

The Harbinger - A Commentary-Part 1.4

I know, I know, I know, I know. I hear you. You say, the nation of Israel was prophesied to by the prophets many years before warning them to return to God and if they did not the nation would ultimately be destroyed. So how can you say that America was warned beforehand? I can't. But the book does contain many similarities and coincidences using the prophecy contained in Isaiah 9:10. Are we to limit how God wishes to communicate with us? Surely he can use an imaginative story to tell or warn us individually or as a nation. Jesus, who is God eh? made up stories to get his point across. We don't seem to have a problem with Rick Joyner's messages from God in his books, The Final Quest, The Call, The Torch and the Sword and The Path of course! Maybe we should be a little more open in our hearing as we approach current national political turmoil in Australia. After all, we usually lag behind America in almost everything else.

The Fourth Harbinger: The Tower

01. "Did he say anything else?" Anna asked. "Yes" he said "unlike the first three harbingers, the fourth was conceived on American soil, and it wasn't set in motion by the nation's enemies. It's the largest one, you can't miss it."

We both looked at the fourth seal, it had something like a tower, a ziggurat...a terraced tower with each terrace or story getting smaller as it rises. Anna traced her forefinger over the image. Looking up she asked "What did you make of it?" Well, as there was no mention of a tower in Isaiah 9:10, I put the two things he told me together...it would be hard to miss and it was the largest one. So I went to the largest tower in New York city, the Empire State building. Anna smiled. "Smart move." Well, yes and no. It was early in the evening when I got there. It was just before sunset. Exiting the lift at the 86th floor I made my way to the observation deck. It was windy. Making my way around the deck, I studied the skyscrapers in every direction, nothing struck me as significant with regard to the clues. When I came to the south side again, a man, to my left was looking through one of those telescopes they have there. "Impressive view...the towers I mean." he said. "It was him, wasn't it" Anna said eagerly. "and you didn't notice it was him beforehand?" No, I was looking at the view...just as he was. When I heard the word '*towers*' I knew it had to be him.

02. "How long have you been here?" I asked him. "Long enough" he answered "I was wondering when you'd get here. "Then I have it right this time, haven't I...the tower on the seal...the Empire State building?" "No, you're wrong again. The image on the seal is a tower, but the Empire State building is just the place of our meeting. As a clue, I told you it was 'the largest of the harbingers' I did not say 'it was the largest tower.' He was getting a bit impatient and began walking, "Nouriel, where have we got to in the prophecy, in Isaiah 9:10?" "*The bricks have fallen*" and then he completed for me with '***but we will rebuild.***' This is the key to the fourth harbinger. I know it doesn't sound very revealing, but remember, it's not just the words but the context surrounding them, and the spirit behind them as well that counts. Israel had just been given a critical warning, but they respond with defiance: *but we will rebuild* is the first declaration of that defiance, from which will come their final judgement." "Nouriel added, "But it also said they would '*rebuild with hewn stone.*'" "Exactly Nouriel, you are tracking well, it was not just that they would rebuild, but would rebuild with stronger materials much more resistant to future attack. So their intent was to come out of the attack stronger than they were before it. It was all about *defiance*. Instead of being humbled by the calamity, they became emboldened by it. They vow to rebuild bigger, better and stronger. Their rebuilding became a manifestation and witness of the nation's defiance of God's call.

03. "Is this really what they did" Nouriel asked. "Yes, they cleared away the heaps of fallen bricks and rubble and begin reconstruction on the very ground of their devastation." Holding up the fourth seal he reiterated. "In the wake of the calamity, the nation responds without repentance, humility or reflection, but instead with defiance. Their leaders vow '*we will rebuild with hewn stone*' bigger, better and stronger than before. The rebuilding is a symbol of the nation's resurgence. A towering testament of defiance. The rebuilding of the fallen, and of the nation itself, **the Fourth harbinger is...the Tower.**" Nouriel suggested "So for this ancient mystery to be joined to America, then 9/11 has to be linked somehow to the words '*we will rebuild*'.

