

## The Harbinger - A Commentary-Part 1.8

**Do you think after the Erez tree**, which ends the Isaiah 9:10 prophecy that, that is all there is? Well strap in because, as Derek Brown says in his wonderful Kingdom book titled ‘There’s Got to be MORE.’...there is much, much more to come in the Harbinger.

### The Eighth Harbinger: The Utterance

**01. “So,” Anna said smiling** “He told you the last two harbingers are not like the others...and yet like them all. So you are looking for an invisible harbinger based on an unidentifiable image? Did he give you any other clue?” “Yes he did” Nouriel replied, “He said it was about as far away as the mountain, which is about four hours driving or a few hundred miles.” “So what did you do next?” “ I got a map and drew a circle of 200 miles with New York as the centre. This included New York state, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maryland, Delaware...it seemed like I was looking for a needle in a haystack. But I then remembered he did say ‘*The prophecy will reveal it.*’ So, I looked at Isaiah 9:10 again, but this time went back two verses where it speaks about the ‘*inhabitants of Samaria.*’ I took this to be a clue and figured it was about ‘*Samaria being the capital city of Israel.*’ which it was. “Go on...” Anna urged. “I then looked at some commentaries and one said ‘*National pride is usually most arrogant in a capital city.*’ Looking again at my map I could see that Washington D.C. just made the 200 mile radius.” Anna chimed in, “For the vow to be effective it had to be proclaimed in a nations capital e.g. Samaria for Israel...and Washington D.C. for America.” “Yes, that’s right.” Nouriel went on, “It was the key I had been looking for. Also, the two targets of the 9/11 terrorists were New York city and Washington D.C. Again, I concluded that there had to be some connection between Washington D.C. and the words of the vow.”

**02. “Where did you go then,” Anna asked.** “I went to Washington to investigate three likely sites which included the Pentagon, the White house and the Lincoln Memorial. The first two proved too difficult to access because of security issues so I ended up at the Lincoln Memorial. It was something I had always wanted to see in person. It was so impressive close up - the massive marble columns, the statue of Lincoln larger than life...noble...powerful. I was staring at the face of Lincoln when I heard him from behind “Considered to be the greatest of American presidents.” It was the prophet of course.

**03. “You made it to Washington Nouriel, I am very impressed!** Even more that you have come to the Lincoln memorial.” We stood between the two marble columns and gazed at the incredible statue of Lincoln. The prophet then proceeded to read the words engraved on the wall. They were the words from Lincoln’s inaugural address. In summary the address spoke about the judgements of God are always true and righteous. That the evilness of 250 years of slavery had to be avenged with blood. “Do you understand what was said by Lincoln?” the prophet asked. Nouriel answered, “ That behind the war that was devastating the nation was judgement...a national judgement for the sin of slavery.” “Correct Nouriel, *until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn by the sword.*” he quoted from the inscription. “That explains the sadness on Lincoln’s face.” Nouriel said quietly. As they both stood there silently looking out toward the reflecting pool, the prophet broke the silence saying “But lying behind the judgements of the Almighty were the purposes of redemption, that slavery would be removed from the land.” The pool was quite still and had a sense of rest about it. Lincoln would have liked that Nouriel thought.

**04. “So Nouriel, what did you expect to find in Washington D.C.”** the prophet asked. Nouriel pondered for a moment before answering “ I figured there had to be some link between Washington D.C. and the ancient vow, and that might lead me to the eighth harbinger.” “You are getting good!” the prophet beamed as if Nouriel was his most enlightened pupil. “So what would you expect to happen in a capital city with respect to the vow? He waited for Nouriel’s response. “Because the capital city is the seat of government, the place from which the nation is led, the vow only matters if it is somehow proclaimed there for it to represent the will or the voice of the nation. And only the leaders can speak for the nation as a whole.” The prophet clapped “Brilliant Nouriel brilliant! So what is the eighth harbinger?” Nouriel looked puzzled. The prophet helped him “ go back to the the clues... you can’t see it..it is invisible...put them together...it’s about the whole of the mystery...which is... Nouriel? “I Guess it has to be the whole of Isaiah 9:10...the whole of the vow.” “Youv’e got it Nouriel, well done! The prophecy of Isaiah is invisible when it is spoken. **So the eighth harbinger is Isaiah 9:10 in spoken form: The Utterance.** The eighth harbinger is the vow itself proclaimed by the nation’s leaders in the capital city - the spirit of defiance given voice, the pronouncement of judgement.” Nouriel queried “ You mean the nation’s leaders actually pronounce judgement on their own nation? That unwittingly, they publicly proclaim a vow and seal the nation’s course, and by doing so they pronounce judgement on their land?” “Yes” the prophet answered, nodding. “If you

look at the seal again you should be able to make out a platform...a speaker's platform from which a leader would address the nation on important national matters."

