

The Harbinger - A Commentary-Part 1.3

How are you going? Have you toned down a bit? You're still here, so the story must at least be interesting? If not, maybe you can make a game of it? In baseball there are nine innings, so being 2-0 down after the 1st still leaves you 8 innings to go. Hence, you can still win! Or, if you follow cricket, the Ashes series are coming up, if you were 2 wickets down for 10 runs doesn't mean you've lost the match. You've another 8 wickets in hand plus another innings as well to go. Must still be in with a good chance of winning the test! If you are a horse person: will Winx equal or beat Black Caviar's 25 unbeaten race record? We don't know do we? ...until it *actually happens*.

The Third Harbinger: The Fallen Bricks

01. I left the museum in search of the third harbinger. However, I could not make any sense of what was on the seal. It was mostly rectangles joined together in a chaotic jumble. He had told me 'the words on the seal were the key' not only to the third harbinger but to the whole mystery. I decided to go to the New York Public Library. It seemed a good place to start. I began referencing ancient manuscripts like the dead sea scrolls. After an hour or so, I had not found any clue and was about to leave the library. I pushed my chair back and looked up. He was sitting across the table opposite me. "What have you found Nouriel?" he asked. "Nothing. I don't know what words to look for." He did not answer but pulled out a scroll from his pocket, and began reading the ancient Aramaic words. He then translated them for me. "**The bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild with hewn stone; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will plant cedars in their place.**" He got up from the table, and we left the reading room and made our way out of the library's front entrance. We started down the front steps and that's when it hit me. I stopped and took the seal out of my pocket once more just to check.

02. "I have it. " "You have what?" he asked. "The third harbinger. I know what it is." "And what is it?" "It's the bricks from the prophecy...from Isaiah 9:10: "*The bricks have fallen.*" "That's how it begins...the image on the seal...ruins...fallen bricks...a pile of fallen bricks." "Very good Nouriel. Now tell me what it means."

At this point early in the story, you may say 'Well, even if you can show that the Isaiah 9:10 prophecy is clearly linked to events that happened in Israel's history, and consequently led to the nations destruction, and that there are similarities of this obscure verse being applicable to 9/11, I am not convinced.' I would tend to agree with you. But wait until you see it *actually happening* to America in this and the final six seals. Now, just to entice you, when we eventually get to the Harbinger Part 2, the same nine seals are re-enacted in the Global Financial Crisis (GFC), thus linking the two events, (9/11 and the GFC) together exactly seven years apart, and that what happened at the beginning and the end of the Jewish Shemitah year (the year of relinquishing all debts), happens in America on exactly the same days and more so. Coincidence? I would say scary!

03. Continuing...the meaning. Nouriel added "The fallen bricks would be the ruins left in the wake of the Assyrian invasion." "Correct." and he continued "When they surveyed the damage, what they found were the ruins of collapsed buildings. It was the most visible sign of the nations vulnerability. The breach had been made and the destruction, though limited, had begun. It was a sign of collapse, the collapse of a building, the collapse of a kingdom, the collapse of a nation." He asked for the seal and held it up for me to look at. "*The bricks have fallen. The third harbinger: the Fallen Bricks.*"

"**Ground Zero**" Nouriel blurted out. "Yes, and as the dust of September 11 settled on New York City, people emerged to survey the damage. The World Trade Centre had collapsed into a heap of ruins. In the weeks that followed, the image would be seared into the nation's collective consciousness - a sign of the nations vulnerability. The destruction though, like Israel's was limited in scope and duration." Nouriel interjected "But the World Trade Centre wasn't made of clay bricks." The prophet continued "Yes, but the effect was the same. It was the image of fallen buildings that confronted America in those first dark days following September 11. But there is more to it Nouriel, it's not just about 'fallen bricks' and 'destruction'.

04. "It's about a nations response to destruction." he said. Nouriel commented "But in the immediate days after 9/11 there was a silence in the nation, a sense of people coming together and reflecting on what had happened. An unspoken longing for America to return to its foundation. A return to God." "Yes" the prophet replied. "Yes, for a brief moment, America appeared to be responding. Wall St. came to a standstill. Hollywood became silent. Throughout the nation there was a massive turning away from the superficial and to the spiritual. Even the name of God was taken out of the closet and publicly proclaimed from Capitol hill to New York City. Multitudes sang 'God bless

America' and gathered for prayer. Houses of worship overflowed in those first few days after 9/11. It seemed as if there might be a true national turning, a changing of direction for the nation, an awakening - even the possibility of a spiritual revival! However it never came. It had no real root. There was no real change of heart, no searching of ways, no questioning if something was wrong in the nation, no repentance."

Nouriel queried "So how did America's response to 9/11 compare to Israel's response to Isaiah 9:10 prophecy?" "The people of Israel" declared the prophet "did not take the calamity as a judgement from God but instead hardened their hearts and declared '*the bricks have fallen but we will rebuild with **hewn** stone...*'. It was a vow of defiance. It was not that rebuilding was wrong, it was the vow to rebuild with **hewn** stone, to rebuild stronger than ever before...so to America." He opened his right hand to reveal the fourth seal. The seal of the fourth Harbinger. "This seal, Nouriel, is different." the prophet said.

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