

An Urgent Letter :

To the Church of Jesus Christ in South Africa

(This Part follows Part 7, posted last week.)

8. A Biblical-Prophetic Look at South Africa's Political/Spiritual State

This entire Letter to the RSA Church is not for idle chat or mild curiosity, but calls for action in repentant obedience and prayer unto God. By its very nature it is limited in exploring in greater depth the issues that beset the RSA Church, though all we need is Scripture to know something is seriously wrong.

Scripture reveals what it is, for Scripture is our full and final authority for all of life and conduct, (and is also the Divinely given historical record of the activity of God with man), from which we gain much understanding, if we know His Word intimately and obey Him wholeheartedly.

Part 1 was the Introduction to the Letter. It is an essential, foundation-laying Introduction and so I encourage you if you have not read the Introduction yet, or the Parts which follow it, to do so.

The issues raised here below, and in the Letter at large are given in broad brush strokes, and are not dealt with in fine detail, for that is beyond the scope of this Urgent Letter to the RSA Church : they are basically referred to (broad brush strokes) plus a bit, as I have been led. Broad brush strokes are not only a generalisation (although they apply to the greater number calling themselves Christian) but they reveal largely unrecognised underlying problems in and with the RSA Church. The intention is to raise the alarm and give enough information to be able to clearly identify specific spiritual problems that are in urgent need of attention, so you can get to prayer in repentance, and for revival of the RSA Church. Of course, not all the sin problems are addressed. There are many more. Look around you...just make sure what you see re sin is so reflected as such in the Bible. Look first to YOURSELF. Do not make any excuse for your sin. God has not given us that permission. Excuses only dig us deeper into the mess. Confess till the bag is completely empty....

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I have sought to ensure there are no typo's in the Scripture references I have given, and if there are, I offer my profuse apologies.

8. A Prophetic Look at South Africa's Political/Spiritual State

If you want to understand why South Africa is struggling, is in a state of a destructive downward spiral morally, economically, politically, and spiritually, stop looking for political help/salvation from the many dire ills of our land from men, especially the godless in business and in political party's. (cf above **Leviticus 26, all**). We disdain and demean God by giving Him passing (if that) acknowledgement as God, but Who has little say over the affairs of man, especially in South Africa.

Christians from pulpit to pew : look at the Books of **1 and 2 Kings** in the Bible !! They are SO instructive. Read them carefully and see what they say !!

The books of **Kings** show that whenever the leaders, and especially the people of God of a country turned away from God, **the entire nation collapsed.**

When the people of God ("... **MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME...**" **2 Chronicles 7 : 14...** in today's time = born again believers through faith in Jesus Christ) turn away from God and follow the various paths of demons away from God, they experienced severe droughts, economic ruin, massive crime spikes, corruption in high places and attacks and destruction by the hand of their enemies. The Old Testament is full of this witness.

Two things happen, concurrently, both as a consequence of their sin and demeaning of God and God's wrath at their spiritual harlotry with idols and men.

One, through their sin/idolatry/apostasy they "open doors" and invite the demonic into their lives and activities. Through their attitudes and actions they consort with, and actually worship the demonic, which results in the enemy harassing, afflicting and even destroying God's people. Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. You either worship Jesus, or you worship the devil. It IS one or the other. See what the apostle Paul says at **1 Corinthians 10 : 14—21** re the cup of demons and the cup of the LORD. **Two**, God deliberately lifts His hand of protection and blessing from over His people/summons the enemy, which allows the enemy in to harass, afflict and even brutally destroy His people. God speaks of summoning the enemy to come and destroy His people for their sin. God attests to this several times in Isaiah and Jeremiah, Haggai, Lamentations *inter alia*. **Isaiah 8 : 11; 14(b); 19—22; Isaiah 30 : 29(a); Isaiah 65; Isaiah 66; Jeremiah 1 : 14—16; Jeremiah chapters 2—8; Lamentations, all ; Ezekiel chapter 4—23; Ezekiel 33; Haggai 1.**

Jeremiah 9 : 7—22; 23, 24 !!

Hear the Word of the LORD Oh **RSA Church**. Shudder at your sin and apply **2 Chronicles 7 : 14** in contrite, repentant confession and prayer !!! **AND WASTE NO TIME, for we know not what tomorrow will bring, and the LORD will not wrestle with man, His people, by His Spirit forever, when they refuse to listen to Him.**

Pastors and church leaders : read **Ezekiel 34 : 1—10**. Set your house in order for God is about to purge His pulpits of useless chaff, and burn it up. See **2 Chronicles 36 : 15—19**. This is what RSA Church, and the country as collateral destruction, is facing because you play games with God and His Word. **2 Chronicles 7 :14** needs to be applied across the length and breadth of the land, wherever Gods people are and gather.

Political, economic and social problems are always symptoms of a deeper spiritual disease. It is never just the “bad politics of the day”. The disease is spiritual, a cancerous falling away from the LORD.

The 2 books of Kings are Divinely given prophetic explanations by the writers, explaining to the people of Israel why what was happening to them, was happening : it was because of their unrepented-of, arrogant, defiant idolatry unto apostacy...

The quotes and notes below are taken from the **NIV Disciples Study Bible 1984 Holman**, from the **Theological Setting** to both Books of Kings, presented at the beginning of **1 Kings**. (My highlighting, underlining, italics etc.)

