### CALL TO WAR 2016

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE BATTLE PLAN

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS CALLING FOR

# A WORLD-WIDE, SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER CHAIN

OCTOBER 24-29, 2016

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# A SUMMARY OF GOD'S DIRECTION FOR CALL TO WAR 2016: (THE DETAILS ARE INCLUDED LATER IN THIS DOCUMENT).

FIRST — AN AROUND THE WORLD — BY TIME ZONE — SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER CHAIN!

OCTOBER 24-29, 2016 — Monday through Saturday.

THE HOLY GHOST HAS CALLED FOR A "SOLEMN ASSEMBLY" — A WEEK OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE.

— THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST, WILL MEET TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT AT THE THRONE OF HEAVEN IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HEAD OF THIS BODY, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST (EPHESIANS 1)!

THIS WILL BE AN AROUND THE WORLD PRAYER CHAIN BY TIME ZONES.

— Each individual and/or local church body will commit to spiritual warfare prayer each day of the Week of Warfare from 7pm-10pm in their local time zone.

Again, Monday, October 24 through Saturday, October 29.

PARTICIPATION IN THE LIVESTREAMED CALL TO WAR SESSIONS IS OPTIONAL. (DETAILS FOR PARTICIPATION USING THE STREAMED CALL TO WAR SESSIONS ARE TO FOLLOW.)

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### SECOND — SPIRITUAL PREPARATION BEFORE THE "WEEK OF WARFARE"

THE LORD HAS CALLED FOR US TO PREPARE FOR OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS WEEK OF WARFARE BY EACH OF US COMMITTING TO DO OUR BEST TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

OCTOBER 4TH THROUGH THE 24TH — FAST AND PRAY "DANIEL'S 21 DAYS TO VICTORY" — AND DOMINION.

THE PRAYER FOCUS OF THESE 21 DAYS WILL BE TO REPENT FOR OURSELVES AS INDIVIDUALS AND FOR THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE. THIS IS WHAT DANIEL DID; HE REPENTED FOR HIMSELF AND FOR ISRAEL. THIS IS WHAT THE LORD IS CALLING US TO DO!

— DANIEL DID NOT RECOGNIZE THAT HE WAS ENGAGING IN WARFARE PRAYING UNTIL HIS SEASON OF SEEKING GOD WAS CONCLUDED BY HIM RECEIVING GOD'S ANSWER.

#### WHAT "KIND" OF FASTING DO WE DO?

As far as the actual fasting portion of the 21 days, individuals and/or churches may fast each of these days as they are led by the Spirit of the Lord. Because we all have existing schedules and obligations, the types of fasting may be "mixed and matched," i.e., Daniel Fast, eat one meal per day, omitting only solid food, total fast (no food or liquid), etc. — switching between the types as the Lord and our schedules dictate. While it would be positive to ADD some type of media fast, that would not work as a substitute for food/beverage fasting. It could only serve as a supplement.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

THE PRAYER CHAIN AND THE 21 DAYS OF PREPARATION ARE NOT "ALL OR NOTHING" EFFORTS!

THEY ARE "DO ALL YOU CAN; DO SOMETHING" ENDEAVORS!

#### PLEASE, DO SOMETHING!

THE TIMES WE LIVE IN DEMAND THAT THE CHURCH RISE UP AND PRAY!

NOT EVERYONE OF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO "DOT ALL THE I'S AND CROSS ALL THE T'S" OF THIS PLAN.

HOWEVER, IN NO WAY SHOULD THAT BE A DETERRENT FROM ANY OF YOU PARTICIPATING TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.

#### CALL TO WAR 2016 VIDEO BRIEFINGS

TO BETTER PREPARE FOR AND COMMUNICATE ABOUT THIS TIME OF CONSECRATION AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE, THE LORD HAS DIRECTED ME TO DO A SERIES OF VIDEO BRIEFINGS.

