

## ***THE COMING FINANCIAL SHAKING OF THE NATIONS***

### **Introduction:**

In light of the financial crisis hitting the nations of the earth, including America, there is major fear that is taking hold of our nation and the people. Please hear me...things will only get worse before they calm down and a SPIRIT OF FEAR is desiring to control people's lives and decisions. Please allow me to point us in the right direction in order to get us to rest and trust in the GOODNESS & FAITHFULNESS of God. God is good and He always TAKES CARE of those who put their TRUST IN HIM.

### **I. GOD IS DEALING WITH THE CHURCH - WHAT ARE WE BUILDING?**

- A. We need to see this as GOD ALLOWING this to take place in order to shake the nations as the book of Haggai declares. The prophet Haggai was used to stir God's people to REPENT of their ways from focusing on their NATURAL LIVES and neglecting their SPIRITUAL LIVES. Everyone was more concerned about their work, their money and their homes. The Lord REBUKED them and warned them of DIRE CONSEQUENCES if they continued to neglect His word and His will.
- B. *"Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?" Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways! "You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes." Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways! "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the Lord of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit." (Haggai 1:3-7, 9, 10)*

### **II. GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF SHAKING ALL THINGS**

- A. As a result of the Body of Christ not fully trusting the Lord in the area of FINANCES & GIVING, we therefore hold back what rightly belongs to the Lord in the first place. We don't trust God to provide for us! The majority of Christians in America (Over 95%) do not faithfully practice the giving of the tithe. The shaking that is going on and that will continue to increase will affect both the UNBELIEVER & THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER. We have learned to trust our jobs, our savings plans, our retirement plans, more than we do God and His word. WE DO NOT LIVE BY FAITH!!! Church, God is ALLOWING the shaking of the FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS we trust in so that we might REPENT and learn to trust the Lord for our provisions.

- B. Listen to how Haggai connects God's sovereignty over the powers of the UNIVERSE, over the powers of the EARTH and over the power of FINANCES. They are all connected to His desire to build His HOUSE OF PRAYER (Church) that it may be the WITNESS of God in the nations as well as the INSTRUMENT He uses to release His POWER & His GLORY.

***Haggai 2:6-9 "For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (in a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the Lord of hosts. 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts. 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts."***

### III. DARKER DAYS ARE COMING - THE CHURCH'S TIME TO ARISE

- A. The Lord clearly showed me a year and a half ago in March of 2010 that VERY DIFFICULT financial times were coming to the Body of Christ as a result of the financial shakings that were taking place and that they would continue to increase in the years ahead. Because most in the Body of Christ have learned to trust more in their ability to make money, their jobs, etc, more than they trust in God to provide for them, their trust in finances would be JUDGED and SHAKEN in the hope of getting the church to REPENT and once again to TRUST IN THE LORD and HIS WORD!

***Isaiah 55:10-11 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."***

- B. The Lord also clearly assured me that in the midst of this great financial crisis that had already begun and would continue to increase, He would meet all the NEEDS of those in the Body of Christ who would CHOOSE to trust the Lord and BELIEVE His word in the midst of FINANCIAL SHAKINGS that would affect EVERYONE of us in one way or another. He gave me scriptures to support and confirm this to assure His people that He would be very much active in the lives of those who would TURN to Him, REPENT of any UNBELIEF in His ability to PROVIDE for them and CHANGE their ways and begin to LIVE BY FAITH & NOT BY SIGHT!
- C. Emily, I and our family, have seen the faithfulness of the Lord to provide for us in numerous SUPERNATURAL ways over the last 24 years. We have gradually increased the percentage of our giving over the years and have done so most recently in the last six months in light of the economic situation our nation is facing and THE CHURCH will face as well. We have chosen to PREPARE ourselves by trusting the Lord and HIS WORD and not the traditional methods that most trust today. We recognize His PASSION & ZEAL to see His HOUSE OF PRAYER be established and we have chosen to be extravagant givers to see OHOP established as a 24-7 Prayer & Worship

Center. From 24-7 Prayer & Worship, we will see 24-7 EVANGELISM & ACTS of JUSTICE as well as His POWER and His GLORY. Local & World MISSIONS, The POOR, ORPHANS & WIDOWS (as defined by God's word) will be MINISTRIES that will naturally flow out of Houses of Prayer and from the Hearts of God's people.

- D. If you are not a faithful tither or giver, I challenge you for the sake of being SECURE in these trying times, to make the decision to REPENT of your UNBELIEF and begin to take God at His word TODAY!!! Do not put this off!!! PREPARE & POSITION YOURSELF to see His FAITHFULNESS and PROVISION in your behalf.

***Proverbs 27:12 "The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it."***

#### **IV. LIVING BY FAITH - STANDING FIRM ON GOD'S WORD**

Allow me to share several of these verses with you below. READ them, MEMORIZE some of them, CONFESS them and CLAIM them to be yours in PRAYER.

***\*Deuteronomy 8:18-19 "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish."***

***\* 1 Kings 19:5-8 "Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat." Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you." So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God."***

***\* 1 Kings 17:1-6 "And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word." Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook."***

*\* 1 Kings 17:8-16 "Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.' " So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah."*

*\* 2 Kings 4:3-7 "Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, " There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."*

*\* 2 Kings 4:38-41 "And Elisha returned to Gilgal, and there was a famine in the land. Now the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets." So one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds, and came and sliced them into the pot of stew, though they did not know what they were. Then they served it to the men to eat. Now it happened, as they were eating the stew, that they cried out and said, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it. So he said, "Then bring some flour." And he put it into the pot, and said, "Serve it to the people, that they may eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot."*

*\* 2 Kings 4:42-44 "Then a man came from Baal Shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley bread, and newly ripened grain in his knapsack. And he said, "Give it to the people, that they may eat." But his servant said, "What? Shall I set this before one hundred men?" He said again, "Give it to the people, that they may eat; for thus says the Lord: 'They shall eat and have some left over.' " So he set it before them; and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord."*

*\* Psalm 37:23-26 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand. I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed."*

*\* Proverbs 3:9-10 "Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine."*

*\* Malachi 3:8-11 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it. "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the Lord of hosts."*

*\*Matthew 6:31-33 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'<sup>32</sup> For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.<sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*

*\*Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."*

*\*John 6:5 “Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?”*

*\*John 6:9-12 “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?” Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. <sup>11</sup> And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples<sup>[a]</sup> to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.*

*\*2 Corinthians 9:6-10 “But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: “ He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.”*

*\*Galatians 6:6-10 “Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. <sup>8</sup> For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*

*\*Philippians 4:11-15 “Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: <sup>12</sup> I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. <sup>15</sup> Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.*

*\*Philippians 4:17-19 “Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.  
<sup>18</sup> Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”*

*\*1 Timothy 6:6-10 “Now godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. <sup>8</sup> And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. <sup>9</sup> But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*

*\*1 Timothy 6:17-19 “Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. <sup>18</sup> Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, <sup>19</sup> storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.”*