"Is there not a cause greater than ourselves?" Part 2 of 4

In Part 1 of this series titled "Is there not a cause greater than ourselves?" I proclaimed the truth that accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior is so much more than inheriting eternal life when we die.

If the whole purpose of accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior was to escape the fiery furnace of everlasting damnation, then the moment we accept Jesus Christ He would take us out of here.

The truth is each and every one of us has been called to a cause greater then ourselves and has a God given destiny to fulfill that we were predestined for before the foundation of the world when He knit you together in your mother's womb.

Like Esther, we were *born for a time such as this* and if we remain silent at this *time*, where will relief and deliverance from the enemy forces at work in our lives, our nation and the world come from? Silence in the face of evil is itself evil, and God will not hold us unaccountable for our indifference.

Can you imagine what the outcome would have been if some of the heroes of the Bible such as Moses, Joshua, Gideon, King David, Ruth, Deborah, Esther, Abigail, and the Virgin Mary did not answer the call **to arise** and **fulfill** their God given purpose and destiny for their lives?

Moreover, the Lord wants me to remind you He will not be coming back as the gentle lamb. Rather he will be the roaring lion of the tribe of Judah. He will not be humbly riding a donkey, but will be a conquering King on a white stallion with the armies of heaven at His side. With eyes blazing like fire, he will judge and make war. The world will watch the fullness of God's wrath unfold on the unrepentant wicked and He will bring salvation to those who are His. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of lords and King of kings. Halleluiah and Amen!

This leads me to address the next point.

Do we realize how late the hour is?

God in His great mercy and love for us cannot and will not allow us to remain as we are because we will not be able to overcome the trials and tribulations which are about to take place. More importantly, He is coming back for a bride without spot or blemish.

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The truth is this epic spiritual battle for the hearts and souls of the people in our nation is not for the purpose of only saving America—it is for the purpose of America returning to our first love—Jesus Christ so we can finish our end-time assignment and help bring in the end-time harvest of souls. What we see taking place on a **global** basis is the fulfillment of end-time prophecy.

As such, many of the things coming to pass on a **global** basis we cannot stop no matter what because "It is written!" However, we do not want these things to come to pass before God's appointed times and seasons. We need more time!

How many of us still have family members that are caught up in the world and we are believing they shall escape the snares of the enemy and be saved? It is God's desire that no one perish and He is giving us a small window of opportunity **to arise** and **delay** what shall eventually come to pass whether we are in agreement with it or not.

What we are currently seeing and experiencing is the clash of two Kingdoms-the Kingdom of God versus the Kingdom of the Antichrist. Therefore, we are either serving God or the enemy. There are only two choices and no middle ground.

Furthermore, Jesus was more concerned about His church being deceived about God's times and seasons than to be troubled or concerned about the birth pains we are witnessing on a **global** basis. Jesus emphatically said to **watch** and **pray** so we can escape all the things which must take place.

What are we to watch for?

- 1. The fulfillment of end-time prophecy which we are witnessing coming to pass before our very eyes based on the Bible and events happening on a global basis, especially concerning the nation of Israel.
- 2. Furthermore, we are called to be the watchmen on the wall and blow the trumpet and warn others when we see danger approaching.
- 3. Last, but certainly not least, we are called to intercede and pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ that they be strengthened so they may overcome until the end.
- 4. Furthermore, we are to stand in the gap for the lost and pray they will come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ and accept Him as their Lord and Savior before it is too late as we fulfill the great commission.

All prophecy concerning the nation of Israel is God's prophetic time clock and we are now entering the time of the fullness of the Gentiles and the dispensation of the grace of God.

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The leading missionary organizations project from statistical data that the gospel will be presented to <u>ALL</u> 6,000 ethnic people groups among the 238 nations by 2015.

This will fulfill **one** of God's main mandates for His Church and America based on Matthew 24:14 which states.

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the **end** will come."

The word end in Mathew 24:14 does not mean the end of the world, rather it means the end of one assignment and the beginning of another.

As it was in the beginning, so it shall be at the end. When the fullness of the gentiles is complete, God will then turn His full attention back to the nation of Israel and the Jewish people.