The Lord has instructed me to create a series of video briefings to share important information, insights, perspectives, and exhortations with those He leads to participate in this endeavor. The first was recorded on June 11<sup>th</sup> and is archived. Others are scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, and August 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Additional briefings will be scheduled for all four Saturdays of September. These briefings will enable you to feel and receive the Spirit of this effort. They also will communicate the revelations upon which this effort is based and impart the passion necessary to be fully motivated to participate.

ALL OF THESE VIDEO BRIEFINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE LIVE AND VIA ARCHIVE ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES: apostoliciron.com OR call2war.com

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CALL TO WAR 2016 will NOT be a "seminar." In fact, there will be a minimal amount instruction given. The focus and priority will be directed prayer. These prayer directives will be given by myself and the other Men of God that the Lord specifically directs to come to Annapolis in order to participate in leading this warfare effort. This will not be a typical "prayer meeting." It will be spiritual warfare!

The Word of God declares that "He [THE LORD] teaches our hands to war." The Lord God has used myself and others to do this. In fact, there are archived videos available online of five (5) years of detailed instructions on how to war. These five seminars of training in spiritual warfare are available at no charge at either call2war.com or apostoliciron.com. The Call to War Seminars from 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 contain over 25 hours of instruction and demonstrated warfare praying — EACH. Also, the original Call to War Syllabus is being updated and will be available very soon. Therefore, there is an abundance of instruction available for those who want to be prepared to participate.

CALL TO WAR 2016 will be ACTUAL PRAYING — NOT TALKING ABOUT PRAYING; it will be DOING SPIRITUAL WARFARE — NOT TALKING ABOUT WARRING!

#### SCHEDULE CONFLICTS?

Even if you have other meetings or commitments during any of these 21 days preparation or Call to War session times, you and/or your Church can still participate in as much of the Spiritual Preparation and Week of Warfare as you are able.

Please ask the Lord what He wants you to do to participate.

Again, you do not have to come to Annapolis or even watch Call to War online to still be a vital part of this endeavor.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS JOIN US IN THE SPIRIT - AND PRAY - AND WAR!

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# THE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE WITH CALL TO WAR 2016 BY VIDEO STREAMING REGARDLESS OF YOUR GLOBAL LOCATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### **EASTERN HEMISPHERE:**

ON THE WEBSITE, THERE WILL BE AN "EASTERN HEMISPHERE" BUTTON WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW FOR ACCESSING ARCHIVED SESSIONS.

— Because the Eastern Hemisphere is several hours ahead of the Eastern Time Zone in the U.S., the participants from that region of the world will be ahead of the actual Call to War sessions.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE TO THOSE IN THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE: To better facilitate the full participation of those in the Eastern Hemisphere, a prayer session will be recorded on Sunday night, October 23<sup>rd</sup> here in Annapolis. This will be for use on Monday night in the Eastern Hemisphere ONLY.

— On Tuesday night (in the Eastern Hemisphere), you will use the Monday night CALL TO WAR archived video; on Wednesday night you will use the Tuesday night video; and so on all the way through Saturday.

AN ADDITIONAL NOTE: There will be a Saturday night (October 29<sup>th</sup>) prayer session recorded here in Annapolis that can be used on Sunday night (October 30<sup>th</sup>) in the Eastern Hemisphere if you so choose.

#### **WESTERN HEMISPHERE:**

THERE WILL ALSO BE A "WESTERN HEMISPHERE" BUTTON WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE SESSIONS LIVESTREAMED OR ON TIME DELAY TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR TIME ZONE.

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# SPIRITUAL DIRECTION — DETAILS

#### A WORLD-WIDE CALL TO PRAYER

Very early on the morning of March 29, 2016, the Father gave me very specific direction for this year's Call to War "Seminar." He instructed me to call for a World-Wide, Spiritual Warfare Prayer Chain by Time Zone.

