



# REPENT AUSTRALIA

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

*2 Chronicles 7:14*

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## JUGGERNAUTS OF JUDGMENT

On the morning of Monday 29 August hurricane Katrina roared across the gulf states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama wreaking havoc over a wide area of the United States. Floodwaters from Lake Pontchartrain burst through breaks in the levees protecting the city of New Orleans, inundating most of the city as the full force of the hurricane devastated thousands of houses and other buildings. Over a thousand lives were lost, families uprooted and evacuated across much of the country. Widespread looting, violence, rape and anarchy hit many communities as mayhem prevailed until eventually brought under control by troops and national guards. It was a natural calamity beyond anything America has ever experienced in its entire history. Then, to compound the disaster, less than a month later hurricane Rita slammed into the Texas-Louisiana border, again flooding parts of New Orleans.

### **God's Own Country**

The question has been asked repeatedly: Why? Why did God inflict such a terrible disaster on the land Americans call God's Own Country? And why pick on New Orleans, often referred to as the Big Easy, the home of jazz and the blues? Perhaps the Bible can provide an answer. In the book of Job we read that God "saturates the thick clouds and they swirl about, being turned by His guidance, to do whatever He commands them...to punish men" (Job 37:11-13). The Bible makes it abundantly clear that sin will reap its own reward. And New Orleans was no stranger to sin.

### **"Southern Decadence"**

In fact, only two days before the hurricane struck the Big Easy had planned a street parade they unabashedly called "Southern Decadence" at which homosexuals would flaunt their aberrant lifestyle before an expected 125,000 spectators from everywhere. But New Orleans was also guilty of other sinful practices that no doubt would incur the righteous anger of a holy God. It was one of the most violent cities in the United States...and that would take some doing! It was the voodoo capital of America. It was known for its ungodliness and debauchery, a veritable cesspool of vice. In fact, it was a modern Sodom and Gomorrah. These were two ancient cities on the fertile plain of the Jordan that gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion, so much so that God could stand it no longer and He destroyed them. They were, in effect, a graphic example of what will happen to the ungodly, while righteous Lot who was distressed by the filthy lives of those around him was protected and preserved...for God knows how to rescue godly men and women from trials and tribulations.

### **Roaring of the Sea**

And trials will surely come! In fact, as we approach the end times of this age this is prophesied in Scripture. Jesus Himself warned, "There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven...On the earth nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea" (Luke 21:11, 25). Following relatively close behind the Boxing Day earthquake and tsunami in South-East Asia last year this latest calamity is more than likely to spawn a growing fear of more juggernauts of judgment that will strike the earth in the future. And not without some justification!

### **Five Angels**

The Scriptures assure us that God reveals to His prophets what He has planned. With that in mind, it would behoove us to take note of a particular warning given to the Reverend Samuel Doctorian while meditating on the island of Patmos in 1998. At 3.50 am on 20 June his room was suddenly flooded with light and he was

confronted by five angels who announced, "We are here to give you five messages for the five continents of the world". The first angel then proceeded to proclaim his message for Asia, including Australia and New Zealand. He was followed by other angels with messages in turn for the Middle East, Europe, Africa and finally the Americas, from Canada to Argentina. The last angel carried a bowl in his hand to pour out judgment on these countries of the New World. "No justice anymore," he said. "No holiness, idolatry, materialism, drunkenness, the killing of innocents before they are born, families broken, an adulterous generation. Sodom and Gomorrah is here. It is as in the days of Noah - false prophets and an imitation of religion but no power - they have loved money more than Me". He then poured from the bowl and the prophet saw floods all over North America, earthquakes, skyscrapers tumbling, millions dying. "This will happen in a very short time," he said.

### **The Final Harvest**

Well, what did the first angel prophesy about this country of ours? Firstly, "a great part of Australia will be shaken, divided, destroyed and much of it will go under the ocean". But he also said, "Australia shall have a tremendous revival. It is the final harvest. I shall prepare my church for the return of Christ". We too, like New Orleans, are guilty of much sin. The floodgates of pornography have been flung open and the nation is being engulfed by it. Abortions are performed every day on innocent babies in the womb. God's laws - the Ten Commandments - are mocked in the courts and we are paying the price in escalating crime. The media pours out an unending diet of immorality. De facto relationships and homosexuality mock true marriage and undermine it. Many of our youth are victims of drugs, alcohol, occult practices and suicide. The majority of us have no time to worship the God who made us and whose Son who died that we might have eternal life. In fact, His name is used more in blasphemy than in reverence.

### **In Line for Judgment**

So we fool ourselves and mock God - as we sow so shall we reap - and our harvest is almost ripe! We too are well in line for judgment, yet God is merciful. He will forgive and forget all our sins if we will but repent and turn from our wicked ways. His Word says so - "If at any time I announce that a nation or a kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned" (Jeremiah 18:7-8). Unless we see the hand of God in these recent catastrophes, we completely miss their significance; we ignore His warnings at our peril and judgment will be our lot too. Australia, wake up! How long will you waver between two ways of life? If humanistic materialism is your choice then follow it down the pathway to destruction. But if God be God, follow Him. It is not too late. While the daylight remains make it right with God, for the night will soon be upon us and our beautiful land could be engulfed in a darkness terrible to behold. "Repent and turn to God, so that times of refreshing may come from the Lord". That is our urgent message at this climactic hour when the destiny of our nation hangs in the balance.

### **PRAYER**

Loving Father of infinite grace and mercy - omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent: who is, who was and who is to come; the Author and Finisher of our faith. Abba Father, we humbly come in Jesus' righteousness to praise, worship and thank You for Who You are - "God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome." Lord Jesus, thank You for being the Way the Truth and the Life. We glorify Your name for liberating us through Your death on the Cross and resurrection 2000 years ago. Through Your victory over sin, death and Satan we can humble ourselves, repent and turn from our wicked ways, believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that Jesus Christ is our personal Lord and Saviour. Indeed, we rejoice that You are reconciling us with God the Father through Your Holy Spirit in us.

Omniscient Father, by Your Spirit, help us to reflect Your overflowing grace, blessings and glory in our lives to accomplish Your sovereign will in this 'Great Southland of the Holy Spirit'. We pray for our nation's leaders and citizens to turn from their iniquities and have their minds renewed by Your Living Word through the power of the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah! The Lord God omnipotent reigns in our hearts and demolishes all spiritual strongholds of unbelief, disobedience, unforgiveness, pride, fear, deception, lawlessness, corruption and false gods. Blessed Holy Spirit, help us not to trade Your Truth and Peace for other deceptive beliefs that reject the only one true God, JESUS CHRIST the coming JUDGE of every individual and nation. Praise God that Your Holy Word is absolute truth, securing Your loyal watchmen and disciples from the juggernauts of judgment. Merciful Father, release Your Fountain of Life across our barren land to bring the lost into Your Kingdom of Righteousness and Peace. We prayerfully ask all this in the majestic name of the King of Glory, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. Amen.

RA: Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with the Brotherhood of Man and in love and faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His Holy Name. Amen

REJOICE & SHARE IN FAITH THIS MESSAGE IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS & BE BLESSED TO BE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.