Many people do not realize America was birthed as a result of the Abrahamic covenant and we have spiritual ties to the nation of Israel. Have you never noticed the USA in JerUSAlem?

As a matter-of-fact, America is currently on the same path as ancient Israel that led to the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem in 70AD. If you haven't read the book titled the Harbinger by Jonathan Cahn, please do so and you will realize what I am proclaiming is true. Watch these two videos of an interview with Jonathan Cahn and Sid Roth and you will know repenting and returning back to God is our only hope.

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I will now convey why America has spiritual ties to the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. It is absolutely critical for believers to understand our Hebraic roots in Christianity.

The body of Christ is comprised of both Jewish and Gentile believers in our Jewish Messiah-Yeshua (Jesus Christ). Anti-Semitism is on the rise and any individual or nation which curses the Jewish people and the nation of Israel will reap the wrath of God Almighty!

These people who are anti-Semitic also have the spirit of antichrist using them to be anti anything of Yahweh, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

Moreover, this is why we are seeing an increase of many people coming against and oppressing God's royal priesthood and holy nation-the body of Christ, His church. Unfortunately, many evangelical leaders are coming against Israel and the Jewish people and are leading their flocks to do the same. How can Christians say Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior and yet be anti-Semitic? They are perishing from lack of knowledge and deception!

In 70 AD when the Romans destroyed the temple and Jerusalem the nation of Israel was scattered throughout the nations of the world. This was according to God's plan to offer salvation to the Gentile nations, until the fullness of the Gentiles is complete.

When the fullness of the Gentiles comes to completion, this will fulfill one of the promises God made to Abraham as a result of the Abrahamic covenant. God promised Abraham He would become a great nation as shown in Genesis 12:1-3 below.

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

In the beginning Israel (both the Jewish people <u>and</u> the nation) were chosen to be God's Kingdom of priests <u>and</u> a holy nation as illustrated in Exodus 19:1-6 below.

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now IF you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests AND a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." ~ Exodus 19:1-6

However, as already established based on the historical written records in the Old Testament we know despite the Israelites' intent to "do" and "obey" all the commandments God required, time and time again they fell short of their end of the covenant just like many believers are doing today.

Therefore, God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as their long awaited Messiah. Tragically **some** of the Jews rejected Him. As a result, the Gentiles were given an opportunity to be grafted into the commonwealth of Israel only by the blood of Jesus Christ as substantiated in Ephesians 2:11-13 below.

"Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." ~ Ephesians 2:11-13 (NKJV)

Furthermore, Jesus told the Pharisees and Sadducees the Kingdom of God would be taken from them and given to **another nation** due to **their rejection of Him** <u>and</u> **their unbelief** as indicated in Matthew 21:43 which states "I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a **nation** that will produce the proper fruit."

Therefore, two new nations (both a "spiritual" and a "physical" nation) had to be birthed that would produce the proper fruit.

There are always two realms, a "spiritual" realm and a "natural" realm. Everything first happens in the "spiritual" (heavenly realm) **before** it is manifested in the "natural" realm (earthly realm).

This is why Jesus instructed us to pray as follows in Matthew 6:9-10, "This, then, is how you should pray:"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

First and foremost, a new "spiritual" nation was born and it is called the church, the body of Christ. The church is comprised of both Messianic Jews and Gentiles who believes in our Jewish Messiah—Jesus Christ.

This truth is substantiated by the Apostle Paul in Galatians 3:28-29 (NKJV) when he states, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then **you are Abraham's seed**, **and heirs according to the promise**."

This truth is once again proclaimed by the Apostle Paul below in Romans 3:21-26

"But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."

Therefore, to reiterate, the spiritual nation which was born is His church and we are a royal priesthood and a holy nation as proclaimed by 1 Peter 2:9 which states "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation," God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Do not miss the significance that this is the same thing that God told Moses at Mount Sinai to tell to the Israelites in Exodus 19:6 when He said, "And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

More, importantly note the conditions God has established in order to be in a covenant relationship with Him based on Exodus 19:5 which states, "Now therefore, if you will indeed <u>obey My voice</u> and <u>keep My covenant</u>, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine."

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We are only His people **if** we obey His voice and keep His commandments which are the terms and conditions of the covenant we entered into when we accepted His Son, Jesus Christ, as our Lord and Savior.