“The Books of Kings provide **a prophetic interpretation** of the history of Israel from the reign of Solomon [from about 1015 BC] to the 37th year of Jehoiachin in the Babylonian Captivity [about 560 BC].” Note this : Kings are **a prophetic interpretation**.....from the mouth of God by Holy Spirit.

“Although Solomon loved the LORD (**3:3**) his devotion was tainted with **disobedience (14:21; 3:1, 3)**. In his later life **his disobedience led to his apostacy [yes, it did] which caused the kingdom to be divided in the days of his son (11:1—13; 12:16—20).**” [Unrepented of sin is most dangerous for self and family, congregation town/city/nation.]

The kingdom was divided into two parts, Judah and Israel (the Northern Kingdom), from 974 BC, until the fall of Israel in 722 BC.

“Israel...was born in sin. [Remember Solomon : read **1 Kings, chapters 11, 12, 13** to see the results of wilful, deliberate disobedience to God. Be warned....] Its first king, Jeroboam, led the people from the true worship of God into a false worship of God under the figure of the fertility calf that involved ritual prostitution (**1 Kings 12 : 28—33**). Israel [Northern Kingdom] never had a king that did right in the sight of God and never experienced a revival of true religion.”

“In contrast, many kings of Judah were devoted to the LORD God of Israel” even if imperfectly **“Judah experienced revivals from time to time by which the people were brought back to God.”** Note this...revival is for real when Gods people apply the principles of **Leviticus 26 : 40—45**.

Judah was alone after the destruction of Israel (in 721 BC) until 587 BC when they were swept into Babylonian exile/captivity.

“After deportations in 605 BC and 597 BC” Judah finally fell in 586 BC. “ The destruction of Jerusalem and the exile in Babylon did not mark the end of God’s people, [it] **only** [indicated] **His chastisement of them.**”

“Conditions during the more than 400 years of history [God is patient, but His patience does run out] covered by 1 and 2 Kings were much like those today. Gods people were plagued by such problems as false religion...rampant sex... wickedness in high places...poverty...death...and disease, and the constant attacks by their enemies. God’s people were constantly urged to forsake the LORD God of Israel to seek refuge in the fertility god Baal who was thought to have power to create new life among animals, crops and people. Fertility religion was made more popular by its appeal to sensual desires ...”

It was not that God had not spoken through His prophets warning His people of pending danger from apostacy against Him Who is their life, nor through allowing the enemy in to harrass, steal and kill, nor through droughts and famines, or evil rulers. (cf **1 Kings 16 – 19 : 18**).

Now as we consider the above, let us bring it into focus in our day of an enemy that rules our land with brutish, godless/pagan incompetence and evil in every level of the country and parliament; and many Christians attitude to this is : God is not big enough to handle this; and God does not hear our prayers. (Well, He does not regard the prayers of lazy, selfish, disinterested, worldly, pretend worshippers. Cf **Psalm 66 : 18; James 4 : 1—10; Jeremiah 7 : 1--10**.) God is too weak !! The power of witchcraft and ancestor evil is too much for Him !! is a cry that echoes in many hearts in South Africa. The answer is more

to be laid at the very door of God's whining, selfish, apostate people, the RSA Church, who have turned away from the Living God to do their own things, pulpit to pew.

"With the fall of the nation, the destruction of the temple, and the exile of the nation's leading citizens [our RSA quality people brain-drain under the current rulers : how many children and families have not relocated overseas] despair [has] threatened to conquer the people. **The God of Israel appeared to be dead.**" [And here is an attitude that has a great number of those who profess faith in Christ doubting God in the face of the demonic evil running rampant in RSA, which, has its greatest home in the RSA Church through the apostasy of God's people---only we deny it barefaced unto the LORD, despite all the clear Biblical evidence.]

"The prophetic author(s) of Kings [note : under the guidance of God the Holy Spirit] saw history from a different perspective. *Their national and individual problems were due to their disobedience to God.* God still ruled world history. He had [now chosen to] exercise His power to punish His people just as at other times He had punished foreign nations."

"The prophets wrote 1 and 2 Kings to call their nation [back] to God" (to call them to re-establish themselves in full obedience to God.....cf the cry and accusation of God against His people reflected inter alia : **Jeremiah 6 : 16—19 ; Jer 5 : 12, 13; 29-31; Jer 4 : 22 ; Jer 2 : 5—9; 13 ; 19—26; 34(b), 35; Jer 2 : 17; Jer 3 : 3—5; Jer 3 : 12—21; Jer 4 : 1—4)**

"The "modern" prophet finds in these books divinely interpreted historical experiences by which to call a nation back to God and encourage wholehearted obedience to God as the *only way* to build an enduring and blessed nation, society, church, family and/or individual life."

"[Some] Theological Conclusions

God evaluates persons on the basis of their faithfulness to Him.

God blesses those who obey Him and honour His house.

God overthrows kingdoms because of sin.

God controls daily life to work His kingdom purposes.

God hates sin and is determined to remove sin from His people."

“ The prophets who wrote 1 and 2 Kings carefully showed how God blessed those kings who wholeheartedly obeyed Him and honoured His house.....A notable exception is the death of good King Josiah...because he ignored the Word of God that came to him through Neco (2 Chronicles 35 : 20—23).

