

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

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PRAYER STUDY #174

There's a Whole Lot of Shaking Going On

For thus saith the LORD of hosts, "Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of nations shall come; and I will fill this house with the glory," saith the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:6-7

The Natural types the Spiritual

1st Corinthians 15:46 *However, that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterwards, that which is spiritual.*

Mark 13:8 *For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be earthquakes in various places and there shall be famines and troubles; these are the beginnings of sorrows.*

We are to recognize the "Signs of the Times"

Matthew 16:1-3 *The Pharisees, with the Sadducees, came and testing Him, desired that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, "When it is evening, ye say, 'It will be fair weather; for the day is red.' And in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today; for the sky is red and overcast.' O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"*

Example: The weekly earthquakes, the unusual winter with heavy snow all over the world, the Icelandic Volcano-Is the Lord speaking through these worldwide events?

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Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Is not this in your sight as nothing in comparison to that? Yet now be strong, alert, and courageous, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; be strong, alert, and courageous, O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, alert, and courageous, all you people of the land, says the Lord and work! For I am with you, says the Lord of hosts. According to the

promise that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so my Spirit stands and abides in the midst of you; fear not. For thus says the Lord of hosts; Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake and make tremble the [starry] heavens, the earth, the sea, and the dry land; [Hebrews 12:26]. And I will shake all nations and the desire and the precious things of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter glory of this house [with its successor, of which Jesus came] shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place will I give peace and prosperity, says the Lord of hosts. Haggai 2:3-9

See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused Him that spoke on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from Him that speaketh from heaven, Whose voice then shook the earth; but now He hath promised saying, "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven." And this word, "Yet once more signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain." Wherefore, receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear; for our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:25-29

What Do These Passages Tell Us?

1. The former temple was greater than the temple present at this time. Perhaps, spiritually, there was a greater manifestation in some of our walks with the Lord than there is now. We tabernacle the Living God and are the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Lord is calling us to a new place in Him.
2. We are to be strong, alert, and courageous as the Lord begins to shake what can be shaken.
3. His Spirit is in the midst of what is going on.
4. What can be shaken will be shaken.
5. The culmination of all this shaking will be the coming of the *desire of nations*. This desire is most likely the manifestation of the Sons (and Daughters, since there is no male nor female in Christ-Galatians 3:28) of God, for which all creation waits expectantly and longingly groans.

6. The temple of the Holy Spirit will be filled with splendor. Since we are the earthly tabernacle of the Holy Spirit, our earthly tabernacle—the “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27) will be manifested in a greater way. I would think this would signal a new place and new relationship with Jesus in our lives.
7. Silver refers to redemption, and gold refers to the divine nature. We have been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb, and through the process of dying to our fleshly nature, we become indued with more and more of the divine nature.
8. After the shaking, we will walk in a new measure of peace and prosperity.
9. Things that are made are shaken so that we can inherit a kingdom that cannot be shaken. This kingdom will eventually become the kingdom of our Lord: *...The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.* Revelation 11:15
10. Our God is a consuming fire. If we don’t serve Him with reverence and godly fear or forsake our sins, He will burn away our fleshly sin natures, if we sincerely want to follow Him, and this will most likely be a painful process.

Some Things Being Shaken

1. **The Idols and Pride of Men: Isaiah 2:17-19** *And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols He shall utterly abolish. And they shall go into the caves of the rocks and into the holes of the earth, for fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth.*
2. **The Prisons of God’s People: Acts 16:25-26** *And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God; and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake so that the foundations of the prison were shaken and immediately all the doors were opened and every one’s bands were loosed.*
3. **The Heavens and the Earth: Isaiah 13:13** *Therefore, I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of its place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.*

What to Remember in a Time of Shaking

1. **Psalm 46:1-3** *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried in the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.*
2. **Joel 3:16** *The LORD also shall roar out of Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the LORD will be the hope of His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.*
3. **Luke 6:48** *He is like a man who built an house and dug deep and laid the foundation on a rock; and when a flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon the house and could not shake it for it was founded upon a rock.*
4. **2nd Thessalonians 2:2** *Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto Him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind or be troubled neither by spirit nor by word nor by letter as from us, as that the day of the Lord is present.*
5. **Isaiah 26:20-21** *Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation is past; for, behold, the LORD cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also shall disclose the blood and shall no more cover the slain.*
6. **Nahum 1:7** *The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knoweth those who trust in Him.*
7. **Psalm 91:1-7** *He who dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust; His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor by the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come near thee.*