As I was praying and participating with the Spirit of the Lord in Kingdom praying, the Lord specifically spoke to me. I heard the voice of the Lord say, "Solemn Assembly." He sent me to Joel 2 and I read these verses:

Joel 2:15-28

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

17 Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and LET THEM SAY, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

18 Then [AFTER THEY HAD PRAYED THIS PRAYER IN AND THROUGH A CONSECRATED "ASSEMBLY"] will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

19 Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

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24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.

27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

As I read I immediately began to understand the gravity of the Lord's voice, both in these Scriptures and to me at that moment. He was and still is very serious about this CALL. He called Israel to gather for a "sanctified or consecrated" meeting, and He eliminated all excuses for those who thought that God would not include them because their circumstances would normally allow them to be excused.

Then the Lord God in these Scriptures gave A SPECIFIC CALL TO PRAYER AND VERY SPECIFIC DETAILS OF PRAYERS TO BE PRAYED AS A PART OF HIS SPIRITUAL "ASSEMBLY." The Lord fully expected them to respond to His call because of the perilous nature of the times. Joel was the Lord's conduit of Rhema to Israel literally and to the Church spiritually. For us, God's intention is for this prayer to be prayed on behalf of the Church and its promises (OUR HERITAGE).

#### GOD'S SPECIFICS FOR THE WARFARE PRAYER

When the Lord spoke to me, I had been praying a "covering" of authority over His people; and, I was "binding kings with chains and their princes with fetters of irons" because THAT is our "heritage" (Psalms 149). So, as I began to read the specifics of the prayer in Joel 2:17, I checked my Bible app for the meaning of the word SPARE. Strong's Hebrew Dictionary said that it literally means "properly, to cover, i.e. (figuratively) to compassionate." I realized that I had just been praying that very thing. AT THAT POINT, I KNEW THAT GOD WAS INITIATING A PRAYER OF WARFARE.

Receiving authority is the first step in Spiritual Warfare. Jesus made this very clear:

Luke 10:17-19

17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us THROUGH THY NAME.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power [Greek = exousia — "authority"] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

The receiving of and being submitted to the Covering of Authority is vitally important to all spiritual endeavors, but it is totally indispensable for Spiritual Warfare! In Exodus 17:10-13, Moses stood on the mountain with his hands raised over the valley where Joshua and Israel fought the enemy. Moses, the spiritual authority over Israel, was providing the "covering of authority" over Israel. As long as the covering was provided, the blessing of the Lord was on the battle and Israel was prevailing. But, when fatigue caused him to lower his hands, the battle went against Israel.

This Covering (or Word) of Authority must be spoken over every session of warfare — AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WARFARE PORTION OF THAT PRAYER!

On the second focused point of prayer, we are to pray that His "heritage" would not be "given" to "reproach." We, the Lord's Children, are NOT His heritage. We are the conduits of His heritage. His HERITAGE in this context is all that He has planned to do for, to, and through His people in the earth and in eternity. In this present temporal dimension, the primary element of "His heritage" is the establishment of the Kingdom of God in, through, and by His Church in the spirit world — NOW (Ephesians 1:14-23)!

REPROACHES are the accusations, taunts, and blasphemous statements that are made to the Church about our God. As they were in Joel, we are instructed to pray against the slanderous and malicious epithets hurled at us: those which defame our God. How can these mouths be stopped? We are to pray that God will be manifested in the earth in such a way that their arrogant and taunting insults will be silenced by the glory of His manifestation!

Next, we are told to pray that "the heathen should [NOT] rule over" us (the Church). Figuratively, heathen would be unbelievers; in this context, the word specifically refers to the spirit of this world which uses unbelievers as its instruments. THE WORD RULE MEANS "TO EXERCISE DOMINATING POWER, AUTHORITY, OR INFLUENCE OVER." The context implies a supernatural power or authority ruling over those who knowingly or unknowingly give it influence or even dominion in their lives.

The devil is "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:3-4). If we participate in the world outside of the Biblical boundaries set for our salvation and safety, then we come under the authority of the spirit of this world. The Biblical term for that is "captive," which in the original languages means, "prisoner of war." Prisoners of War have not "changed sides." They are just no longer in the battle because they are no longer able to fight. They have been DISARMED! AND, even more humiliating, THEY NOW DEPEND ON THEIR CAPTORS FOR THEIR DAILY PROVISIONS — not their God!

