

Jonathan Cahn Asks, 'Does America Have a Spiritual Disease, and Is There a Cure?'

New York Times bestselling author Jonathan Cahn has finally gotten the go-ahead from God to release the long-awaited sequel to his 2012 blockbuster *The Harbinger*.

It's called *The Harbinger II: The Return*, and it reveals the ancient mystery to the current shakings in America—are they a signal that we're drawing closer to judgment and calamity? *The Harbinger II* reveals how the ancient mystery of the harbinger has continued up to this day. It looks behind the pandemic to the economic collapse to the disorder we're watching being played out and reveals that there is more to the story.

"The mystery has never stopped," says Cahn. "What I shared back then in *The Harbinger* was the beginning—it was not the end. This sequel is about what could not be unlocked before—the mysteries that couldn't be revealed until the present time, the manifestations that have taken place since *The Harbinger* came out and up to the present hour and the mysteries of what is yet to come."

The Seventh Harbinger

In *The Harbinger II* Cahn reveals more about the seventh harbinger—the erez tree—which was planted at ground zero several years after 9/11 to replace the sycamore tree which fell on that terrible day. It fulfilled the prophecy in Isaiah 9:10: "The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will replace them with cedars."

Cahn says that by planting the erez tree, New York fulfilled the prophecy exactly—although they had no idea why they did it. Leaders named the erez tree the Tree of Hope.

“So, the erez tree represented a strong America, coming back from the devastation of 9/11,” says Cahn.

A Shocking Sign

But then something happened. A transformation took place, a biblical metamorphosis, which actually became a sign in itself. The ancient sign of national judgment was manifested at ground zero when the erez tree, the symbol of America, began to wither away.

The leaves started turning brown, and the tree started drying up. The groundskeepers did everything they could to revive it—after all, it was the symbol of America’s comeback! But it just kept withering away. Every year, it got more and more sickly looking. Groundskeepers planted eight shrubs around the tree, and while the four shrubs that were away from it thrived, the four shrubs that were near it withered away with the tree, almost as if the tree were cursed.

“God speaks again and again of withering,” says Cahn. “He says: ‘For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb’ (Ps. 37:2). Isaiah says, ‘You will perish like a withered tree or a garden without water’ (1:30, TLB). Messiah spoke to the fig tree (Mark 11:21) and it withered.

“Withering is a sign of national judgment,” Cahn continues. “In the Bible it’s a sign of defiance. The erez tree was the ancient symbol of a nation’s defiant hope. America was saying, ‘We’re coming back stronger; nothing’s going to stop this. The sycamore was a weak tree, but the erez tree is a strong tree.’ The Hebrew name for erez even means ‘strength.’”

The imagery of a defiant tree withering away can be seen in

the Bible.

It was planted in a good soil by many waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a splendid vine. Say: Thus says the Lord God: Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its roots and cut off its fruit, so that it withers, so that all its spring leaves wither? It will not take a great power or many people to pull it from its roots. Though it has been planted, will it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither when the east wind hits it? It shall wither in the furrows where it grew (Ezek. 17:8-10).

Cahn says the Tree of Hope was supposed to be a sign that America was coming back stronger without God, and yet the tree—which stood for America—was withering away.

The Ultimate Issue

So what is the sign of the erez tree saying? What is the biblical message? “It’s a harbinger on top of a harbinger,” says Cahn. “The withering away of the erez tree—the withering away of the Tree of Hope—represents the withering of America. On the outside it still exists (like the tree), but morally (on the inside) it is withering away. Spiritually, it is withering away.

The nation of America is withering from its very core. And if it keeps doing that, it’s not going to be able to stand. The withering is happening from the inside, so eventually that tree won’t make it if it doesn’t get healed.

This harbinger—this sign—is saying that America has a spiritual disease. And we cannot cure a spiritual disease with a political cure or physical cure. Yes, God uses politics, and we have to pray for that and be a part of it. But the ultimate issue is spiritual. And only a spiritual answer can heal a spiritual disease. The only one who can cure it is Jesus.

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