**05. "It was the third year after 9/11.** The pieces of the ancient puzzle had fallen into place. The bricks replaced by the Gazit stone. The sycamore by the Erez tree. Less than three months later would come the manifestation of the eighth harbinger...but not at Ground Zero. So it was In Washington D.C. on September 11, 2004 the nation was in the final stage of a presidential election. The Vice Presidential candidate spoke to the congressional caucus. It would be an eloquent address designed to inspire the hearers. *It would also be a sign.* This is what he said, " Good morning. Today, on this day of remembrance and mourning, we have the Lord's word to get us through: *'the bricks have fallen but we will build with dressed stones. The sycamores have been cut down but we will put cedars in their place.'*" "My God!" Anna exclaimed, her hand half covering her mouth "Impossible, unbelievable... did you check and verify what the prophet said, was said?" "Yes I did" Nouriel confirmed "These were the exact words used." "You mean he proclaimed the exact words of Isaiah 9:10...the code of the harbingers?" "Yes" "But why would he proclaim that vow? Did you ask the prophet? What did he say?" "He said it happened for the same reason everything else happened. It wasn't about motive or the intention of the one saying it, but the fact that it was said...that it happened. It happened because it had to happen. It was another replaying of the ancient mystery. What the speaker intended to say was irrelevant. The words had to be spoken. The same ancient vow spoken by the leaders of Israel over their nation's calamity had to be proclaimed by an American leader over 9/11. The **utterance** would thus join the Assyrian invasion to 9/11 and America's post 9/11 defiance to Israel's defiance in the face of God's judgement."

**06. "But how" Anna asked, "did it happen** that the vice presidential candidate say those same words? Of the thousands and thousands of words in the bible how would one choose such an obscure verse? I reckon most Christians would never have heard of it!" Nouriel suggested an answer. "Speech writers search through quotations and other speeches to come up with something that sounds catchy and inspiring. They have no idea what they are doing except preparing a speech that sounds great. The leader just reads the speech. He has no idea at all that it may be related to an ancient prophecy. As the prophet said ' It doesn't matter how it happened: the point is it *happened.*' Nouriel concluded looking at Anna. Anna found the words hard to say " So an American leader proclaimed judgement on his own nation? Is there any more bad news?"

**07. "Yes" He crowned the speech** with his own words by saying ' *The cedars will rise, the stones will go up, and this season of hope will endure.*' He had absolutely no idea what he was doing. His only intention was to deliver an inspiring speech to the nation, but instead he was pronouncing judgement on his nation." Anna was crying. Nouriel continued " The prophet said: if the speech writer had looked two verses before and after he would have seen the context. It was not a word of 'encouragement' but instead a word of 'judgement.' If he had seen this he may not have written it. And...the senator made a subtle change to the original text when delivering his speech. Instead of sticking to the future tense 'we will rebuild, we will plant' he said 'we *are* rebuilding, we *are* planting.' When he spoke in the future tense, he was vowing, but when he spoke in the present tense he was bearing witness to the fact that the vow was being carried out. So on the anniversary of 9/11, an American leader was proclaiming the ancient vow ...and pronounces judgement on his own nation, and he has no idea what he's doing or saying. No human hand directs it . It just happens."

The prophet reached into his pocket and gave Nouriel the ninth seal saying "The ninth harbinger is like the eighth in that it's a summation of all the harbingers that went before it."

"Great clue!" Nouriel voiced. "What do you see on the seal?" he asked Nouriel. "It looks like some form of document." Nouriel answered. "Yes and no." the prophet said, " What *is it* that speaks of *what would be?*" With that he turned and walked down the steps of the Lincoln memorial leaving Nouriel dumbfounded.

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