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# His Way Newsletter

## My God Wouldn't Do That!

By Doug Cook

*"For I am the LORD, I change not;"*; (Malachi 3:6). It's ironic how pastors love to use this Old Covenant verse to collect their Old Covenant tithe to build their mega temples, but they don't ever apply it to Gods Judgment. Allow me to give a New Covenant verse for those who chose not to learn from "ensamples" of the past as 1 Corinthians 10:11 commands us. *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* (Hebrews 13:8). Solomon wisely instructs us that what happened before WILL happen again. Ecclesiastes 1:9-11 proclaims, *"There is nothing new under the sun."*

Let's look at a verse that applies to the point of this newsletter. Amos 3:6-7 says, *"...shall there be evil done in a city and God hath not done it? Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth His secret unto His servants the prophets."* Please notice this verse is not past tense and it didn't say the devil does it, nor does it say God allows it, it says **God does it**. Since He's the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, let's apply this "ensample" to our current situation. Shall a Hurricane destroy a lot of Houston, Galveston and the coast and God hath not done it? I pray your answer to this question lines up

with biblical truth and not your feelings of how you think God should be. And by the way, those that had ears to hear know that these storms and the destruction were prophesied by the prophets earlier this year, so God did just exactly what He said He would do in Amos – gave warnings to the prophets then brought evil to this city. Unfortunately most pastors won't allow the true prophets of God to speak in "their churches" because they don't always deliver feel-good messages, and they have a tendency to empty out pews. Therefore people attending "their churches" won't ever be warned and prepared for the tough times.

Not only did the prophets foretell this destruction, but this judgment was also spoken into being. On June 1st of this year a prophet came to Houston and gave a warning at the Church of Houston. That night after the meeting the prophet, myself and 3 other men went to Galveston. We arrived at the seawall after midnight. At around 1:00 in the morning on June 2nd the prophet struck his staff directly on top of the seawall and declared that the man-made structure would not hold back the judgment of God and I sounded an alarm with my shofar. As God would ordain it, Ike struck the seawall at about the same time during the night when

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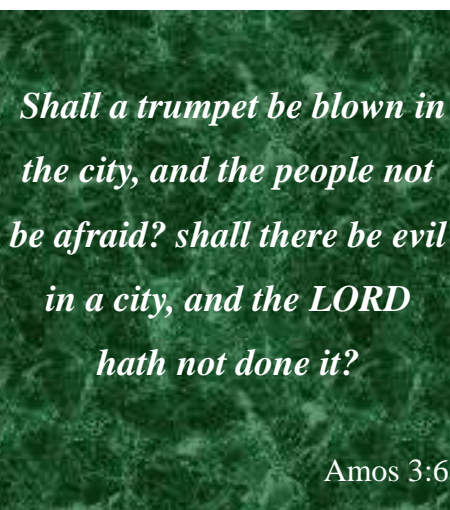
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the judgment was declared, and sure enough, the seawall did not hold back the storm surge. Brothers and sisters, judgment happens for a reason and God is not playing games. In case you haven't read Ephesians 1:11, God "*worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.*"

Regardless if you agree with the bible or not, Ike was a judgment sent by God himself. It was one of many swords the Lord is bringing on this land to spank His kids and wake them up from the apostasy the church has fallen into. The church in America is so deluded into believing that God is all about making us rich, fat and happy that we have lost touch with the true reality that He wants us sinless, obedient and dead to self. If we open our eyes we will see that God was clearly showing us that the mammon worshippers lost more than those that were poor. Why do you think the largest building with the most damage in the downtown area housed the largest bank? Look how many poorer people had power and water restored when the richest section in town was still doing without. Their money didn't do anything for them. I wonder how many prosperity gospel messages we'll still hear from the pulpits in Houston after this? It will probably be the same pastors that also say this was not God's hand of judgment! If you're still in one of these "churches" that accentuate these unbiblical messages, I suggest you seek the Lord for a different place that teaches biblical truths.

For those that think I'm a negative nay-sayer, I'll inform you that I believe in the goodness of God as

well. He showed us both sides of His love in this chastisement. Just like an earthy father should do to their own children, he spanked us and then took us in His arms and showed us mercy. After the storm when He knocked out most of the air conditioning, He sent a cold front through so we could sleep comfortably at night. That's God revealing both sides of himself.



*Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?*

Amos 3:6

There will be those that will camp on Romans 2:4 saying God is good and it's the "*goodness of God that leads to repentance,*" I would say it's the goodness of God that judge's sin. If your god doesn't chastise his rebellious kids, he wouldn't be the God of the bible.

1Peter 4:17 says, "*For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*" Guess who God begins with when He passes out judgment? And there will be "Christians" that "*obey not the gospel of God,*" and their end will be according to His Word. Brothers and sisters God is not

through judging this country. There is much more to come upon us very shortly. We will be going through a time of tribulation like we have never seen in our lifetimes – 7 years of it to be more concise. We are sitting at the door of the end times and most of the "Christians" don't even realize it. They think it's going to happen to someone else in some future time. Surprise! It's here and it's now. And for those that think they're going to fly away in a pre-trib rapture, you need to let your bible interpret your bible and quit watching the deceptive movies and reading the fairy-tale books by the "prophecy experts."

