

Partners In Courage, July 2015

# Sailing Into The Storm

By Wes Daughenbaugh

**INTRODUCTION:** In this message I'm going to talk about the Prophet Jonah and the Apostle Paul. Both men were on ships sailing into storms. The first day out of harbor things looked fine, as normal. But they were sailing into horrific storms. I'll be comparing their situations to our nation, which I believe is sailing into an economic storm of epic proportions. I'll also be sharing some lessons learned that will help us survive the storm and turn it to our good.

## 1. DAY ONE: EVERYTHING LOOKS FINE LEAVING THE HARBOR.

**PAUL:** Acts 27:9-15 Much time had been lost, and sailing had already become dangerous because by now it was after the Fast. So Paul warned them, "Men, I can see that our voyage is going to be disastrous and bring great loss to ship and cargo, and to our own lives also." But the centurion, instead of listening to what Paul said, followed the advice of the pilot and of the owner of the ship. Since the harbor was unsuitable to winter in, the majority decided that we should sail on, hoping to reach Phoenix and winter there. This was a harbor in Crete, facing both southwest and northwest.

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the "northeaster," swept down from the island. The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along.

\*\*\*\* There were two reasons Paul warned them. 1. Natural observation and knowledge of seasons. It didn't take a prophetic word to know the voyage would be dangerous. Natural common sense was enough to know disaster was just ahead. 2. Paul had a spiritual perception of the coming storm. Inner alarm bells were going off. We do not know if he had a vision, or a word of wisdom from the Spirit. Most likely it was just a grave inner perception in the Spirit of impending crisis.

\*\*\*\* The people sailing with Paul did not want to change course. That would have meant going backwards, retracing their course to a safe harbor for the winter months. They did not value Paul's spiritual perception and were looking for reasons to be "on the bright side," and to be optimistic, cheerful, upbeat, positive people.

**JONAH:** Jonah 1:1-4 **The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."**

**But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.**

**Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.**

Just as in Paul's case, it was a nice day leaving the harbor. It was a normal day, as usual. No one on board knew that God had planned a special storm for a special purpose—to bring revival to the most wicked city on earth, Nineveh.

In October of 2008 God gave me a prophetic word through a trusted friend. In that word Jesus said to me, "A day is coming and is now here when my children will hear what I am saying and see what I am doing by walking with me and holding my hand. Do not stray more than an arm's length from me. Do not lose site of me. Look up. See the sky is going dark."

\*\*\*\* Jesus told me a storm was on the horizon. That was seven years ago. Now the storm is OVERHEAD. It is about ready to break out upon the U.S.A. and the world. But because it hasn't broken out just yet, most Christians and most of the lost people remain UNAWARE. Like the sailors on Paul's ship and Jonah's ship our nation and our churches are sailing on as if everything is normal. If I know anything spiritually, after 42 years in the ministry and doing my best to walk with God, I am convinced that the storm that was on the horizon in 2008 is now directly overhead. Someday soon it will BREAK in fury. I don't know the exact time. Luke used these words, "Before very long a wind of hurricane force" came upon them.

If you intend to make any physical preparations for this storm, you have absolutely NO time to lose. Every single day that the banks are open and the grocery stores are full is another day of grace. Every day your debit or credit card works is another day of grace. Before very long, that will change.

## 2. WHY DID THE STORMS COME?

Paul's storm came about because of natural causes. It was past the time for sailing. Winter was nearly upon them. In our case, a study of demographics point to a period of coming depression rather than inflation. This is because the baby boom generation is retiring and their spending is dropping off dramatically. I just received a book I ordered called THE DEMOGRAPHIC CLIFF by Harry S Dent, Jr. He is not factoring in the judgment of God upon a wicked world. He merely shows that demographics are all pointing toward years of depression from 2015 through 2019 mainly because of aging populations.

The book RICH DAD'S PROPHECY forecast a huge stock market crash sometime around 2016 because U.S. laws require baby boomers to TAKE OUT money from retirement funds after reaching a certain age. This spells disaster for the stock market. That book doesn't mention the Shemitah, the Sabbath year that ends in a "day of release" where debts were cancelled. The stock market crashed exactly on the day of release in 2001 and again in 2008. But the storm predicted author Robert T Kyosaki is forecast using only demographics.