“The main purpose of the prophets was to show God’s overthrow of the Hebrew kingdom because of their sin. Those who reject God, He rejects. The prophets meticulously show how the kingdom was divided and taken away in fulfilment of prophetic condemnation of the sin of the kings and their people.”

“The point is God rejects and judges those who disobey Him.”

“Sin is whatever separates God’s people from Himself.”

“The point is God wants all sin removed from His people.”

“Contemporary Teaching [1 and 2 Kings]

“The inspired books call us : (1) to understand that God will indeed fulfil His kingdom purposes; (2) to obey and serve God with all of our hearts as the only basis for His blessings; (3) to turn from sin as that which separates us from God and hinders His purposes for us; (5) to utilize the divinely interpreted events of 1 and 2 Kings to call our nation to God as the way of perpetuity and blessing.”

(End quotes re Kings).

We must not blithely---nor ignorantly, even less : deliberately--- ignore the Biblical witness, interpreted by the Spirit of God through the prophetic writers of Kings. If we refuse the true prophetic Biblical witness of **1 and 2 Kings** and ignore it because this witness does not accord with our unbiblical presuppositions or ignorant misunderstanding of God and His workings with man that because now we live in the time of the New Testament, God will not so discipline, nor temporally punish us, it will be at our very great peril, for that misunderstanding is a clear fallacy.

That our sin is nailed to the Cross in Christ is true, but there is the counter balance in Scripture that calls for sin to be put off, repented of, turned away from, fled from, seriously. That means “fresh” sin needs to be brought BY THE SINNER, without delay, under the blood of Jesus by confession and repentance

1 John 1 : 8--10. It does not just happen of its own, **WE must take the step** of repentance and bring our known sin afresh under the blood of the Lamb.

Let me ask :

Why did God keep so many warnings and admonishments in the New Testament, including pointedly from the Old Testament, telling us to flee from sin if “we no longer sin in Christ”, nor are held accountable for “fresh” sin. Why did God give the apostle John the words at **1 John 1 : 6—10** ? Go and read them for yourself, and hear GOD speaking to you.

It appears a great majority of believers, from pulpit to pew, misunderstand through ignorance, or even deliberate denial, what God means when He judges our ongoing, defiantly defended unrepented of “fresh” sin, as believers. For the truly born again believer, who is consistently disobedient / unrepentant / idolatrous and apostate, “God judges” our sin means that His displeased discipline (yet loving gracious goodness and kindness) to correct blasphemous understandings and behaviour is enacted for us and against our sin. Not against us. When God’s discipline is ignored, disdained and rejected, then it progresses to temporal judgment of the person, which is considerably worse. God values my life, God values your life too highly to leave me / you to destroy yourself.

Under the New Testament, we are to display even greater faithful obedience to God than those of the Old Testament, even though they had no excuses for sin as God had given them an extensive sacrificial system to enable them to cover their sins and gain forgiveness for that time, while that sacrificial system was applicable. But they made it a legalistic “tick the boxes” (if they felt like it) external, physical exercise and their hearts were far from the LORD. So do many Christians today, for their concept of sin is shallow and polluted.

We have a far greater responsibility to honour and obey and glorify God : He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, the “second” Person of the Triune Godhead to be our sacrificial Lamb, punished for **our** sin, in **our** place, so that we may be **restored** to God in Spirit and truth. Not only that but God Holy Spirit comes and **personally indwells** all who place their faith and trust in Jesus to help us honour Him : **Genesis 1 : 26, 27 and 2:7 restored. (See also Exodus 19 : 3—8; Exodus 24 : 3, 7; Leviticus 26 : (3—10); 11, 12, 13.**

“Temporal” means “in the here and now of this life”. It does not mean eternal, for it means exactly what the word is used to convey : temporal, in the here

and now experience of this life. (Eternal issues could well be decidedly at stake if the people slaughtered are not born again by faith in Jesus Christ) Temporal judgment is Gods displeasure poured out NOW in this life experience, as a corrective measure/strong discipline for unrestrained sin and evil against Him, particularly against His own people for blatant dishonouring of Him, often over a lengthy period of time during which they have been given opportunity to repent and turn to Him again, but not only over a lengthy period of time, as **1 Corinthians 11 and Hebrews 10 : 26—31 are telling and should be read with verse 26. See below.....**

(Gods disciple/temporal judgment was also poured out on the godless, eg Nineveh was called to repent by God through Jonah else they would fall, but in Nineveh His prophetic warning was heard, heeded and they repented, much to Jonah's disgust. God had to deal with him, too. See also Ephraim (Isaiah 28)).

1 Corinthians 11 : 27—32, is written to Christians regarding their failure/refusal to judge themselves thereby dishonouring the body and blood of Jesus given to the Cross for their sins; note what Paul writes at verse 31ff --- “But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under [God’s] judgment. When we are judged by the LORD, we are being disciplined SO THAT [=purpose] we will not be condemned with the world”. (See what the apostle Paul writes at **1 Corinthians 10 : 21.**)

NOTE what Paul says : “condemned with the WORLD”, i.e. with the godless, condemned to hell ... God disciplines and judges our errant behaviour and disobedience to bring correction. When we refuse it, He does not just walk away and give up. He increases the intensity....