04. "Correct Nouriel" For the mystery to hold and be applied to America, in the wake of 9/11, then the same three words must be stated, vowed and proclaimed by the leaders of the American people." "Did it happen? Did they say it?" "Yes. They said the same three words. Not that it would have been unnatural to speak of rebuilding, but the way these same three words were continuously spoken from the mouths of American leaders, as public proclamations was significant.

From the Mayor of New York, in the wake of the attack *'We will rebuild.'* From the state's senior senator *'We will rebuild.'* From the President of the United States *'We will rebuild New York City.'* It wasn't just speaking the words, it was followed by action. A sign appeared at ground zero with these words *'A new icon will soon rise above lower Manhattan skyline...the Freedom Tower.'* The sign was to become an icon of defiance.

From commentaries on Isaiah 9:10 a) It is the *defiance* of a people who far from being repentant, glory in their iniquity. b) To be heedless when God is speaking is iniquitous, but to act in deliberate *defiance* of the Almighty is, by many degrees worse. c) Proud defiance of God always brings disaster. d) They boasted that they would build their devastated country and make *it stronger and more glorious than ever before.*

Before the dust had settled on ground zero, an American senator said: 'I believe one of the first things we should commit to...is to *rebuild* the towers of the World Trade Centre and show the world we are not afraid...*we are defiant.*' The governor of New York proclaimed from the the pavement at ground zero: *'Let this great freedom tower show the world that what our enemies sought to destroy...stands taller than ever.'* and the mayor added *'We're going to come out of this stronger than before, politically stronger, economically stronger.'*

05. "Were all these actual quotes, were they all verbatim?" Anna asked. "Yes. It was eerie. American leaders voicing the same things voiced in ancient Israel, words that had to do with judgement." "And what else did he tell you?" "He spoke of the difference between *restoration* and *defiance*. As in: to replace bricks with bricks is restoration, but to replace bricks with hewn stone is defiance. To rebuild what was destroyed is restoration, but to boast and rebuild stronger and greater than before is defiance. You see Nouriel, these same words that came from American leaders became prophetic manifestations. Even though they were uttered unwittingly, without realising what they were doing or saying were, as representatives of the nation, as representatives of a national spirit. It represented the will of the nation. The building of the new Freedom tower at ground zero was a prophetic national statement of *defiance*. It was to become America's statement of defiance, a vow by the people of the nation, to show those who dared to attack America, that they would only then face a stronger, more powerful, more determined, more resilient America than ever before."

06. He continued, "The fourth harbinger is specifically about rebuilding bigger, better, taller, and stronger than before. The commentaries confirm that this was Israel's aim directly after the Assyrian attack. A prominent New York real estate agent said 'We should have the new World Trade Centre *bigger and better.*' An American magnate, on the rebuilding of the World trade Centre said 'it should be *stronger* and one story *taller.*' The developer *vowed* 'that the *towers* would rise again, showing us as *defiant* in the face of terror, *unbowed*, climbing again gleaming into the sky, *taller, bigger, stronger.*' Notice the last few words Nouriel: taller, stronger, bigger, he even used the word 'vowed'. Before I could ask, he continued "Centuries before the writing of the New Testament, the Hebrew scriptures were translated into Greek. These were called the *Septuagint*. In this version Isaiah 9:10 says 'The bricks are fallen down...but come...let us build for ourselves a *TOWER.*'

Anna questioned "How does all this happen? How does it all come together, the words of the leaders, the vows, the tower? It's amazing, as if it's all part of some reenactment. The reenactment of an ancient drama of judgement. A reenactment in which none of the players had any idea of what they were doing."

Before he gave me the fifth seal, the prophet summed up by saying "Out of the ruins of the nation's calamity emerges the Fourth Harbinger, the most colossal of Harbingers, a Tower...and the most soaring testament of *defiance* ever to stand on American soil."

...to be continued.

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