

Jonathan Cahn Calls for National Day of Prayer and Repentance: 'The Return'

Jonathan Cahn, known as a prophetic voice and author of *New York Times*' bestsellers—*The Harbinger*, *The Book of Mysteries*, *The Paradigm* and his latest book, *The Oracle*—has announced "The Return," the National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance, on Sept. 26, 2020, 40 days before the election and on the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower.

The day will center on a gathering at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. Joining Cahn in The Return are some of the most influential evangelical leaders from across the United States, from Dr. James Dobson to Pat Robertson; Billy Graham's daughter, Anne Graham Lotz; Martin Luther King's niece, Alveda King; Kevin Jessup; Michele Bachmann; Marcus Lamb; Bishop Harry Jackson; Gordon Robertson—and many, many more.

Gatherings of The Return and events of prayer and repentance will also take place across the country in state capitals, churches and homes, as well as in nations around the world.

Cahn, who became internationally known for his first book *The Harbinger*, which warns that America's course is heading to judgment, has stated that the nation and the world is at a juncture that can permanently seal its future for bad or good, calamity or revival.

Cahn says in a video on The Return website, "America and much of western civilization, was founded on a biblical foundation stone, but it has turned away from that foundation. We have not only driven God out of our public life, and have called what is good evil and what is sin, good, but we have sacrificed the lives of over 60 million unborn children. And

America's fall from God is not only progressing—it's accelerating—to the point that it is no longer just a falling away, but a war against the purposes of God.

"I wrote in 'The Harbinger' of the signs of judgment that appeared in the last days of ancient Israel—warning of calamity—that these same signs of warning have now appeared on American soil. The biblical template concerning judgment is that the nation so warned is given a space of time—to return or to head for judgment and calamity. We are now in that window of time, but if America continues on its present course, that window will come to an end and there will come a flood that will begin the end of religious freedom, even usher in persecution and seal America's fall. And if America falls, it will affect the entire world."

Cahn goes on to say that 2020 is crucial as it leads to a presidential election in which the stakes are higher and the necessity of prayer is more critical than ever before. And even if the election goes in the direction of biblical values and righteousness—if America doesn't see a spiritual turning, an awakening, repentance and revival—then all political, legal, judicial and cultural efforts will ultimately fail or be undone.

"We have a window of time, and the purpose of that window is return and revival," Cahn continues. "Without that return, America will be lost. In the days following 9/11, people flocked to houses of worship, and it looked as if there could have been a spiritual revival and awakening. But it never came because there was no repentance. And without repentance, without a turning back, there can be no revival.

"But I have seen once in my lifetime the hand of God change the course of American and world history," he adds, "and it all began not in the halls of government, but with the people of God who gathered in a sacred assembly in our nation's capital with Scripture: 'If My people who are called by My

name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their sinful ways, I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land.'

"It can happen again. But if we don't respond now at this most critical moment, we may never have the chance to do so again. Since the time of 9/11, I have been calling for return, repentance and revival, not only as individuals, but as a nation, according to 2 Chronicles 7:14. At the same time, a faithful man of God, Kevin Jessip, has for years carried the burden of a sacred assembly for that same purpose of restoration. We are convicted that now is the time. Therefore, this is the announcing of The Return—The National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance. It will be a day, and more than a day, a time and season, for the moving for prayer, repentance, return and revival."

The central day of The Return will be Saturday, Sept. 26, in a sacred assembly according to what is laid forth in Scripture, taking place in the nation's capital on the Washington Mall. But it will also take place throughout America in events in cities, towns, houses of worship and homes, especially for those who can't make it for the event in Washington. There will also be events and gatherings taking place in other nations around the world

The Return will take place 40 days before the presidential election, and on the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, in the days of America's founding and dedication to God.

Cahn asks, "When does the movement for The Return begin? Right now. How? With you and me as we commit this time and this year for return, prayer, repentance and revival—to commit first to our own repentance and to begin actually living in revival, and then to pray for others, the return and revival of our nation, and the world. You who are parents, begin by leading your families in revival; ministers, lead your groups in

revival; pastors, lead your churches in revival; leaders of ministries, movements, denominations, lead your people into revival. Let the believers, pastors and churches in your area know. Use social media, use everything you can to spread the word, so they can have a part."

Surrounding the The Day of Return on Sept. 26 will be 10 days, known from ancient times as the Days of Awe, to be set as a special time of prayer and repentance—starting on the Feast of Trumpets and ending with the Day of Atonement, Sept. 18-28. Visit The Return website at www.thedayofreturn.com to find out more and how you, your church or your ministry can be part of The Return.