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## Our Fight Is Against Hellenism

**"I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece,  
and make you like a warrior's sword" (Zechariah 9:13)**

We first heard this verse explained by Lance Lambert at a prayer conference in Jerusalem in January of 1994. He had prophesied the fall of the USSR almost a decade before it happened, at a time when few believed this could ever occur. We believe that God spoke through Lance concerning Zechariah's prophecy: that God was now pouring forth a *Hebraic* understanding of the Bible to undo the centuries-long demonic influence of Hellenism on Christendom.

Initially, his comments had no significant meaning for us. But over the next two months during our stay in Jerusalem, our Father opened up a clear understanding through our research and through spiritual revelation to show us what He's doing throughout the world. The Holy Spirit is restoring to followers of Jesus Christ a *biblically Hebraic understanding* of their relationship with our heavenly Father, and with the significant people in their lives. In other words, with all who have embraced His Covenant in Jesus, our Father is seeking the trust-filled, responsive relationship He had with the first recorded Hebrew, Abraham. In light of this responsive and loving obedience, our Father wants His children to live as brothers and sisters—the *family* of Jesus who by His Spirit actively and diligently fulfill our particular part to extend the Kingdom of God (Mark 3:33-35).

As with our father, Abraham (Romans 4:16), our heavenly Father is looking for each generation to pass along this trust-based lifestyle to the next: "*For I have chosen [Abraham], so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just...*" (Genesis 18:19; see also Deuteronomy 6:5-9). But there's a tragic hindrance in today's culture to men walking in the pattern set by Abraham. As long as a man complacently sits back in a **clergy-dominated, effeminized religious system**, both grandfathers and fathers will neglect their personal responsibilities according to our Lord's command to train up godly generations.

We've discussed this matter previously in many formats because it is so essential for families today. Our hearts grieve because it seems that the truths our Father gave us to share are falling on too many deaf ears, especially among men whose families are waiting for them to lead in spiritual truth as their way of life. A few weeks ago, I (Mike) was talking with a close relative, a dutiful "church attender". Out of loving concern for the eternal destiny of our unbelieving relatives, I've initiated countless discussions with him over the years about spiritual truths, praying that he would follow through in the Spirit and lead his family in the way of the Lord. Many of our mutual relatives live near

this man, and he has regular social contact with them. Yet how rare have conversations been among them that have lifted up Jesus alone as Lord and Savior, and what that means for both their daily life and for eternity! Doubtless you find yourself similarly saddened regarding your own extended family's resistance to proclaim and enact biblical truth with one another.

During our recent conversations I've had a strong sense in my spirit that God is soon going to fulfill the prophetic words of Paul regarding Gentiles: "*I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in*" (Romans 11:25; see all of Romans 11). A few days ago our friend, Danielle, in Austria sent the following prophetic word from Lance Lambert. As soon as we read it, we realized that our Lord had spoken this message through him to warn God's people—the time is very short for preparation!

### **Jerusalem — Sunday, 17th April 2011**

It is well with you that you intercede for Israel that she be saved, for it is My purpose to save her. I will complete the circle of Redemption that began with Abraham and My promise that a great nation would come forth from him, and that in him would all the families of the earth be blessed. And so it has happened! For Israel became the vehicle through which My Word has come to all the nations; and also My Salvation; and the knowledge of My Purpose. From this nation, above all, came the Messiah. Soon the fullness of the Gentiles will have been saved, and I will turn again to Israel, to My Jewish People. They shall be reingrafted into their own olive tree, and My promise to Abraham will be gloriously fulfilled. Then their hardness of heart will melt, their blindness be turned into sight, and their suffering to radiant Glory. This is My determined purpose, and I shall not be turned from it. It will shortly begin to be fulfilled. I will turn all their weakness into unbelievable power, and I will use this nation as the last witness to the world as to Who I am.

Take very seriously what is taking place in the Arab world. It is no good for Israel! It is not a move toward freedom and true democracy, but an enormous gain for militant Islam. They will seek to annihilate and liquidate Israel, but they will not only fail—their strength and power will be broken, and a huge harvest of souls will be saved from amongst them.

Hear Me, I call you to intercession! It will not be easy. All the powers of My enemy are centred and focused on stopping this people from coming into My Redemption and Salvation. But he will fail! I look therefore for those who will stand in the gap, who will build up the wall; those who will stand in the place of intercession.

Shortly also I will begin more serious judgment on the Western nations. I will bring them to nothing; I will turn them upside down; I will grind them to powder. They will not know

what has hit them. It will seem as if there is nothing left of what once I worked in those nations; especially that Superpower. I will bring it to weakness; she will no longer be super, but a pity of the nations.

Hear this Word of Mine. I call you to intercede for those who belong to Me in those nations; that they will be saved from it! Hear this cry. My heart yearns for those who belong to Me, that they might be clear in their understanding, clear in the way that they are to walk in the midst of all this. Do hear Me! For I speak to you who love Me, and who have this morning remembered Me. I do not desire judgment, but judgment of the most serious and devastating kind will fall upon those nations. Hear this Word from Me, and obey My call to intercession!

