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## **Thoughts from the Prayer Room & on the Recent Solar Eclipse August 2017**

My heart is stirred—and its not comfortable. The following is a thread of thoughts that find their way to you in the wake of the first US total solar eclipse in 100 years. At a time when the cover of Time Magazine could read, “Demonic Forces Stir...[instead only reads]...Hatred Across America.” Our national foundations are being shaken to the core—so what can the humble of the land do? Return to seek His face and intercede for our Land. (Ps 11:1-7)

Both Psalms 11 & 82, together, allow us to see behind the scenes on earth and in the heavenly counsel. The Lord (who’s soul hates those who love violence) takes His stand in His *own* congregation. He’s judging His judges (both sacred and secular) saying ...”Do justice to the afflicted and destitute...they (judges) do not know nor do they understand; they walk about in darkness...” (and the wicked aim their bows in secret)

### **Word of Encouragement & Warning**

After 100 years, two consecutive total solar eclipses are criss-crossing the United States within 7 years of each other—at the precise apex of Monday’s solar eclipse. (Cedar Lake in Jackson County, south of Carbondale, Illinois). It usually takes about 360 years for a total solar eclipse to happen in the same spot!

This Cedar Lake region is nick-named “Little Egypt.” During the mid 1800’s northern Illinois experienced a severe famine and many came to this region to save their families. At that time this “Little Egypt” was experiencing a great jubilee harvest in the midst of famine. Currently, in Israel, they are still in the Jewish Jubilee, the year 5777.

The solar eclipse, according to Jewish tradition is a bad sign, warning mankind that God can withdraw the light of His presence—casting the world into total darkness. It illustrates a divine parable lasting several minutes, portent of catastrophic consequences. The historical record in the time of the prophet Jonah\* indicates that Nineveh experienced a total solar eclipse followed by plague and earthquake—which prepared the people to receive the prophetic word, calling them to repentance. When Jesus died, there also was a solar eclipse followed by an earthquake, splitting the Temple veil.

### **Sons Arise and Seek the Lord in a Time of Glory & Judgement**

The clarion call of Psalms 2, 11 & 82 is to the sons of God, “arise, behold His face and shine!” (Ps 11:7b) “Arise, O God, judge the earth! For it is Thou who dost possess *all* the nations...Ask of Me and I will surely give the Nations.” (Ps 82:8, Ps 2:8) We arise, because He is arising!

Not far from “Little Egypt”, here at IHOP-KC in Kansas City, (hosting 24/7 worship & prayer for 18 years)—on the morning and evening of the solar eclipse there was heavy rain, thunder and lightnings, culminating with a historic deluge of 9 inches, resulting in a record-breaking flood of the Blue River. (I know this first-hand as our basement also flooded). People had to be rescued from their roof-tops in places that don’t normally flood. One person died when his car was swept away...

As precise solar signs criss-cross the North American sky, is God warning US leaders (judges) not to destroy the godly foundations? Is it first an *awakening* call to His people (priests) to do justice (showing no partiality), to love mercy (loyalty) and to walk humbly [as sons] with their God? (Micah 6:8) Consider these things, their timing, and draw your own conclusions...

### **“How He Warred”**

Recently, the Holy Spirit highlighted a verse summarizing King Jehoshaphat’s life and “how he warred.” (1 Kings 22:45). King Hezekiah also “warred” like his forefather.

Like Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah stepped into sonship and after re-establishing the priestly order of worship in a dark time—was validated by God when it says, “...and their voice...came to His holy dwelling place, *to heaven*.” (2 Chron 30:27). During this time of national revival, the terrorizing bully of the time, the Assyrian Army, became a real threat to Hezekiah and the people of Jerusalem. The Assyrian Army was an intimidating ‘professional’ army, who’s king (Sennacherib) trained by fighting ravenous lions. They were the 1st army to use iron weapons and engineering for building siege ramps & towers and were a highly organized array of special forces—an extremely strong/elite warring class that delighted in devastating their enemy—showing no mercy—skinning & impaling the national leaders to pillars as an example of “terror” to the peoples. (Not unlike the terrorists of our day, who seek to strike fear into their opponents). However, the God of Hezekiah was not intimidated by this ‘Assyrian War Machine’ and repeats this narrative 3 times in scripture for our instruction.

Like Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah courageously chose to trust God to fight the battle. After this very real threat, it is recorded that he came into the temple and petitioned God for deliverance and vindication of God’s glory among the nations. God responded by single-handedly taking out 185 thousand mighty men of Sennacherib’s army—sending the Assyrian Army back home completely devastated! (\*Note Jonah warned the Assyrian Capital, Nineveh, approx 70 years before this event)

### **Awake Sleeper!**

Awake Sleeping [sons], arise from the dead and Christ will shine on you! (Eph 5:14)  
May the son’s of God come through the veil, into the light and let their (singing) voices be heard in heaven again, glorifying Jesus, our “goshen”— “a very present help in time of trouble.” (Ps 46:1)

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