The comparison between these two passages (**Hebrews 10 and 1 Corinthians 11**) as mentioned above, is sobering, indeed. Both passages are addressed to believers :

1 Cor 11 : 28 , “examine” himself (greek : dokimadzo’) : examine in Greek carries the meaning to check oneself out/evaluate oneself against a standard. Here : if you are committed to Christ's call to salvation---to the Cross i.e. death to self, this means *inter alia* keeping “short accounts” of sin (disobedience) against Christ confessing sin regularly as it becomes known and seeking His help to avoid that sin in the future, and fleeing sin and pursuing Christ's righteousness. NO HIDDEN, ONGOING, DELIBERATE or NEGLECTED SIN. (**Psalm 66 : 18; 1 John 1 : 8—2 : 6**)

1 Cor 11 : 29, eating “judgment” (greek : krima) on himself : a solemn judicial judgement, the result of failing to effect examination of himself (as above, **vs 28**) re his standing with Christ and re any sin in his life, thus ending up condemning himself (including by his attitude of self righteousness / spiritual neglect).

In **Hebrews 10:30**, the text says, ***“The Lord will judge (krinei) His people.”*** Paul explicitly uses the same root word here to show that **God executes judgments directly against His own children**, not just outsiders. In this context, including the specific language used, it means to judge for fault : “...it is Mine to avenge, I will repay...”

1 Cor 11 : 30 , “For this reason (vss **28, 29, above**) many are weak and sickly among you, and many **sleep**” (i.e. have died not necessarily unto hell, but have died none the less as a consequence of God’s discipline going unheeded).

“That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some [have died].” (v. 30)
The Greek word for "died" here is *koimōntai* (literally, "are sleeping"), a term the New Testament reserves predominantly for the physical death of **believers**, as they await resurrection. God did not send these sinning Corinthians to hell; instead, He took their physical lives early as an act of **severe temporal discipline and loving grace and mercy, and faithfulness to Himself, to prevent them from dishonouring Him all the more and potentially placing themselves in a far more dangerous position, i.e. saving them from their own selves and sin against Him. 1 Peter 4 : 17, 18; cf Isaiah 57 : 1, 2; and 3--21.**

1 Cor 11 : 31, “if we would **judge ourselves**” : to keep on distinguishing (i.e. the Greek indicates continuous linear action...i.e. ongoing) what is not of Christ, i.e. sin and getting rid of what is not of Christ (see **vs 28**), and by clear, logical implication pursuing what is of Christ : righteousness, through faithful, selfless obedience.

1 Cor 11 : 31 (ctd), “we should not be judged” / **and 32** “judged by the LORD” : (same Greek word is used) to divide, separate, make a distinction, come to a decision, to judge, based on the facts in evidence. Simply per the Scripture : if we judged ourselves re sin according to God’s Divine revelation, with confession and repentance, BEFORE partaking of communion, and as soon as becoming aware of the sin, see above **vs 31 first mention**, God would not judge us, as we would already have judged ourselves, in and by faith, and humbled ourselves before Him and contritely applied **1 John 1 : 9**.

*"But when we are judged by the Lord, we are **disciplined** so that [PURPOSE of God] we may not be condemned along with the world." (v. 32)*

1 Corinthians 11 : 32 is a most critical verse for differentiating temporal judgment from eternal condemnation. This reveals Gods intense love, grace and faithfulness towards us, seeking to PREVENT our condemnation along with the world.

Paul uses the word "**disciplined**" (*paideuometha*** see below), which means the training or correction of a child. **Hebrews 12 : 5–11** uses this exact same Greek root to explain that **God scourges every son He receives to train them in His ways**. ("Scourging" is not a light discipline. It is painful indeed. It expresses very definite displeasure. In reality the metaphorical scourging—experiencing troubles and calamities in this life--- will doubtless differ between people as God is a perfect Father and Judge, but they are painful, even intensely agonisingly painful, and intended to get our attention back on God our Creator and Saviour, to bring about major changes in our attitudes that we have hitherto resisted God's gracious attempts to rectify in us.) **Galatians 6 : 7, 8. Note the word "destruction" in Gal 6 : 8 = decay, ruin (spontaneous or inflicted); destruction, corruption.**

In these passages, **Hebrews 10 : 26--31 and 1 Cor 11 :27--32**, and related passages as referred to, Paul is addressing true believers. Note this carefully. Do not make the popular error in thinking it is only theoretical for believers, and is primarily addressed towards unbelievers to try and escape the true intention in Gods Words : if we can pretend its not true, then "its all OK...no probs for us here". **BE WARNED** : God does not play mind games, nor waste His time with theoretical warnings. He is straight and true.

The stakes are high indeed. Do you really want to play games with these Scriptures ? With God ? Are you that stupidly arrogant ?

I am well aware attempts are made to make these Scriptures say something other than that which they plainly do say for doctrinal panacea. That is extreme folly and following satans crafty, poisonous deceits to cause people to have a wrong understanding which could so easily lead to their temporal, even eternal, destruction, and to dishonouring God Himself. Do you really want to play games with these Scriptures ? With God ?