It is wise to be aware of which way demographics are pointing. If they point toward depression then saving cash is extremely wise. When the storm breaks properties, stocks, cars, and most physical possessions will be on sale at greatly reduced prices. This is because CREDIT that has been so abundant will STOP.

Greece is an example. As of this writing, a default has apparently been avoided by even more loans. The IMF (International Monetary Fund) has said that the current agreement between Greece and its creditors would mean that the debt load upon Greece in two years will be 205% of its Gross National Product (GDP). That is unsustainable. Solving a debt crisis with more and more debt eventually will break down. S

It doesn't take a prophetic word from God to see that the Western World has been trying to prevent natural market cycles of depression by ever increasing credit. Now cities, counties, states, companies, individuals and nations are hopelessly in debt. In the case of Puerto Rico and Greece these debts are now unsustainable and default is in process.

\*\*\*\* Jonah's storm was for something entirely different. It was a storm sent from God for the purpose of getting God's message to worldly people to save them from judgment. This storm was not directed at sinners, although they were caught in it and feared for their lives in it. No, this storm was directed at the disobedience of a messenger of God.

The storm we are entering is coming for THREE reasons: 1. Natural demographics of aging populations and overwhelming debt. 2. God's wrath against sinful cultures. 3. God's discipline upon His "messengers" who haven't been giving His message to the world.

## 3. JONAH'S STORM IS ABOUT TO BREAK UPON THE CHURCH

Jonah was ordered by God to go prophecy coming JUDGMENT. He was to warn the capital of a great nation that God's WRATH was real and was ready to break out upon them.

Jonah didn't want to be that guy. He didn't like the Ninevites and thought they deserved judgment. He wanted no part in being the messenger of bad news. He wanted to enjoy life and not have to be focused on a spiritual mission with eternal consequences.

\*\*\*\* Like Jonah, the American Church in general has fled from preaching judgment messages. However, there can be NO REVIVAL unless the preaching warns of impending judgment from God.

\*\*\*\* The Revival the nation of Judah experienced in the time of King Hezekiah was brought about by the preaching of judgment by the prophet Micah. The King feared this coming judgment that Micah so faithfully warned about. Hezekiah then led the nation in repentance and obedience to God's commands.

Here's a sampling of Micah's preaching that brought revival.

**Micah 2:3 Therefore, the Lord says: "I am planning a disaster against this people, from which you cannot save yourselves. You will no longer walk proudly, for it will be a time of calamity."**

**Micah 3:2-3 "Listen, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of the house of Israel. Should you not know justice, you who hate good and love evil; who tear the skin from my people and the flesh from their bones; who eat my people's flesh, strip off their skin and break their bones to pieces; who chop them up like meat for the pan, like flesh for the pot?"**

**Micah 3:12 "Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble, the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets."**

THIS KIND OF PREACHING BROUGHT REVIVAL. The judgments were delayed for a later generation who did not listen.

\*\*\*\* Years later, there was a similar short revival under King Josiah. What brought it about was that the Bible (scrolls), the book of the Law, was discovered in the temple. **"Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the Lord and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple." Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.**

**When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. He gave these orders to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: "Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that burns against us because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us." (2 Kings 8-13)**

What brought revival was the Word of the Lord regarding God's wrath against sin.

\*\*\*\* What brought revival in the early church? The apostles preached that God's wrath was real and must be avoided through faith in Christ and obedience to His words!

Peter's preaching was powerful because it warned of the coming wrath of God. **"With many other words he *warned* them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day, (Acts 2:40-41)**

Paul's powerful preaching shook the world and brought revival because he warned of God's coming judgment and wrath.

**Acts 24:25 As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said, "That's enough for now!" You may leave."**

When Paul warned of coming judgment it was with TEARS. In his farewell address to the Ephesians Paul said, **"You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility *and with tears*, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews. You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to**

**both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus,”** (Acts 20:17-21).

\*\*\*\* After the great storm at sea things got even worse for Jonah. The sailors threw him overboard and a great fish swallowed him. Only then did he repent for his disobedience and beg for another chance to obey. Then the fish vomited him out in shallow water and he got safely back to land. His fierce preaching of judgment to come—in 40 days—caused the greatest revival in the Old Testament.

