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The Perfect Prophetic Storm Week 1 Wrestling And Nestling

All The Parts Came Together

It is called by various names. The Halloween storm since it happened from October 28th to November 2nd of 1991. It was dubbed "The Perfect Storm" by meteorologist *Bob Case* when he noticed that three separate storms were converging off the shore of the New England coast. It was hardly the perfect outcome for those who lived through it and it inspired a book by the same name by *Sebastian Junger* and a movie, also using the same name. In both the book and the movie the story of a fishing boat called *The Andrea Gail* was detailed and in no small way memorialized the crew that set out to sea and were never seen again. As for the storm, it was massive as we read from an article I found from *weather.com*:

High winds lashed the New England coast on Oct. 30 and 31, with peak Massachusetts gusts of 78 mph at Chatham, 74 mph at Thatcher Island and 68 mph at Marblehead. A 63-mph gust was reported at Newport, Rhode Island.

These high winds whipped up pounding surf caused by the long overwater fetch length and duration of the Perfect Storm, leading to coastal flooding and damage.

Waves 10 to 30 feet high were observed from the Canadian Maritimes to North Carolina's Outer Banks. Tides reached levels not seen in 47 years in New Jersey and, in some parts of the Delmarva Peninsula, eclipsed those seen during the infamous Ash Wednesday storm of March 1962.

Damage at the coast was extensive.

"Hundreds of homes and businesses were either knocked from their foundations or simply disappeared. Sea walls, boardwalks, bulkheads and piers were reduced to rubble over a wide area. Numerous small boats were sunk at their berths and thousands of lobster traps were destroyed. Flooding was extensive, invading homes and closing roads and airports." - NOAA/NCEI Report on the Perfect Storm

It was an unusual storm from start to finish and no one saw it coming until it was too late. The conditions were so rare, seeing one hurricane create another, a hurricane that was never named. Unfortunately, the crew of the *Andrea Gail* paid the ultimate price for trying to literally weather the storm.

It Was A Prophetic Storm

What many don't know is that the storm that seemingly came out of nowhere may have been influenced by the hand of God to judge a United States president who wanted to divide the land of Israel. It all centered around The Madrid Peace Process in October 1991. President George H. W. Bush was riding high after our victory over Iraq in Operation Desert Storm. His popularity ratings were above 90% and his reelection was almost assured. Then he decided to begin a peace process for the Middle East. The heart of the plan involved Israel giving up its covenant land for peace with Egypt, Syria and the Palestinians. While President Bush was in Spain trying to force Israel to give up land for peace, a powerful storm developed off Nova Scotia catching the National Weather Bureau totally by surprise. The conditions for this storm only occur once each century. Although never named a hurricane it reached hurricane strength. The storm was rare

because it traveled 1000 miles westward when our weather patterns in America are eastward. This storm was called that since most storms of this category develop in the tropics. The storm developed on 10/30/1991 and hit New England on 10/31/1991. "The Perfect Storm" created waves as high as 100 feet and then traveled down the East coast all the way to Florida causing millions of dollars in damage. President Bush's home in Kennebunkport, Maine was hit by the perfect storm the same day he attempted to touch the covenant land of Israel. He had to leave the conference early to address the damage. So while he was proposing what would become the infamous two-state solution, his home was being assaulted. Interestingly enough, it was a lesson his son George W Bush didn't learn as he brokered the deal that gave the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians in 2005. The very same time that the Israel Defense Force was violently removing Israelis from their homes, Hurricane Katrina slammed into Louisiana, causing Americans to leave their homes. Yes, God takes dividing up His chosen people's land very seriously and He uses storms to do it.

There Are Storms On The Horizon

In this class we'll take a look at the various prophetic storms forming all around the world as we draw closer and closer to the last of the last days. Much like a divine meteorologist, God is warning us for them so we can prepare for them, at least as much as we humanly can. I continue to say that at the heart of prophecy is love and it is the love of parents who see their children in harm's way and tells them about it so they not only won't face it alone they won't prepare for it alone. Just a casual reading of the various Olivet Discourses in Matthew 24, Luke 21, and Mark 13 will open the believer's eyes to see all the different storms coming. Deception on a level so intense that Jesus had to tell His disciples four times about it coming. Wars and potential wars will be in all the news reports at that time. Nature will become unhinged with earthquakes in unusual places and perhaps even the animal kingdom biting the hands that feed them. Mankind will turn on itself in riots and conflicts that will cause many to stay inside for fear of being hurt or killed in the fray. The heavens will also come against people with asteroids falling from the sky and the sun's power pounding down on an already desperate populace. And I haven't even talked about terrorist attacks. If all of these aren't enough to trouble even the unbelievers among us, there is the coming economic storm which could be the precursor to the Mark of the Beast financial system.