Would you not rather humble yourself before God, admit your sin and seek His forgiveness and pursue Him wholeheartedly for His righteousness sake ? To

take this step of humbling yourself cannot lead you away from God no matter what your contrived objections may have been to date, but only closer to Him. He longs for us to have, indeed, a closer walk with Him, in Spirit and in Truth. See **John 14 : 15, 21, 23, (24)**. It certainly does not endanger your salvation to humble yourself before God. It will, in all estimation of all Scripture, draw you closer to Him. **Beware of PRIDE and ARROGANCE... which is what led to lucifer (satan) falling from grace and Gods eternal presence. The sad reality : pride abounds in the Church, from pulpit to pew and even in congregations through fake and arrogant teaching of pastors.**

Note the complete destruction of Israel and Judah by the Assyrians and Babylonians in the Old Testament when they, **in pride and arrogance, rejected God, His holiness and His discipline**. Note Pauls revelation of why so many in the Corinthian Church were sick, weak and dead. **It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God.... You reap what you sow....**

Dear Born Again from above Christian : hear this word from God, and heed it, in fear and trembling. Do not play fast and loose with God re your salvation, nor your eternal rewards.

Temporal judgment for the true, real believer/follower in Christ does not affect eternal life in the sense of losing it. In the aspect of rewards eternally, such, if any are awarded, will clearly be diminished for such unrepentant offenders. See **1 Corinthians 3 : 10--15**. Those who genuinely, contritely apply **2 Chronicles 7 : 14 and or 1 John 1 : 9** will find a gracious and merciful God Who forgives their sin and cleanses them from all unrighteousness.

The greater majority of those making up the Body, if they are disinterested, lazy and apostate about the things of God, the whole Body will end up looking like the greater majority, and suffering for their sin, too---as is in the case of the RSA Church, and the country/land by extension. This is the Biblical witness.

Those who are alive unto Christ and awake to the true Biblical interpretation of our times ought to be seriously interceding with God for those dishonouring Him that He will forgive them, revive them and restore them in faith-filled obedience to Himself again, and raise them up as prayer warriors. If those who are awake and see what is really happening do not, we by neglect, make ourselves as guilty as they are, like the lazy/disobedient watchman, and all we can expect is discipline to turn into temporal judgment over the whole Church, and land, too, as a result : and it is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the Living God.

You reap what you sow..... Galatians 6 : 7, 8. Note the word “destruction” in **Gal 6 : 8 = decay, ruin (spontaneous or inflicted); destruction, corruption, a breaking down from good, righteous, obedient and God-blessed to decay, dissolution and destruction**---like our rural towns and many parts of once thriving business and suburban areas of cities, where buildings look like they are in a heavy-fighting war zone in their destruction and dissolution. Then think of the immorality and once relatively peaceful social cohesion : streets are filthy with rubbish (and people happily live in amongst it doing nothing about it) and with immorality from crime, prostitution, drugs, and dangerous to be on, especially after dark. Let alone the morality of business ; once well ordered and self-policed out of integrity, now many are as corrupt as the anc government, simply to procure business, or which now profiteer taking financial advantage of a desperate public---not just a few....

2 Timothy 3 : 1-8 : “But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

⁶ They are the kind who [are] always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁸, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.”

Study **1 Corinthians 10 : 1—22.** Look and see where Jesus fits in and what He did with those who indulged in pagan revelry; sexual immorality; who tested the LORD Jesus in the desert and grumbled against Him.

What does **verse 11** say ?

What is the purpose of this verse ?

What does Scripture **SAY** very clearly ?

What are the implications of what it says ?

Yes : it is to alert us to the warnings written down for us---on whom the fulfilment of the ages has come---we who are the people of the end times/fulfilment of the times---that we (believers in Jesus Christ---**verse 12** confirms this for Paul is writing : “To the church in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy”...) do not commit the same evil sinful

behaviours as did ancient Israel, so that the same lot of the temporal judgement of God does not befall us/me/you at Gods hand.

Look at **Hebrews 12 : 5—13**. Pay attention to **verses 5 and 6 : “the words of encouragement that are forgotten”**.

The content of this passage is a reminder about that **which has been forgotten, which are words of encouragement !!** : RSA Church, let it remind you of what has been forgotten : that is when God disciplines His people it is because of His love for us. It is because of His faithfulness to us, it is because He regards us as sons : ...**“the words of encouragement that are forgotten”** which are quoted from **Proverbs 3**, are a quote from the Greek Old Testament, the Septuagint. The Jews were extremely pedantic about getting very accurate translations of Hebrew to Greek as they revered the Word of God. In these words “discipline; rebuke; punish” carry the meaning from ancient Hebrew in the Greek words used. When one looks at that, a really different picture emerges from the modern pop, candy floss, demonically deceived interpretation of this passage.

Scourging with a whip, blows (likely with a rod/sturdy stick of wood), come forth as discipline to change attitudes and behaviour to conform with that which is expected by God. Is He cruel and unfair ?? Not at all ! He has already attempted to get our unteachable attitudes changed through His Word and the accurate teachers of His Word(for there are many who are sadly badly inaccurate and seek popularity more with men than with God), but so few people are actually reading His Word---let alone studying it---that there is a famine of the Word of God. He is loving and kind, desiring to re-conform us to the image and likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ, now that we are saved from satans dominion, death, fear, and the power of sin. And He knows that the majority of us are not active in obedience which is itself a great change agent. So therefore, he disciplines us temporally by unpleasant experience(s) to encourage us to drop the attitudes and behaviours that are so disdain of Him, to take up those which are after Him and His nature and character, which is for our great and eternal good.