\*\*\*\* Similarly, God has commanded his church to warn of coming judgment. Like Jonah, the typical church, typical pastor and typical layperson—all alike run from this! They don't want to be labeled as kooks. They want to be “positive” and only talk about God's love, God's good plan, how much God will bless people who serve him, and how God will help people who call upon him.

Paul could say, **“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God,”** (Acts 20:27 KJV).

THE AMERICAN CHURCH, GENERALLY SPEAKING HAS SHUNNED THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WRATH. The church has fled from this, going the opposite direction, just as Jonah. There has been no revival as a result!

\*\*\*\* One night, after church, I spoke with Pastor Don Cox. He commended my evening sermon on faith as one of the best or the best sermon on faith he'd ever heard. I asked what he thought of my morning message, a salvation message called SECURE IN THE FATHER'S LOVE. He told me I blew it, because I preached salvation without mentioning what Jesus said about hell. He said, “If you ever preach salvation, you MUST repeat what Jesus said about hell!” Don always rebuked me with no regard for gentleness! It was always more like a punch to the jaw!

As always, I took his rebuke to heart. I immediately started quoting the words of Jesus regarding hell every Sunday morning service, which is the service that the unsaved would most likely to be attending. Immediately the numbers of people being saved WENT WAY UP! Since that rebuke I've led thousands to Christ in very effective sermons and altar calls.

\*\*\*\* Now here is the punch line, the point I'm getting at. God is going to SEND a storm of His own that will go from bad to worse for his church! This storm is going to make pursuing the good life in Tarshish impossible! Even now, like Jonah asleep in the belly of the ship, the Church as a whole is unaware that they will soon find themselves in the belly of a great fish about to be digested by problems! Why? Because God wants them to WARN of his coming judgments so that he can bring one last worldwide revival. The idea of a seeker friendly church has morphed into a concept that conviction of sin is bad for church growth and preaching that warns of God's wrath and judgment is bad for the budget!

\*\*\*\* After such fierce dealings from God Jonah obeyed, went, and preached the warning that complete destruction of the nation and the capital was only 40 days away!

\*\*\*\* There will not be a revival in America until the church is engulfed in a storm sent from God that will upend all plans for earthly pleasure and trivial pursuits! The unrepentant church will find the storm getting worse and worse, just as Jonah did. Finally, the church will be swallowed by something even worse until it decides to become obedient and GO where God says to go and SAY what God says to say—warning the world that God's wrath is real, God's wrath is imminent, God's wrath is eternal, and God's wrath can only be avoided by repenting and believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. The big cathedrals, plush auditoriums, and big budgets may become a thing of the past. God's future church is more likely to be stripped of the plush and pleasant comforts of the flesh. It's much more likely to be on fire with holiness, anointed with real spiritual power, fiercely bold even in the face of fanatical persecution, and it will be warning with tears—pleading with people to escape the coming wrath through Christ!

#### 4. SAIL INTO THE STORM WITH A PURE HEART AND WITHOUT INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

\*\*\*\* Paul was not in sin as he sailed into the storm. He sailed into a storm without internal problems. He knew the storm was coming, and he only had about one day to examine himself, spiritually, to see if there were any internal problems in his life.

This is what each of you **MUST** do. You must not sail into this vast external storm with internal problems of sin. The external problems will not convert to blessings for you if you are in sin.

We must all use whatever brief time is left to examine ourselves and see if there is something from which we should repent of.

2 Corinthians 13:5 **“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.”**

\*\*\*\* Here’s an important spiritual rule and law: If you will get rid of your internal problems God will turn your external problems into blessings and miracles. But if you do NOT get rid of your internal problems then external problems will pound you to pieces.