Many would protest and say that the adversary does not "rule" over the Church. Well, it is true that he is not "supposed" to be able to — unless we let him. But, let's consider a few things and then we will ask the question: Does the adversary exercise power over or against the Church?

Money or Resources: Does the Church have the resources to fulfill the vision and mission that the Lord has called us to? Or, are those with real faith and passion for the lost to be saved always hurting for enough cash to reach their city, not counting reaching the world? Does "mammon" control the money of this world? YES! This is not supposed to be! But, somebody has to pray these resources loose from the "rule" of satan. Jesus called "mammon" a "god." This "god" can be none other than the "god of this world."

Intimidation: Does anyone honestly believe that most of the Church is not intimidated in our world today, especially the part of the Church in the USA? Our society has us very concerned about the prospect of being made a public spectacle for our faith. The result: we keep our mouths shut and "hide" in our Church buildings.

Fear: The Church lives in fear in many parts of the world today. With some religions openly and zealously opposing Christianity even to point of killing Christians in the name of their God, many believers are hiding either figuratively or literally.

Power or Force: Are there not places in the world where the Church is having power and/or force used against it? Paul's "bounds" made him more fearless and bold; but, the appalling experiences of so many have made the Church timid and cowering.

Government oppression: Are there not many places in the world where believers cannot openly practice their faith? In China it is illegal to hold church services. In Saudi Arabia it is illegal to own a Bible. And, in many other countries, various degrees of governmental restrictions are exercised against people of the Christian faith.

Now, I ask the question: Is the Church "ruled" over? The definitive answer is Yes! WE MUST WAR TO CHANGE THIS — NOW!

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Last but certainly not least, we are to pray about THE OPEN, PUBLIC ACCUSATIONS AGAINST OUR GOD. Peter said that in the last days people would say, "Where is the promise of His coming?" Nothing has changed in our lifetimes (2 Peter 3:3-4). Peter called them "SCOFFERS." Just what is the Church supposed to do about that? We have been instructed to pray thus: Your name be manifested and thus sanctified, Your Kingdom come in manifestation of authority and power, and Your will (Logos) be done on earth as it is already purposed in Heaven. These are prayers prayed by the Church as conduits of His Kingdom, who speak these things into the spiritual atmosphere of the earth so that they may come to pass. Prayer works! Prayer changes things! Prayer releases the authority and power of God into the earth! But, ONLY IF WE PRAY AS HE HAS INSTRUCTED US!

#### THE PROMISED RESULTS OF THIS PRESCRIBED PRAYER?

The promised result of this prayer is that the Lord will be "JEALOUS FOR HIS LAND" (Joel 2:18). The Lord promised that His passion for His people would result in many awesome provisions from the Lord and manifestations of His glory!

In Joel 2, the culmination of these promises is the Outpouring of the Holy Ghost. Everything promised in between verses 18 and 28 ALL directly relates to the spiritual blessings of God upon a victorious people. All of the promises of God made to Israel naturally are promised to the Church spiritually. It is our time! THEREFORE, IT IS TIME FOR US TO PRAY!

In 1 Timothy 1:18, Paul commanded Timothy to use the prophesies that had been spoken over and about Timothy as weapons of warfare. Likewise, our promises are the Sword of the Spirit (Rhema) that we are to use to fight for their fulfillment. Swords are not trophies to be mounted on the wall of our studies, they are weapons to be used to for victory for the Kingdom of God!

In principle, a parallel passage to Joel 2:15-28 is 2 Chronicles 7:14:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

BOTH passages (from Joel 2 and 2 Chronicles 7) promise a "healed land" that produces fruitfulness (harvest). Both imply or state "IF"! If we will pray... Church, IT IS TIME — IT IS OUR TIME. It is time to pray!