And **1 Corinthians 10 : 1—12 and Hebrews 12 : 5—13** (especially **verses 5 and 6 from Proverbs**) inter alia have been drawn into the New Testament, under Divine inspiration of Holy Spirit, to encourage us ! It also warns us in the New Testament not to imagine a “different” God to that which He revealed of Himself in the Old Testament. He still takes no strop from sinful attitudes and

behaviour for He is holy and He is GOD, the Creator, the Almighty, the Most High Ancient of Days.

The reason it is encouragement is that Gods great grace and mercy in His discipline of us, even as we are undergoing now in RSA for the apostatasy and ongoing disinterest of the RSA Church in the matters that are close to Gods heart, is to prevent us from dishonouring His Name; to prevent us from suffering the consequences of such rebellious behaviour, even if it is only a loss of rewards in heaven but the potential is worse than that, see **John 15 : 1--8**; and to seek to help us to conform more and more into the likeness of Jesus (**Philippians 1 : 6 and 2 : 12, 13**), which is His will for us. The purpose is that, **if we are trained by His discipline** away from our apostasy/idolatry/smug self-righteousness and defiant refusal to put our pride and false doctrines and theologies away and obey Him wholeheartedly (see **James 4 : 4—10 and Galatians 6 : 7, 8; Leviticus 26**) , **we will share in His holiness and experience a harvest of righteousness and peace. Hebrews 12 : 10, 11.**

But if we do not allow ourselves to be trained by Gods discipline and we refuse Him in His love, mercy and grace, we will face deeper and more intense discipline, even full temporal judgement and He will do whatever He needs to do to break our stubborn pride; **for our good and His glory.** See **what He did to Israel and to Judah for this defiant rebellion.....** His love for us and His faithfulness to us will not allow Him to do otherwise, after all he gave His Son Jesus Christ as our sacrificial Lamb. It would be a massive dishonouring of His Son to simply let those who have come to Him return to their evil ways and ignore it. See **Lamentations 2 : 1—14. Note verses : 3, 7(a) and 14, especially, when we spurn Gods loving, gracious, kind and compassionate discipline which is FOR OUR GOOD.**

However, as with ancient Israel and Judah, we claim that THAT is NOT the love of God, or the God of love, foolishly and ignorantly following satans deception fed into the world about God. THAT is not the way He treats His people !! so many shout. Oh, yeah ?? Well how do you answer truthfully about what happened to Israel and Judah ? What caused it to happen ?

What about Ananias and Saphira in the New Testament ?? **Acts 5 : 1--11**

- the (western/) RSA Church today in its effeminate weakness wants only nice candy floss blessings, not those that cost the death of self and which, though painful, bring Life. (See Jesus at **Matthew 5 : 29 and Matthew 18 : 9**. This is not literally meant: Jesus used hyperbole (an

intentional, extreme exaggeration) rather than asking people to physically mutilate themselves. Radical action must be taken against sin: Jesus emphasizes that you must take serious, drastic steps to remove things that lead you into destructive habits or moral compromise, or any form of disobedience to God. Jesus is not calling for physical removal of limbs; the message calls for radically changing your behavior, determinedly cutting off bad influences, and honestly taking personal responsibility for your choices that keep you from wholeheartedly seeking to honour and glorify God.)

What follows below is short, for we all are living through it and know by experience what is happening. **It reveals the spiritual consequence(s) the RSA Church has brought upon herself and the nation for her defiant, demeaning and extreme self centred focus that has set her, to the greater extent, against God and His Son, Jesus.**

The Truth About the Spiritual State of Our Nation

This below is likely the hardest, most radical truth the RSA Church needs to get to grips with, and possibly the most important truth to grasp to understand what is happening in RSA today:

The ruling political party, the ANC, and its wrecking, incompetent failures of government, corruption and kleptomania and anti-church stance, are not just a political accident. They are by Design. God's design.

Like Assyria.

Like Babylon.

The anc and others of their ilk, not only in politics in RSA, but in every form of societal activity that makes up our nation are God's chosen tool of discipline over an apostate Church, over people who claim Jesus as LORD and Saviour, but live as so many do, like the pagans around them, in complete disinterest regarding the will, ways, plans, purposes and commands of God, and who have not truly repented of corporate, structural and personal refusals to honour God.

They still do not, they refuse to, stand up for the God-given rights of those who could not, and can not fight the severe oppression applied against them. Think

inter alia apartheid where blacks were denied legitimate and fair rights to live freely in the land, and be fairly and honestly taught/educated/trained to be competent in governance and business because of discriminatory ideologies; nor has the RSA Church fought hard against abortion. Nor has the RSA Church maintained what seemed a once longing desire for the lost to be saved, and the saved, disciplined. And on top of it, the RSA Church has become man-centred holding---or at least allowing---some pastors and other church ""leaders"" to exalt themselves and gain bloated egos and status. Currently there is only one pastor I know of in RSA who takes a Godly public stand against these spiritual blasphemies and calls out both government and heretical church behaviour for what it is. The rest stand by, either not caring, or "not wanting to get involved" (cowardice) or because they agree with such blasphemy, or have no clue that such attitudes and behaviour is anathema.