Paul sailed into the storm knowing he had obeyed God in every way. He had forgiven, prayed for and blessed his enemies. He had overcome bitterness, self-pity, anger and hatred and come out full of love for those who had caused him so much trouble. He could say to God, “Lord, I have lived every day to please you, to obey you and to bring you glory. Now I’m sailing into a storm that will surely be life threatening. If you will mix your grace into this storm, I know that it will work together for my good. I ask you to keep me through this storm and give me more days on earth to obey and serve you and bring you glory. Keep me alive for that purpose. Use this terrible storm to help me win more souls than ever!”

## 5. SAIL INTO THE STORM STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD.

The night following Paul’s arrest in Jerusalem Jesus appeared to him and said, “Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.”

The revelation of God’s will presents us with “faith on a platter.” God names it, and we must claim it.

Through this vision of Jesus, God gave the apostle Paul miraculous faith to know that nothing was going to kill him outside of Rome. However, sailing into this storm, Paul knew that in the natural course of events it would be very likely for him and those sailing with him to end up drowning in the Mediterranean Sea. He had to reject fear and choose faith. He had to say to himself, “Jesus said that I **MUST** testify to him in Rome. I am going to Rome if I have to swim there or walk on water to get there! Somehow, God is going to help me fulfill his will and testify about Jesus in Rome. I am not going down in this storm!”

\*\*\*\* The devil was no doubt beaming thoughts into his mind, “Oh yes, you **ARE** going down in this storm. When the ship sinks a shark will have your number. After it tears you to pieces and eats most of you the rest of your body will float down for the crabs to eat! You are as good as dead. Give up your hope, right now!”

Paul stood on the word Jesus gave him, rejected fear and chose faith!

**WHAT PROMISES ARE YOU STANDING ON?**

Isaiah 43:1-5 **But now, this is what the Lord says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.**

**Isaiah 32:1-2 See, a king will reign in righteousness and rulers will rule with justice. Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.**

The King James of this verse says, **“Behold a king shall reign in righteousness and princes shall rule in judgment. A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land”** (Isaiah 32:1-2 KJV)

**JESUS IS THE MAN!** If we dwell in Him we will live in our survival bunker! Our survival bunker will go with us everywhere. If the situation is like a strong wind he will be our hiding place—like

a stone palace unmoved by the wind. If the situation is like driving wind and rain and destructive tidal surges he will be our secure dwelling, far above it all. If the situation is one where money is as scarce as water in the desert he will be streams of provision for us. If the situation is like scorching inescapable heat he will be like a rock that casts a saving shadow of relief.

Stand on promises like these! Sail into the storm choosing faith and rejecting fear!

## 6. IN THE STORM, SEEK GOD FOR A FRESH WORD OF FAITH!

Paul was standing on the promise he heard directly from Jesus in a vision that it was God's will—a MUST—for him to testify about Christ in Rome. But when the situation went on for days and everyone else was giving up hope of being saved, when no one could eat because of the violent waves—Paul needed additional faith. He earnestly sought God in prayer and God sent an angel with an additional word.

The angel told him that God had graciously given him the souls of everyone on board (273 unsaved men) and that no one would drown, only the ship would be destroyed. The angel said they would run aground on an island and after that Paul would go to Rome and testify to Caesar, himself!

God named it, and Paul claimed it, getting up on deck that day and shouting above the storm what the angel had said, "So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me," (Acts 27:25).

God has fresh words of instruction, revelations of his will that will give us the extra faith we need. Yes, we must stand upon the promises we already have heard and know, and store up God's word. But we need to seek God earnestly so that we hear fresh words, a complete up-to-date revelation of God's will that will give us the faith to not just get through the storm, but to GET THROUGH THE SHIPWRECK and THROUGH THE SNAKE BITE and THROUGH THE PLAGUE.

You see, the storm wasn't the end of Paul's external problems. After the storm came the shipwreck. On shore Paul was bitten by a deadly snake. But the fresh word from God that he must not only go to Rome but testify to Caesar himself gave Paul the faith to reject fear and keep on claiming what God had named through the vision of Jesus and through the angel.

When the plague came and people were dying of high fevers and dysentery Paul basically said, "Bring the sick to me! I can't die on Malta. I'm not afraid of catching it." Jesus healed all the sick through Paul!