But, just as the early Church had to go and "tarry in Jerusalem" in order to participate in the timing of God's promises being poured out, so must the last day Church also demonstrate our faith by waiting on God. We must wait on Him in prayer and then participate in and with His Kingdom as it is being manifested in the earth through warfare prayer. The promises of God are sure, BUT we must participate in praying for their fulfillment if we are to participate in receiving their fulfillment.

## THE LORD IS CALLING HIS CHURCH TO PRAYER — NOW!

IN THE BEGINNING OF THE EARTH, THE LORD GAVE THE FIRST MAN DOMINION AND TOLD HIM TO "SUBDUE" THE EARTH. IN THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH (MATTHEW 16:18,19), THE LORD GAVE REDEEMED MAN DOMINION AND INSTRUCTED THE CHURCH TO "SUBDUE" THE SPIRIT WORLD FOR HIS GLORY! THE FIRST MAN SINNED BY FAILING TO DO WHAT HE WAS DESIGNED TO DO. HAS THE CHURCH LIKEWISE FAILED TO DO WHAT IT IS DESIGNED, CALLED, AND COMMANDED TO DO?

THE LORD IS PRESENTLY "USING" THE "WORLD" (AND THOSE THINGS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE IN THE WORLD) TO PROVOKE THE CHURCH INTO DOING WHAT HE CALLED US TO DO IN THE FIRST PLACE!

AGAIN, The Lord instructed me to Call the Church to pray. He showed me that He wanted an around-the-world, 24 hour prayer chain by time zones. Each of us individually or as a part of a collective local church effort are to participate in praying spiritual warfare prayer every evening in their respective time zones from 7pm to 10pm for one week.

The Lord said that He would direct some to come to Annapolis to participate in the actual prayer meetings held here as a part of Call to War. Others who are praying at their home area could watch the livestreamed prayer service from Call to War personally in their home and join with us; OR, each session could be streamed into their church building and they could join in and participate as a group. Additionally the Lord said that others could simply pray on their own as He directed them without watching and participating with the streamed prayer sessions. As long as they prayed 7-10 pm in

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their time zone, they would be participating in the prayer chain. Finally, others who would be unable to pray in the evenings could join in and pray during this time as they are able. The most important thing is that we pray — TOGETHER!

Church, it is time to pray. It is time to pray together. It is time to pray aggressive, spiritled, inspired, and empowered prayers which exercise the authority and power of the Kingdom of God in the earth. IT IS TIME TO PRAY!

## ADVANCED PREPARATION FOR CALL TO WAR'S "WEEK OF WARFARE"

After the Lord showed me His direction for Call to War, He said to me that He had never given me direction for any "spiritual preparation" by the participants for any of the previous Call to Wars. I acknowledged that He had not and that I had not presumptiously instituted any attempts at preparation. But, He then said that for this Call to War He wanted there to be a season of preparation. I asked Him what type of preparation He desired. He spoke these words to me: Daniel's 21 Days to Victory.

When I went to Daniel to read about his time of consecration and seeking after God, I learned several things about this time in Daniel's life that I did not know before.

First, his time of seeking God began as a result of him reading the Book of Jeremiah. He discovered that the span of time for Jeremiah's prophesy concerning Israel's 70 years of bondage for sin was near its end. This inspired Daniel to set his face to seek the Lord and repent for himself and for Israel.

#### Daniel 9:2-20

- 2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.
- 3 And I SET MY FACE unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplication, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
- 4 And I PRAYED UNTO the Lord my God, and made my CONFESSION, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;
- 5 WE have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

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- 6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
- 7 O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.
- 8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.
- 9 To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;
- 10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.
- 11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.
- 12 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem.
- 13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.
- 14 Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.
- 15 And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly.
- 16 O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us.
- 17 Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake.
- 18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.
- 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

The problem today is that like Israel, most preachers and "believers" who faithfully attend church would and will protest that we have NOTHING TO REPENT FOR. And, THAT is the problem! Let's search our hearts and consider for just a few moments: Is it possible that there are areas that we as individuals and as church bodies might need to repent over. PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

PRAYERLESSNESS: The Lord God "bemoans" the fact that His people are essentially "prayerless" even when they do "pray." Jeremiah 2:32 says "...yet my people have forgotten me days without number." So many of the Lord's people "say" prayers and just go through the motions of praying, but they never actually spiritually connect with God Himself and commune with Him. Why should this be acceptable to the Lord? Why? Shouldn't we repent for not really pursuing a personal relationship with Him and being satisfied with just "doing church" and "keeping the rules"? YES, we should repent!

