

Can You Hear the Distress Signal?

“For then will be great tribulation, such as has not happened since the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be ... Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distress” (Matt. 24:21; Ps. 107:19).

This past Spring, Joel Rosenberg and I taught through the book of Joel as we led a prophecy seminar at The Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove. It was my privilege to give the first two messages that covered Joel 1:1 through Joel 2:17. The impact on me was profound. Both times, when I stepped off of the platform, I knew God had spoken. The messages almost made the hair stand up on the back of my neck. Why? Because God was clearly warning that His judgment is coming on America and on our world, and it's going to be ugly. I knew it then, and I know it now.

I believe Jesus is soon to return to take all of His followers to heaven with Him in what is referred to as The Rapture. While this will be deliverance for His people, can you imagine the impact on our nation, let alone the world, when suddenly every single authentic Christian disappears?

Institutions will collapse. Banks will close. The Stock Market will plunge. Planes will fall out of the sky. Cars will crash on the road. Government in America at every level will disintegrate. Families will be torn apart. In the unprecedented turmoil, our nation will be vulnerable for our enemies to seize the moment and attack us. There will be mass chaos, confusion, fear, grief, despair, anger, threats, danger ... judgment.

But just as God allowed the Israelites, His people, to go through three of the ten plagues He sent in judgment on

Pharaoh and Egypt in Exodus 6-8, God may allow His people today to go through a time of distress and trouble before The Rapture takes place. I believe we are in that time now. I believe it's time to not just pray. It's time to cry out to God on behalf of our nation and our world.

✖ MAYDAY! MAYDAY! is an international distress call that signals a life-threatening emergency. And it's the call to cry out that I am issuing May 15-May 23. These are the nine days between the Day of the Ascension of Jesus and the Day of Pentecost that have Biblically and traditionally been days of prayer and fasting for an outpouring of God's Spirit.

The purpose of MAYDAY! MAYDAY! is ...

- * To claim God our Father's promise of an outpouring of His Spirit in these days following three blood moons and a total solar eclipse: *...I will pour out my Spirit in those days ...The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.* Joel 2:29, 31

- * To implore God the Holy Spirit to compel the church to repent of sin and our nation to return to faith in the living God, *that times of refreshing may come...* Acts 3:19

- * To entreat God our Savior for an abundant harvest of souls for His Kingdom in the remaining days. *Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? ¹ I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.* John 4:35

- * To delay or soften God's judgment that is coming on America and on our world. *Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing.* Joel 2:13-14

For those who sign up, I will provide a prayer I have written personally for each of the 9 days, as well as a brief video message, so that we pray with one accord. Before it's too late

and judgment falls on our nation.

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