You see, it's not just an economic holocaust that is going to hit America. There is a plague coming. Great earthquakes and natural disasters are coming. Eventually there is destructive war coming where America will be bombed and invaded. I hope, through the prayers and obedience of God's own that the date of national destruction can be moved farther back.

But no matter what comes, a fresh word from God will give us the needed faith to overcome ANYTHING.

\*\*\*\* I didn't hear God say this, but I had this spiritual perception. I said it to myself and felt the witness of the Holy Spirit within testifying to the truth of this statement: "The number one thing I can do to protect my family is to FAST and PRAY until I hear a fresh word from God."

Many of you will say, "Brother Wes, I am afraid because I have no money to buy extra food. I have no tangible silver. I have no weapons with which to defend my self and my property." But you could FAST. Even if you are weak in body, you could do a partial fast, a Daniel fast or a juice fast. Earnestly seeking God for a fresh revelation of His will is the NUMBER ONE THING YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES!

## 7. SAIL INTO STORM LIKE NOAH, WHO FAITHFULLY PREPARED.

Noah was warned of coming judgment and he obeyed God's command to build a huge three-deck ship, in the shape of a rectangular wooden box that even giant waves could not tip over. After it was built

he obeyed God and stocked it with provisions so that he could keep alive the people and creatures God would bring to the ark.

Finally, Noah and his family entered the ark. It was a bright, naturally nice looking normal day. The hand of God shut the door and sealed it. Still, there were no clouds in the sky, no ominous signs. But for hundreds of years the underground water, the great fountains of the deep had been gaining in temperature until they were at a boiling point. Suddenly the crust of the earth was ripped open and great geysers of water shot high into the upper layers of the atmosphere. The crust of the earth was unzipped, the one great super continent was broken apart, and the water came back down in rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

Noah went into this crisis physically prepared. He looked like a fool gathering all that food, all those supplies. Through all his preparation he made his spiritual preparation of the utmost importance, continuing to “walk with God” so that when the great storm came, the hand of God would be with him.

There were plenty of dangers. Imagine the ark coming to rest upon a mountain and then rolling down it, breaking into fragments and killing all inside. It was not just physical preparation that kept Noah and those with him. It was divine angelic protection that made the ark come to rest upon a mountain without being so uneven that it would roll and kill everything in it!

\*\*\*\* A credit collapse will mean that you will NOT be able to use a credit card or a debit card or withdraw money from your bank—for a period that could be as long as six months! Supply lines for gasoline and food will be completely DISRUPTED. Those who depend upon someone else to feed them—upon Government checks—will be in terrible trouble. Civil unrest will explode as if society is coming apart. Imagine a large brick building where the mortar that holds the bricks together suddenly becomes like butter in a microwave oven! Would the walls stand? They might if there was not even a breeze and if everyone stood still in the building. But even a little external force would cause such a building to collapse.

The mortar that holds our nation together, the respect for the law, is going to melt like butter in a microwave. Riots, looting, marshal law, arson, cities on fire, and complete disgust for the Federal Government will come over this nation like ocean waves covering a beach at high tide.

Why did the great storm come in Noah’s day? **“The Lord saw how great man’s wickedness on earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth and his heart was filled with pain,”** (Genesis 6:5-6).

\*\*\*\* I’ve been trying to make physical preparations because Feb. 22, 2015 God told me that he had one WORD for America: DISRUPTION. He told me to prepare and not to give him any disruption. (See Rev. 22:11, Heb. 13:15 and 1 Thes. 5:16-18). My resources are limited, but even my minimal preparations have given me a sense of relief in the Spirit. I believe these preparations make me feel peace in the Spirit because it shows I believe God’s word and I’m taking heed to act upon his word. This pleases God, and results in a pleasant sense of being obedient. I know that no matter the size of the preparations, they will not be sufficient.

It’s like gathering manna in the wilderness. **Some were only able to gather a little, but they still had enough. Some gathered a lot, but didn’t have too much.** (See Exodus 16:18). The poor and the elderly will not be able to gather as much provisions as the young and prosperous. But the act of preparing and doing SOMETHING in preparation will give you a sense that you are gathering manna—and somehow God will make it be enough if you trust him.