This "spiritual" nation would fulfill one of the promises God made to Abraham in Genesis 18:18 which states, "Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him."

Still a new "physical" nation had to be raised by God until the prophecy in Isaiah 66 came to pass resulting in the nation of Israel being reborn in May 1948.

America was birthed for God's purposes and glory from the very beginning to be His "physical" nation until the fullness of the gentiles is fulfilled when He will turn His <u>full</u> attention back to the nation of Israel and the Jewish people.

America did indeed become the greatest and most powerful nation ever to exist because God did indeed bless America. Our founding fathers had one common denominator: their devotion to God our Creator and this is why America was founded on Judeo-Christian values. America was instrumental in Israel becoming a nation in 1948 and has been God's physical vineyard to carry out the great commission and be the light to the rest of the world.

And it is for this very reason God wants America back—so we can finish our end time assignment and help bring in the end-time harvest of souls until the reason our nation was birthed in the first place comes to completion.

By the time the war of Gog and Magog finally takes place America will not be able to come to Israel's defense because America will no longer be a superpower.

As a result, it is during this time Israel will have no choice but to cry out to God and He will mightily intervene on their behalf. It will be during this time He will release the great outpouring of His Spirit the prophet Joel talks about and will remove the spiritual blindness from the Orthodox Jews and they will realize Jesus is their Messiah they rejected based on Zechariah 12:10-14.

I believe every Christian needs to fully understand the Gentiles were given the opportunity to be grafted into the commonwealth of Israel **because God purposely spiritually blinded His chosen people.** Salvation came to the Gentiles because <u>some</u> of

the Israelites rejected their Messiah—Jesus Christ. Understanding our Hebraic roots in Christianity is also vital.

When the fullness of the Gentiles is complete, God will then turn His full attention back to the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. And, then He will remove their spiritual blindness and the fulfillment of Zechariah 12:10-14 will come to pass. For this reason, I have put a separate writing titled "Why is it Critical we understand and Honor the Abrahamic Covenant?" under the 2012 Prophetic Word for you to read and heed. Many individuals and believers are reaping curses from God Almighty by not honoring this **everlasting** covenant due to ignorance.

Until then we are to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Jewish people. Moreover, when we pray for the peace of Jerusalem based on Psalm 122 we are also praying for the sake of our brethren and companions. Are not both Messianic Jews and Christians our brethren? Yes, Jerusalem Israel is the city of Yahweh, however, "spiritual" Jerusalem resides in the hearts of ALL believers in our Jewish Messiah—Yeshua (Jesus Christ). Listen to Psalm 122 which proclaims this truth.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces." For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you." "Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good." ~ Psalm 122 (NKJV)

The truth is physical Jersusalem will never have total peace until Jesus Christ returns the second time to establish His rule and reign. Until then His people will only have peace by the Prince of Peace residing within our hearts. This is what this verse is referring to when it states "Peace be <u>within</u> your walls." Since our bodies are the temple of God this is talking about peace within our hearts.

Also, Psalm 122 states, "May they prosper who love you." Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love me, obey my commandments." This peace within our hearts can only be received by our abiding in His presence and submitting to His total Lordship in our minds, hearts, and lives by obeying His commandments.

This is why Jesus stated in the end times because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. Why? Because many refuse to abide in His presence and cultivate a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father, <u>and</u> His only begotten Son—Jesus Christ.

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As a result, we cannot love each other like we are called to do because we cannot give away what we first do not possess ourselves.

Without abiding in God's presence we will not be able to overcome the trials and tribulations which shall take place in the days ahead. Like a woman in labor, the birth pains we are beginning to see come to pass will intensify not lessen.

The winds of change are upon us and God is on the move. As stated in Isaiah 43:18-19 (NKJV), "Do <u>NOT</u> remember the <u>former things</u>, nor consider <u>the things of old</u>. Behold I will do a <u>new</u> thing. Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

In part 3 of 4 of this series titled "Is there not a cause greater than ourselves?" I will fully convey what we are facing and will substantiate we have entered the final age of man's self-rule on earth and we are now in the Book of Revelation. We have never been this way before and we are entering into unchartered territory and it is for this reason God is our only hope for saving ourselves and our nation.