SUBSTITUTION OF RELIGION FOR REALITY: God's Word says in Jeremiah 2:11-13, "Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." A "cistern" is a hole in the ground that is, in effect, a "container." It has no source of supply except that which is poured into it's mouth from OUTSIDE of it. But, the Lord has promised His Church that He would be IN THEM A WELL OF WATER springing up unto everlasting life (John 4:14). MANY BELIEVERS HAVE SUBSTITUTED THE HOLLOWNESS OF RELIGION FOR THE REALITY OF A REAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS. Should we not repent for having abandoned that personal flow of God's Spirit in and through us? YES! And, for this forsaken flow, we substituted needing to be spiritually "propped up" and constantly refilled by every service that we attend because we have no life giving flow WITHIN US! We need to repent!

A DIVIDED BODY: What about the prayer prayed by Jesus in John 17 concerning His body being ONE? The Church is divided up into so many groups and organizations that our strength is depleted and diminished by our desire and constant determination to be "in charge." We have contrived numerous "doctrines" that are usually only personal convictions that we have imposed on others and then judged them for "falling short" in order to justify our dividing the Body of Christ for personal aggrandizement. In the Book of Revelation JESUS CALLED Laodicea the "church," even with its blind carnality. He called SARDIS the "church," even though it was dead. He warned that He would "remove the candlestick" of the "church" that had the doctrine "down" yet had left their first love; BUT, He still called them "the Church of Ephesus." In spite of all of this, we look at others who don't believe in EXACTLY WHAT WE DO or DO THE WAY WE DO IT and proudly pound ourselves on the back for "coming out from among them" unto the division of the Body of Christ. ALL OF THIS IS FLESH! And we need to repent!

NEGLECTING OUR MISSION: The Lord Jesus Christ specifically declared that He came to seek and save that which was lost (Luke 19:10). Yet, so many of His people and His churches put reaching the lost very low on their list of spiritual priorities. THIS DISHONORS THE CROSS AND IS SIN! Jesus specifically asked us to pray that His laborers would be sent forth (Greek = "thrust out") into His harvest fields. Except for a very few exceptions, the majority of His people and His churches not only fail to pray this request, they also refuse to go forth. WE MUST REPENT!

DISOBEDIENCE TO HIS PRAYER DIRECTION: In both Matthew 6 and Luke 11, Jesus gave us specific instructions on His priorities for our prayer. "After this manner pray ye..." He said. In general, does the Church or the people of God pray these priorities? NO! When we do pray, we almost always pray about our own personal needs and wants. We pray for Him to change everything we don't like. We want Him to take away ALL OF OUR PAIN, PROBLEMS, AND PRESSURE! And, we totally ignore what He told us to pray for! WE NEED TO REPENT!

WE HAVE ACCEPTED "HAVING NO VICTORY" AS OUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION: The three symptoms of a church needing to do spiritual warfare are as follows: no liberty or flow of spontaneous praise and worship that does not have to be "promoted" from the pulpit; no fruitfulness in our efforts to evangelize the lost; and no breakthrough in easily praying people through to the Baptism of the Holy Ghost accompanied by some spontaneous outpourings. When we "accept" these conditions as our spiritual norm (both personally and corporately), we have acquiesced to the kingdom of darkness "ruling" over our relationship with Jesus, our spiritual efforts, and our church services. We will not and CANNOT war against these things UNTIL WE FIRST REPENT for accepting and surrendering to them.