So, God says in effect : Seeing, RSA Church, that is how you want to live, in disdain of Me, in un-repentance for your despicable past and present, your prostituting yourself to the world, I hand you over to those you prejudiced, and who, by far, are not yet capable of governing...for your sin against Me through apartheid, for your silent callous apathetic indifference that unwanted babies are being cut to pieces in their mothers wombs and thrown away, unwanted -- hated for what they are. Because this is what you think of Me by totally ignoring holiness, righteousness and truth, murder of babies in the womb, the terrible, urgent eternal plight of the lost and you do not care to even make a weak attempt to obey Me in this matter..... and much more, and ignore or refuse, or do not know, My Word to proclaim it rightly to all from the lowest to the highest without fear nor favour; because this is what you think of Me, I think little of you and you will suffer till you repent and wholeheartedly return to Me. **1 Samuel 2 : 30; Leviticus 26 (note what God says at verse 40ff); Galatians 6 : 7, 8**

The mis-rule and prejudice you experience from the anc now, that is destroying the country is directly linked to your misrule over them, but inverted. **"You reap what you sow".... Galatians 6 : 7, 8 ; Romans 1 : 18—32; Obadiah (see verse 15 especially).** And you thought these passages were only for the godless....?? Perhaps they are, but then it reveals that SO MANY sitting in the RSA Church (temporal) are useless to God as they are. Extending that it means so many in the pulpits and other church leadership are likewise useless to God---not fit for purpose. The majority of the sum of the parts reflect, tell, colour what the whole gives witness to, and looks like.

The principles revealed here apply to all who run after the world and its fake glitter and allow their carnality to rule... take note. Simply having said a prayer for salvation does not make you a Christian, even less a disciplined Christian. Nor does studying theology. Discipleship must be deliberately worked out in your life through unrestrained obedience to God in Christ, through a true self-denying faith in Christ.

Pastors and church leaders : what is your discipleship process ? Do you even have an idea of what is being referred to ? See **Ephesians 4 : 11—16 ; Philippians 2 : 12, 13**. Are you also here, in this matter of discipleship, refusing God's call to prepare His men, women, boys and girls to BE mighty warriors who obediently heed the call to holiness and seek out the lost to present their lives and words as witness to Jesus and the huge difference He makes in the lives of all those who genuinely give their lives to Him ? What is your answer, right now, to the question of Holy Spirit to you in this ? Do you think it actually holds water ?

Just like God used the pagan nations of Assyria and Babylon to punish a defiantly arrogant Israel and Judah for rejecting His messengers of love and warning in the Old Testament, He has brought/allowed the systemic collapse, corruption, breakdown of services and rising anti-Church sentiment driven by demons behind those in power in South Africa to shatter our false sense of security. God is allowing our comfort zones and smug self-righteousness to be destroyed so that we stop trusting in our money, our secure neighbourhoods, our political parties, and ourselves, and flee to Him in total desperation and surrender. **BUT**, we cling to our imaginations that we are all fine with God. To our serious detriment.

2 Chronicles 7:14.

Leviticus 26, summarised in its three foci/pericope's :

Leviticus 26 : 1—13.....

A.) Massive Blessing for Obedience : Gods Presence with us is His Abundance and Protection for us

1. “Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the Lord your God.

² “Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord.

³ “If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, ⁴ I will.....” *read further*..... blessing after amazing blessing flows....

Leviticus 26 : 14—39.....

B). Calamities, Troubles, Violence and Destruction : God is Hostile to Those, especially His People, who are Hostile (Disobedient) towards Him.

14. “But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, ¹⁵ and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, ¹⁶ then I will do this to you: I will bring on you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and sap your strength. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it. ¹⁷ I will set my face against you so that you will be defeated by your enemies; those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee even when no one is pursuing you.....” *read to vs 39 very carefully....*

Pay attention to verse 39...the past counts.

Leviticus 26 : 40—46.....

C.) Gods Forgiveness and Restoration for Repentance

⁴⁰ “But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their ancestors—their unfaithfulness and their hostility toward me, ⁴¹ which made me hostile toward them so that I sent them into the land [gave them into the hand] of their enemies—then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sin, ⁴² I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land. [This by centuries pre-dates **2 Chronicles 7 : 14**; and see **Hebrews 12 : 5—13**]. ⁴³ For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees. ⁴⁴ Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the Lord their God. [Malachi 3 : 6] ⁴⁵ But for their sake I will remember the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. I am the Lord.”

⁴⁶ “These are the decrees, the laws and the regulations that the Lord established at Mount Sinai between himself and the Israelites through Moses.”

Verse 46 includes blessing for adherence to, or curses for the careless/deliberate ignoring of the moral law of God, which moral law remains even till today, no matter what ill-informed people want to say. **Jeremiah 31 : 33.** We are indwelt by Holy Spirit at re-birth, which re-birth is by true faith in Christ.

Read Haggai : 2 chapters.

Read Malachi : see what God says to Israel and the priests.

Proverbs 15 :

25 : “The LORD tears down a proud man’s house but He keeps the widows boundaries intact.” [RSA Church is being directly attacked by demonic forces from within and without. It has lost the respect of the populace. It is being torn down.]

29 : “The LORD is far from the wicked but He hears the prayer of the righteous.”