Judgment has been delayed on the church many times before when the prophets warned of impending doom. The tribulation was supposed to begin in 2001, but because of the saints who humbled themselves, repented for the land and prayed, God delayed his judgment. So He sent 911 as a fore-warning. (Shall evil be done in New York and God hath not done it?) And what happened? People swarmed into the church and the church let them down. Then He sent Katrina. (Shall evil be done in New Orleans and God hath not done it?) And now New Orleans has more sin than it had before. All these events were prophesied before hand. Now, God is about to allow mystery Babylon to bring the tribulation upon us again. But this time the prophets are saying God will not stay His hand, no matter who prays against it. Just as Jeremiah warned before God had Babylon conquered His children, God is sending the same warning again, "*For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be*

## Of Tabernacles and Tribulation

By Doug Cook

By the time you read this newsletter we will be in the fall Feast of Tabernacles, or it has just past. I've been encouraged the past few years because of the number of true believers God is drawing back to their Hebrew roots with a renewed interest to understand His feast days. These feasts have been largely neglected by the church as a whole, with the exception of the Messianic brethren, which is heartbreaking because of all of the prophetic messages contained within them. As Christians, it's not necessary to keep the feast by the letter of the law, but we do need to understand how they apply spiritually in our New Covenant.

I would like to expand on the Feast of Tabernacles which is the seventh and last of the major feast celebrated in the bible. Leviticus 23 gives the best outline of the feast that God gave to Moses while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, which explains how they are to be celebrated under the old covenant letter of the law. We are no longer under the law so we do not follow them by the letter, but by the spirit.

The time of Jesus birth is not recorded in the bible, but with some digging in the scriptures, you can determine the time of John the Baptists' birth. John was born right around Passover. When the Jews celebrate the Passover Seder meal (the last supper of Jesus) every year, a place is set at their tables expecting Elijah to return during that feast day. John came in the spirit and power of Elijah, so even though they missed it, God did bring him back on that feast day. We also know by the scriptures that Jesus was born 6 months after John. The Feast of Tabernacles is exactly 6 months after Passover! I'm not against celebrating Jesus birth, but why do we do it on the birthday of a pagan sun god on December 25<sup>th</sup> when the bible has enough evidence to prove His birth to be in the fall Jewish feast days?

Jesus ministry lasted 3 ½ years and then he was crucified at Passover. If he died at Passover then His 3 ½ year ministry would also have had to begin at the Feast of Tabernacles. His first miracle was to change

the water into wine at a wedding feast (a perfect reflection of Tabernacles). The Jewish wedding feast lasts 7 days and is performed under a tent (tabernacle), then on the 8<sup>th</sup> day the couple goes up to their permanent home.

Tabernacles is also a perfect foreshadow of the 7 year tribulation. The Israelites were to dwell in temporary tents (booths, tabernacles) 7 days to remember the years in the wilderness after they came out of Egypt, then on the 8<sup>th</sup> day they were to go up to their permanent home. The tribulation will last for 7 years, when the church will go to the wilderness as it stated in

Revelation 12 and then we will go up (caught up, rapture) to our permanent home (heaven) on the 8<sup>th</sup> day (year) after the 7 years is over (sorry about stepping on the duped pre-trib rapture folk here, but the bible doesn't support your doctrine). Also, if the first man child Jesus was born on Tabernacles, wouldn't it make sense that God would birth the man Child of Revelation 12 on Tabernacles, which, by the way, is at the beginning of the 7 years of tribulation?

The bible also refers to Tabernacles as the Feast of Ingathering because they celebrate the gathering in of the full harvest of the crops for the year end. It would also make sense that God would have the tribulation end on the Feast of Ingathering as He throws in His sickle and gathers His full harvest from the earth, separates the wheat from the tares, gathers the wheat in His barn (protected from His wrath) and burns up the tares.

Brothers and sisters God consistently makes major moves around His feast days. Look at the world around us and the coming complete collapse of the economy, famine coming upon us, diverse earthquakes and destructive storms on a regular basis. Gods hand is in everything. Has His seven years of judgment begun? I'm not stating the day nor the hour, but is it possible we just entered the tribulation? I believe we have, and if we're truly resting in Christ, we have nothing to fear.

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*black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it" (Jeremiah 4:27-28)*

If you are one that doesn't think God sends destruction because you believe "my God wouldn't do that," or He was only that way in the Old Covenant. You have made the same mistake the children of Israel did when they went into the wilderness. You have set up your

own golden calf and called it Elohiym, or you may be calling the little god you set up in your imagination Jesus. Either way, it reveals ignorance of Gods true nature and may cause you to fall away, just like the children of Israel did. Think about it! How many made it on the ark with Noah? Out of the millions that went to the wilderness, how many made it to the Promised Land? Take a look at Jesus ministry also. Out of the

thousands He reached how many were waiting for the promised Holy Spirit right after His death? In all cases, the true remnant that was left would fit in a small church building. What has been, shall be, and there is "nothing new under the sun." Wake up sleepy Christians. I question whether the true remnant bride throughout this whole country could fill a single mega church building after God separates the sheep from the goats!



On August 3, 2008 we had the first meeting of the newly formed Church of Houston in our home. The task assigned us by the Lord is to gather the remnant in Houston and prepare them to go into the wilderness as Revelation 12 prophesies during the difficult times ahead. Our goal is to go back to the biblical example God gave us and operate this city church like the original church of the first century functioned. We have no denominational affiliation as this practice is not biblical and creates division and separation among the brethren. We welcome all who want to grow and mature in their walk with the Lord. The teachings come straight from the bible and do not include ear tickling doctrines of man that fill pews and increases offering income. We have no "senior" pastor because that position is not listed anywhere in the bible. The goal is to include all five fold ministers in the mix of teachers as it takes more than a pastor to fully mature the saints. The prophetic voice from true prophets of the Lord will be supported as God has given them to the body of Christ to reveal His secrets.

If you get offended when sins are addressed, then this may not be the place for you. Our Vision and fervent prayer is that pride be broken, the veil lifted from the eyes of the blind religious leaders and the true remnant bride within the City Church of Houston become "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love become one with each other." (Eph 4:16)

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