THIS DISCUSSION OF "SINS" THAT THE CHURCH NEEDS TO REPENT FOR HAS NOT INCLUDED ANY OF THESE: CARNALITY, UNGODLINESS, RELIGIOUS TRADITION, HERESY, PRIDE, SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, ETC.

Daniel recognized that Israel HAD TO REPENT BEFORE the Lord God could fulfill His promise to restore them to the promised land. SO, HE REPENTED FOR THEM! Those who can discern that the time of the promise is nigh MUST REPENT FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST or there is no possibility of us receiving His promises! THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY SIN THAT DANIEL WAS COMMITTING, YET HE "REPENTED" FOR ALL OF ISRAEL! AGAIN, WE MUST REPENT FOR OURSELVES INDIVIDUALLY AND FOR THE CHURCH COLLECTIVELY!

#### WHAT TIME IS IT?

#### GOD'S WORD SAYS:

Luke 12:54-56

54 And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is.

55 And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass.

56 Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; BUT HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME?

#### Romans 13:11-14

11 And that, KNOWING THE TIME, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

The Lord expects us to be spiritually able to discern the time. And then, knowing what time it is, He expects us to respond accordingly. He expects to be able to see with our spiritual eyes what time it is, hear with our spiritual ears what the Spirit is saying to the Church, and understand with our spiritual hearts that we need to "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: FOR IT IS TIME TO SEEK THE LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you" (Hosea 10:12).

The amazing thing about Daniel's time of consecration and dedication was that he did not even realize that he was praying spiritual warfare. An angel showed up on the 21<sup>st</sup> day and told him that God had heard him and responded the FIRST DAY, but that his answer was delayed by spiritual opposition. So, while Daniel prayed, repented, and fasted without quitting before he received his answer; God had already sent the Warrior Prince Michael to fight for Daniel. As a result of Daniel's prayer and persistence, the demonic prince of Persia was defeated!

THE LORD IS CALLING HIS CHURCH TO THIS MEASURE OF PREPARATION. IT WILL BE PAST TIME TO REPENT FOR OURSELVES AND/OR FOR THE CHURCH AFTER THE WEEK OF WARFARE BEGINS. ALL OF THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF BEFORE WE BEGIN!

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As stated above, as far as the actual fasting for the 21 days (October 4-24), individuals and/or churches may fast each of these days as they are led by the Spirit of the Lord. Because we all have existing schedules and obligations, the types of fasting may be "mixed and matched," i.e., Daniel Fast, eat one meal per day, omitting only solid food, a total fast (no food or liquid), etc. — switching between the types as the Lord and our schedules dictate. While it would be positive to ADD some type of media fast during some portion or portions of this time of consecration, a "media fast" would not be a suitable substitute for food/beverage fasting. It would only be done as a supplement.

## THE LORD IS CALLING HIS CHURCH TO PRAYER — NOW!

The Spirit of God is calling those who have demonstrated a faith in both the Word of God and the supernatural dimension of the Kingdom of God. He is reaching out to those who have demonstrated a faith in God's endtime promises to the Church. IT IS TIME — IT IS OUR TIME! We MUST demonstrate our faith in God's promises not just by praying "normal" prayers, but by praying in participation with the Spirit of God and with His Kingdom!

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this invitation to pray. If you are ready to sign up for your time on the Prayer Chain, please go to apostoliciron.com and click "Prayer Chain Sign Up."

AGAIN, the promises of God are sure, BUT we must participate in praying for their fulfillment if we are to participate in receiving their fulfillment.

JOIN ME! JOIN US! MOST IMPORTANTLY, JOIN THE FATHER!

Yours for Endtime, World-Wide, Apostolic Revival and Harvest.

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IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS DIRECTION IS FROM GOD, THEN PLEASE SHARE IT WITH OTHERS AS THE LORD LEADS YOU TO DO SO.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COPY THIS AND EMAIL IT TO YOUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW BELIEVERS. THANK YOU!

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