## 8. SAIL INTO THE STORM AS A SOUL-WINNER.

*I don’t see God keeping the church on earth for reasons of comfortable lives of ease and convenience, where we live in a protected spiritual kindergarten of snack times, nap times, and play times.*

We were given a mission by Jesus Christ to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God to all nations and teach them to obey everything Jesus has commanded. This has been largely ignored. Jesus did not say, “Go and make money. Go and build houses. Go and have fun. Go and be at ease. Go and get as near to the world as you can without being quite as bad as they are. Go and be wayward. Go and be complacent.”

I know there are obedient and holy believers and obedient and holy pastors and churches. Many of them are my good friends. But in the Body of Christ as a whole there are very few soul-winners. *Like Paul, we should sail into the storm as a soul-winner so that when the American economy is shipwrecked our credibility with sinners will be established and we can win even more souls.*

I’m looking for business people who would like to help me get HOW TO RECEIVE THE LIFE OF GOD into Spanish. I’d like you to buy 50 copies at \$1.25 each—nearly my printing cost. Most believers are not sailing into the storm as soul-winners! God not only kept Paul through the storm, but an angel appeared and said “God has graciously given you the souls of everyone sailing with you. Only the ship will be destroyed,” (Acts 27:23-24).

Why not establish yourself as a soul-winner? Have you asked God to use you to win people to Christ? Why not? Paul had led many to Christ as he sailed into that storm. As a result, God gave him an extension of life and used him to win even more souls, turning the great problems of a hurricane type of storm, a shipwreck, snakebite and a plague into tremendous soul-winning opportunities with great results!

It is not wise to think, “I’ll become a soul-winner during the storm or after the storm.” NO—determine to be a soul-winner right NOW so that you can sail into the storm as a soul-winner. This gives God another reason to keep you through the storm so that he can use you to lead many to righteousness. Daniel 12:3 **Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.**

*PLEASE determine to be one of those who leads many to righteousness.*

**CLOSING:** In 1998 David Wilkerson published two books, AMERICAN’S LAST CALL and HOW GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR HIS PEOPLE IN THE COMING DEPRESSION. Then in 2001 he said that God showed him that a developed nation would default on international loans. Then a lesser country would default, immediately afterward. He said that in two weeks of the first default Mexico would default on 100 billion in international loans, mainly held by American banks. Then, he said the Arabs would withdraw their money from American banks at \$15 billion per hour so that by the days end all banks in the U.S.A. would shut down indefinitely for a “bank holiday” and we’d experience six months of hell. Greece defaulted on two payments, but is supposed to get fresh funds. However, the IMF says that in two years Greek debt will be 205% of their GDP and keeping up with the payments will be impossibility. They say large amounts of debt must be WRITTEN OFF.

Meanwhile, bad feelings with Mexico are developing as candidate and billionaire Donald Trump blasts the Mexican government for “sending” or “dumping” some of their worst people over the border for us to care for. I’m neither agreeing nor disagreeing with Mr. Trump. I’m saying that BAD FEELINGS are multiplying between the USA and Mexico. Low oil prices will also destabilize Mexico’s ability to repay its loans.

Furthermore, the deal between the USA and Iran has infuriated all the Sunni Arab Muslims such as Saudi Arabia, who hold billions in USA investments and deposits! These are the Arabs that will withdraw those funds at a rapid rate when Mexico defaults.

Puerto Rico’s debt is so large they cannot repay it and are asking our Congress to let them go bankrupt on over 70 billion dollars of debt!

The stage is set. The storm is not on the horizon. It is now overhead. I do not know how long before God considers Greece to have actually defaulted. I just know ominous storm clouds are now over our heads! Use whatever grace period is left and make the most of it. Sail into the storm clean on the inside, standing on the promises and seeking God for fresh revelations of his will. Sail into the storm having done something to prepare physically. Sail into the storm as a soul winner ready to win even more souls in tumultuous times.

I LOVE YOU. GOD BLESS YOU.