What is the Holy Spirit saying to you about this prophecy?

***“No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.***

***And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined.***

***No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins” (Luke 5:36-38).***

This passage has had great significance in my own walk in Jesus. When it was first explained to me, I responded to the Spirit and became a follower of Jesus. In 1977 I was stationed aboard a Navy ship operating off the coast of California. I'd been reading the Bible for a little over a year, and growing increasingly frustrated with my own religious upbringing. So much of what I discovered in God's Word conflicted with the traditions and practices of my denomination. On our last night at sea before returning to San Diego, I was laying on my bunk studying Scripture. Exasperated over the vast disparity between what I saw in the Bible and what I had practiced all my life in our family's religion, I was desperate for Truth.

At that moment the Spirit of Jesus entered my stateroom. I didn't see Him with my eyes, but I knew He was there. He spoke to me: “Mike, the answer to your frustration lies in the meaning of the parable that you can't sew a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment (Luke 5:36). Your sister Mary will explain the meaning of the parable to you.” I found myself at peace but baffled. My sister and I had been estranged for over a year, ever since she left the denomination we'd been raised in to follow Jesus as her Lord. Our relationship had fractured when she did that, because I was extremely prejudiced and believed that only those in my denomination were going to heaven.

The next morning our ship pulled into the pier and Sue picked me up. On the way home I told her what had occurred in my stateroom the night before, and how I had to see Mary. She told me with excitement that Mary had called the previous night and was

driving the 200 miles to see me. Wow! As soon as my sister got out of her car I ran up to her. "Please, explain the meaning of the parable that you can't sew a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment!" She replied with a knowing smile, "Jesus was talking about ineffectual religious practices, telling the religious leaders that they couldn't put their faith in Him and in their religious practices at the same time." Two days later I became a follower of Jesus and left religion behind me. Sue did the same not long after.

The Spirit of Jesus told us to leave religion behind so that we could focus on loving Him and serving His Kingdom purposes. But that message wasn't just for the two of us! Even if you've left steepled buildings and organized religion for home fellowship, you may not have rid yourself of the religious *system!* So many we've encountered who meet in homes haven't become extended spiritual family in Jesus, building one another up in His Word and bearing one another's loads. Too many confine their relationship to "holding a service" in a house each week!

Brothers and sisters, the time is short! The door is about to shut on the unbelieving gentiles you care about. Does that hurt your heart? If you're trying to pour the "new wine" of restored Hebraic relational understanding and obedient trust into the old wineskin framework, it's time to flee religious reliance and become new wineskins (Hebrews 13:12-14). If the Spirit of Jesus is dwelling within you (Romans 8:9), can't you just trust Him, and through Him become the vessel He describes as a "born again" follower? *"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit"* (John 3:8). Isn't this willing availability to be used by Him what identifies us as children of our Father? *"Because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God"* (Romans 8:14). The life of a Jesus follower *makes a difference* in the lives around him or her!

To ***love the Lord our God***, to be ***led by His Spirit***, to ***become more Christ-like*** and to ***do your part in His Kingdom*** is our Father's glorious purpose for His children. But if you're having problems in your life because you're trying to patch something new onto something old, Jesus already told you that won't work. And, as you spend your time pursuing a dead end, the time is running out for your unbelieving relatives for whom your testimony and the Gospel may make all the difference in their eternal destiny. Weigh this admonition carefully, please.

In our hearts is a greater urgency to share the truths our Father gave us with those who WILL bear fruit to His glory. We know it takes courage to leave behind all that is fruitless in order to press on to reach the people who *are* responsive. In the May 2011 *Voice of the Martyrs*, Director Tom White wrote, **"Pray that we will not squander our fruit of the Spirit, lavishing it on ourselves and on our inner family circles to provide a more harmonious life only for ourselves."** We personally took his words as a warning to focus only on those who are actively pursuing the biblical criteria cited in the previous paragraph.

We've been given "new wine" for "new wineskins." Out of His compassion and mercy our Father has spurred us on to disseminate these truths in multiple formats, both

written, aural and video. Such tools as *The Way of the Lord* series, *Discussing How To Restore the Early Church* lessons, the *Jesus In Your Home* videos, and *Going to the High Places* study guide all provide practical application of living in loving service to our Lord Jesus according to His Word.

If you have unbelieving relatives and have done little or nothing to introduce them to the truths our Father is restoring today, ask yourself this: Is it because the Spirit of Christ is not yet within you and therefore you don't belong to Him (2 Corinthians 13:5)? Or, have you given way to a spirit of fear or rejection, preferring the praise of man to the possible rebuff of those who have yet to encounter Jesus as Lord of their life? These are sobering matters because the times indeed are evil, and the window of opportunity is short.

May the seriousness of our convictions come across in this e-mail because we DO care.  
**Mike & Sue**