

Charlie Shamp: The Nations Stand on the Brink

The Western world has lost touch with her soul, with her spirit. Many have strayed and become disoriented because of the religious church culture and the rise of atheism and agnosticism, which in our day has led to the demise of belief in Christ. When culture dismisses religion, the quest for the infinite still remains.

Regardless of the decline in church attendance, a growing number of people are drawn to the supernatural. Until the final ascension into the heavenly realms, we can experience a foretaste of that world.

God chose prophets and commissioned them for ministry. In a unique way, the prophets had direct access to God. When prophets “stood in the council,” they had a face-to-face encounter with God. This motif of “standing in the council” is a repeated pattern throughout the Bible.

Abraham Heschel once said, “The prophet is a person, not a microphone. The prophet’s task is to convey a divine view, yet as a point of view. Their language is luminous and explosive, firm and contingent, harsh and compassionate, a fusion of contradiction. The prophet’s ear perceives the silent sigh. To be a prophet is both a distinction and an affliction. The prophet’s eye is directed to contemporary society and its conduct. Yet his ear is inclined to God. He is a person stuck by the glory and presence of God, overpowered by the hand of God. Yet, his true greatness is his ability to hold God and man in a single thought.”

In Deuteronomy 29:29, Moses declared the secret things belong to Jehovah our God, but the things revealed belong to us. The mysteries God reveals contain still more mysteries. The Holy

Spirit plumbs the depths and reaches the heavens as He prepares us to receive the secret things of the most High God. But remember, we are responsible for what the Spirit reveals.

“For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord. And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it?” (Jer. 23:18, NKJV).

The prophet is a revealer, a revelator and at times a revolutionary. For that reason, he often finds himself standing alone, waiting for the future to become the past to prove that he has indeed stood in the counsel of God.

In January of this year, as I was waiting in prayer, I heard the Lord clearly say, “America will go through shock treatment, and this is My doing! The dragon has wounded the wings of the eagle, but she will fly again. For she will arise with healing in her wings. I will bind up the wounds and heal the fractures that have left her helpless and unable to soar.”

I saw five years of great difficulty for the U.S., but because God’s people were obedient, they were preserved. I also received a series of words and phrases that helped me understand that for some this will be the best of times, and for others, the worst.

Firewall: The firewalls will fail on many fronts, and there will be a massive failure to keep information secure. There will be attacks upon transportation systems, communication networks, sewage, water and electric systems. The only firewall that will not fail will be the one that the Lord has placed around his people (Zech. 2:5).

Recall: There will be many recalls on food, electronics, medicine, elected officials in government, churches and church leaders. Some churches will have their candlesticks removed, never to be lit again. Others in the body of Christ will receive a recall to return to their first love (Rev. 2:4-7).

Resurgence: There will be a resurgence of terror. A resurgence of the war on terror will also come, but in many ways, it will look much different than in the past. I heard the Lord say, "Prepare for a cold war. This war against sickness will cause a cold war against China."

Brink: We are on the brink of the greatest awakening the world has ever seen, one that will touch every facet of society. Everything that has been clothed by darkness will be exposed, and many around the world who have been asleep will suddenly awaken to the truth. God will open their eyes to decades-old deception, and they will turn to Christ.

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