The Signs Are There

I fully realize that there will be those who say, we've had natural disasters before. We've experienced pandemics before. Wars break out all the time with two of them being worldwide ones. The monetary systems have seen upheavals as well. Nature? Volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes and tornadoes, blizzards and flooding have all happened in our history. Why then are we concerned about even another round of these? The earth and its residents have survived a flood and an ice age before. We can survive all of the above because we also have. Without going into a lot of detail on this, let me just say that what Daniel, John and Jesus told us about the days just before His Second Coming are way worse examples of all of these things, so bad that Jesus said if He didn't shorten the days, no one would survive. And it will be different because the prophetic storm watch kicked into high speed when something that hasn't happened to all of those previous generations occurred in ours: Israel became a nation again on May 14th, 1948. And it is this generation that Jesus said would not perish until they saw

Him return. I am fully aware there are so-called Bible scholars that will debate all I've just told you, but I'm not new to this whole prophecy scene and I and a whole host of others have studied the Scriptures and tried and put the various forecasts together to make sense of it all. While we may not know the exact timing, we can recognize the seasons as Jesus told the religious leaders when He said this:

He replied, "You are good at reading the weather signs of the skies—red sky tonight means fair weather tomorrow; red sky in the morning means foul weather all day—but you can't read the obvious signs of the times! (Matt 16:2, TLB)

Right now, a good Bible weather forecaster can give you a pretty solid prediction of the times just ahead of us. And trust me when I tell you, even the best doomsday prepper can't be totally ready for it without divine intervention. Fortunately, God isn't going to leave us alone in all of these dire times.

Two Storms

There are two accounts of Jesus miraculously stopping a raging storm. One is found in several accounts of the Gospels with one being here:

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4:35-41, NIV)

In this case and really the other two, Jesus rebuked the storm which is odd since nature is under His control. Some commentators say that this particular storm was from Satan as an attempt to abort the plan of God. However in another instance, this one found in *Matthew 14:22-33*, Jesus didn't rebuke the storm:

Immediately after this, Jesus told his disciples to get into their boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he stayed to get the people started home. 23-24 Then afterwards he went up into the hills to pray. Night fell, and out on the lake the disciples were in trouble. For the wind had risen and they were fighting heavy seas. 25 About four o'clock in the morning Jesus came to them, walking on the water! 26 They screamed in terror, for they thought he was a ghost. 27 But Jesus immediately spoke to them, reassuring them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. 28 Then Peter called to him: "Sir, if it is really you, tell me to come over to you, walking on the water." 29 "All right," the Lord said, "come along!" So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. 30 But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink. "Save me, Lord!" he shouted. 31 Instantly Jesus reached out his hand and rescued him. "O man of little faith," Jesus said. "Why did you doubt me?" 32 And when they had climbed back into the boat, the wind stopped. 33 The others sat there, awestruck. "You really are the Son of God!" they exclaimed. (TLB)

In this account, the storm ended when Jesus got into the boat and the storm peacefully ended. I mention these accounts to make a few points about the coming prophetic storm fronts.

Some Storms You Rebuke

There are storms where we are just fine with saying no to. In this case I say that we need to wrestle with them instead of passively waiting them out. These outbursts are demonically created to cause fear and dread in our lives. And we need to recognize that fact and do exactly what Jesus did to them. You see the enemy of our souls can clearly see all that God has for us and just like he tried to abort the ministry of Jesus, he will try to do the same for you. He will send a Herod to kill your dreams before they are old enough to make a difference in your life and the lives of others. The accuser of the brethren will also send people to cause you to doubt it was really God doing anything in your life. They will, like the religious leaders of the day who accused Jesus of being a devil and an illegitimate son, make you doubt yourself because you will think this ministry or even your salvation was also illegitimate. Just like that storm, Satan will send a maelstrom of winds and waves meant to cause you to fear and think all is lost. And in that case, you should do exactly what Jesus did and tell the Devil and his minions to stop and be still. Use your God-given authority to tell him to cease and desist and to go on his way. Your boat is making it to the other shore just as planned.

Some Storms You Let Jesus Calm

But they who wait upon the Lord will get new strength. They will rise up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not become weak. (Isa 40:31, NLV)

In one case you wrestle, in the other case you nestle. In one storm you actively fight against it. In the other you walk on the water to Him and exercise your faith by taking His hand and letting Him walk beside you. You literally rise above the waves with His help and once you are secure in Him and your trust in Him, the winds will simply go away. Like the eagle that flies above the storm clouds to soar in the sunshine above the storm until it passes, we also rise up on wings like eagles. I like how an article about the eagles special ability to soar above the turbulence, this one Elizabeth Cooper:

Have you ever seen an eagle soaring high above the clouds, effortlessly gliding through the air? It's a truly awe-inspiring sight. But have you ever wondered how they're able to do it? Eagles have a unique ability to soar above the storm. They use the strong winds and updrafts to their advantage, allowing them to fly higher and further than most other birds. This ability has become a powerful metaphor for overcoming challenges in life. Like the eagle, we can use the challenges in our lives to lift us up and help us soar to new heights.

Rather than wrestle with the storm they rise above it using the special ability given to them by God. They in essence wait it out knowing they can return to their nest once it has passed. And according to the extremely popular verse I cited earlier. We too have that special ability to fly above the storm and sail in the peaceful environment there until it is safe to return home. The discernment comes from knowing when it is time to wrestle or nestle. And Holy Spirit will lead us into that truth if we let Him.