and serve another four years as president. I wanted to believe it would happen, but I know that God spoke nothing to me of his re-election. The morning after President Trump's first election, I was awakened by the voice of the Spirit saying, *"I will restore thy judges as at the beginning."* I published those words in Charisma Magazine as an open letter to the president-elect telling Him of the will of God for his administration. That work was completed when Amy Coney Barrett was confirmed to the Supreme Court shortly before Election Day. **If God speaks, it always comes to pass.**

In the months following the 2020 election, numerous "prophets" continued to assure us that God said Donald Trump would yet serve for the next four years. The fact that Joe Biden is now president proves to every honest observer that these "prophets" had not heard from God. *"They speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD"* Jeremiah 23:16. God said, *"I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied"* Jeremiah 23:21.

The Priests: Jeremiah said, *"The priests bear rule by their means."* God's indictment against the priests was, *"They have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean"* Ezekiel 22:26.

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It is a sad estate when many pastors begin their services with *"We are all sinners; we sin every day."* Recently I was praying for our nation, saying, *"God, you promised to reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement"* John 16:8. The Spirit of God interrupted my prayer, saying to me, *"I cannot convict the world of sin because the church is not 'convicted of sin' or even 'convinced of righteousness'."* If those pastors and congregations who continually confess *"We are all sinners"* were *"convicted of sin"* we would immediately see national revival as *"godly sorrow for sin"* would grip the membership of the churches. The altar would be restored and filled with tears of repentance from those whom Isaiah called *"the sinners in Zion"* Isaiah 33:14.

The Princes: It is concerning "the princes" that I heard from God the words, *"like wolves ravening the prey."* This speaks of the governing power. Even before the new administration was sworn in we saw the viciousness of those in power who hated the sitting president. They impeached him a week before his term expired. Their desire is to absolutely destroy him. *"Like wolves ravening the prey"* describes to perfection their repeated attacks. The Sanhedrin Court, when hearing the testimony of Stephen, *"gnashed on him with their teeth"* Acts 7:54 just before they *"cast him out of the city, and stoned him"* verse 58. The "Trump haters" are the wolves, and Donald Trump is their prey. They plan to totally destroy him in every way, politically, financially, and socially. They should be very careful, however. Donald Trump came into power as a Nebuchadnezzar to destroy the existing order in government. Now, the *"existing order"* is driving Trump out as they drove out Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 4:32-33. After a period of time, however, Nebuchadnezzar humbled himself before God, and his *"reason"* and *"honor and brightness"* returned to him verse 36. He said, *"...and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me"* Daniel 4:36. It may be that if Donald Trump humbles himself before God, he will once again be sought out.

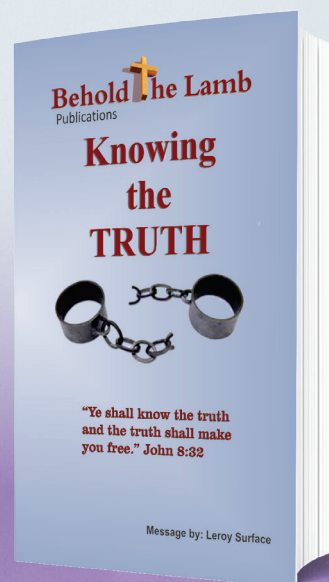
The People: The people of our nation are pretty evenly divided between those who hate Donald Trump and those who love him. At this time the "haters" are in ascendancy. God's indictment against the people is not along political lines, however. He said, *"The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy..."* Ezekiel 22:29. This "conspiracy of darkness" actually began over fifty years ago when prayer was taken out of the schools. There was an ultimate end when that decree was given, and we have arrived at that end. We are reaping the harvest of the seed that was planted.

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30

There are many people who think they would gladly be the one to *"stand in the gap for the land."* Some have sincerely

tried and failed, only to become the victims of the "wolves" who "raven the prey." The secret to this verse is found in the words *"among them."* God had Jeremiah and Ezekiel, both great prophets of God, but he sought among the prophets of Israel who were *"prophesying falsely,"* and among the priests who were *"bearing rule by their own means."* If they would repent and turn to God, the land would be spared, but if not, the land must be judged. God's judgment against America has begun, but as is always the case when judgment begins, it must begin *"at the house of God"* I Peter 4:17. I do not fear for the righteous, because *"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished"* II Peter 2:9. It is *"the sinners in Zion"* Isaiah 33:14 who should be afraid. Will those prophets who have spoken the vision of their own hearts repent in godly sorrow? Will they begin to preach *"the testimony of Jesus,"* which God said is *"the spirit of prophecy?"* Revelation 19:10. Will the "prosperity preachers" abandon their private jets and palatial mansions to repent in godly sorrow? Will they also preach *"Jesus Christ, and Him crucified?"* Will the pastors turn from comforting sinners to preach *"the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world?"* If so, there is hope for America. If not, sadly, God will say again, *"But I found none."*

"Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD."
Ezekiel 22:31



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