[RSA Church, this is for you. If we are so righteous as we claim to be, why is God not hearing and answering our Prayers ? (Are you even praying ?) ...see **Psalm 66 : 18; Proverbs 16 : 7, 8.**]

Proverbs 16 : 7, 8

⁷ **When the Lord takes pleasure in anyone’s way,
he causes their enemies to make peace with them.**

⁸ **Better a little with righteousness
than much gain with injustice.**

7 : “When a man’s ways are pleasing to the LORD He makes even his enemies live at peace with him.” [RSA Church...can you not see ?? See **15 : 8, 9**]

Proverbs 13 :

18 : “He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honoured.”

**[Galatians 6 : 7, 8; Hebrews 12 : 5—13; Jeremiah : read chapters 1 to 7 : 11.
Read it again, carefully, thoughtfully.]**

What are you going to do in response to this ? Work harder ? NO !!!

First in priority, for it covers nearly everything else :

Humble yourself before God (confessing HE ALONE is God, and your urgent, desperate need of Him to conform you into the growing likeness of Jesus.)

Pray unto God, often, in self-emptying devotion :

SEEKING HIS FACE i.e. His Divine Presence, forsaking all things of this world even your own life to do His will no matter the difficulty, enormity of it, the lack of your own ability (TRUST IN THE LORD for once/ or as you used to do).

TURNING FROM YOUR WICKED WAYS individually and corporately all the way up to national repentance...to **DO HIS WILL IN OBEDIENCE TO HIM TO WHOM ALL PRAISE HONOUR AND GLORY IS DUE.....**

And when Gods people, individually, in groups and congregations and towns/city suburbs/ city-wide/ provinces and nationally do this :

HE HAS PROMISED TO HEAR OUR PRAYERS

HE HAS PROMISED TO FORGIVE OUR SIN

HE HAS PROMISED TO HEAL OUR LAND.

Is God impotent that He cannot do this ? He is well capable. He never promises what He cannot fulfil.

REPENT !!! 2 Chronicles 7 : 14, or fall by your own pride and arrogance. You and I Christian, have a Divine responsibility to the entire country and that is NOT to be proud, arrogant, rebellious against God, but to be His humble servants, wholeheartedly seeking to become and be the person/people God has saved us to be/become in Christ, SO THAT the entire nation can see, really see in living experience what God does with truly repentant sinners and how in them God truly lives and is glorified, and their lives radically changed.

Malachi 3 : 16—18 :

“The Faithful Remnant

¹⁶ **Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard.** A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

¹⁷ **“On the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him.** ¹⁸ **And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.”**

Be warned. Be seriously, seriously warned.

It has become urgent to call fellow Christians together to pray (preferably) at least once a week, on any given night together for revival of God’s people and a HUGE spiritual awakening amongst the lost; and to schedule 2 to 3 other times a week from your separate homes as arranged in the group for the same purpose.

2 Chronicles 7 : 14 is a beautiful Scripture to immerse yourself in. See **Daniel 9 : 1—19** for the kind of things to pray about (just a guide, but VERY helpful. Its Biblical and to the point for RSA.)

2 Chronicles 7 : 14 sets out the Divine principles that God expects to be applied by those repenting from their disobedience towards Him, their disinterest in Him, idolatry by arrogance against Him and thereby, their apostacy. Dear Reader, THIS is where you start, and keep going.....

Why not watch this short video :

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1bJfescp95/>

Don’t you desire to experience God like the Moravians did ?

You can.

Encourage those in your group to do likewise and call a group together, and to encourage those joining them to do likewise....soon our city, province, nation could be vibrantly raising up voice to our LORD in fervent prayers for revival on every night / day of the week.... “If My people who are called by My name....”

If you and I take this seriously, can you imagine the difference it would make in your life, your family's life, your neighbourhood, town, suburb, city, and our nation ? Can you imagine how God would be truly honoured and glorified ?

Send the link to the Urgent Letter to the RSA Church, including this video above, and this message, far and wide across our land (and keep doing that for a couple of months to spread this call and hope we have in Christ), and start praying.

Pray for God to raise up men, women, boys and girls to pray for revival, for Him to visit us /visit them / visit our nation with a long lasting, incredible transformational revival of the RSA Church and massively massive spiritual awakening amongst the lost.

Share the link to the Urgent Letter to the RSA Church with family, friends, all across the country.

Discuss this entire Letter in its different parts in your cell group / Bible study / whatever church groups you are in. Let GOD by His Spirit speak to you from His Word.

Pray honestly, fervently for transformational revival in your congregation, suburb, town/city/province/nation, for when God reveals His Presence in manifest glory, no leg can stand, no voice can speak just like the priests in the tabernacle when God came down upon them, but wail for our sin in repentance, on our faces, until, when He is done with us, when He has purified us from our sin(s) we stand revived and in exceeding rejoicing go forth to show our love for Him through prayer, obedience, love for others/the lost and selfless humble ministry unto Him, for HIS glory alone.

This Urgent Letter to the RSA Church is an urgent call for her to return to her LORD in humility, confession, and repentance unto obedience in measure not yet expressed in and through our lives before, to glorify His Holy Name, and for all our good, even the entire country.

Part 9 of this Letter to the RSA Church ("**Return to me and I will return to you**") follows next week, and thereafter, God willing, the Conclusion.

The previous Parts to this Urgent Letter to the RSA Church can be accessed at :

www.pechurchnet.co.za/media/letter-to-rsa-church.php.

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