Miraculous Deliverance from the Blazing HELLSTORM of Wildfire

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, yours is the power, the glory, the majesty and splendor. We come before your throne on this your weekly Sabbath day and thank you for it and for your blessings of life, liberty, pursuit of happiness and the opportunity to be together and hear your message. Help us to receive that which you want us to learn from you today. Inspire us through the power of your Holy Spirit and lead, guide, direct each one of us this day. We commit this study and our lives into your hands and pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

Tuesday, residents on Omak flats were warned to prepare for a level 2 evacuation. Wednesday evening about 7:30 p.m. when Cappy stepped outside to care for the chickens, a large water tank plane was flying over our lot. The air was very heavy with smoke and the sky to the northeast of the house was a deepening pink reflection against the smoke filled sky. While we were praying, I heard a loud banging on the north door, and then at the front door as red car lights flashed behind the man at the door. Backed with a 40 mph high wind the northwest and the northeast fires had merged, crested the mountain tops and the fire was rapidly crossing "the flats" toward us with a distance of less than a quarter mile away. It was a level three mandatory evacuation order to get in our cars immediately and leave. We were not to stop in Omak, but to drive to Okanogan (seven miles south of Omak), because parts of the town of Omak were being evacuated, as well.

Grabbing our luggage, we raced to our cars and headed out of the garage with two firemen at our car windows directing us out the driveway shouting "Move—go, go, go!" Cappy went first and I was right behind. She had put the parking lights on until she finally found the headlights switch about half-way down the road. In the right lane were the firefighters, fire-trucks and their equipment. Turning south the out of the driveway, Cappy noticed 20-30 foot flames which had already reached the row of poplar trees on the south edge our of our empty lot north of us with just a gravel road between the flames and our house.

Many people that were evacuated from the Okanogan Complex Fires areas were at the same Okanogan Motel where we stayed Wednesday and Thursday nights. Late Thursday p.m. we drove over to the flats to survey the damage to our area and saw blackened field after field on both sides of the road up to our place. Then, in the distance we saw the green leaves of the poplar trees and house intact like a small oasis. Even the chickens were ok. The lots all along the north side of the gravel road were charcoal and cinders. There was no power, water or phone service. The double-wide trailer on the lot just behind us that my brother used to own was ok. The owner was a former fireman and had returned to the trailer after evacuating his family. A backfire between his lot and ours

helped to keep his home from being burned. However, we were very sad to see that the trailer behind him burned to the ground which belonged to our part-time gardener who has been helping to keep our yard beautiful the past ten years. The trailer and barn on the last lot at the end of Grey Goose Road that belonged to us were destroyed including the power pole. About two years ago the trailer needed some major repairs. While we were deciding our course of action regarding the trailer, a fellow asked to use it in exchange for doing some work for us, so we agreed. However, he was not living in the trailer. The trailer was insured, so it appears that the overall situation will turn out to be a blessing.

After picking up a couple needed items at our house, we drove through the fire damaged area. When we stopped to speak with our dentist's wife standing in the driveway of their home at the end of Johnson Creek Road, she said they had suffered property damages but the house was ok. Their son, one of the firefighters, had gotten only one and one-half hours of rest during the night before returning to his team that morning. We continued left to the Riverside cutoff highway west, then turned south onto Conconully highway going along Mt. Pogue which runs along the backside of our property. Both sides of the road were scorched black with a sparse few buildings still standing. Mt. Pogue about a mile southwest from our back lot was still smoking and the helicopters were still dropping fire retardant drops where hot spots continued burning. When we reached Epley Rd. to turn east to Johnson Creek, we found that northbound traffic on Conconully Highway (the direction that we were coming from) had been blocked by the fire department starting at Epley Rd.

How grateful our hearts are filled with gratitude and unending joy and prayerful thanks to God for His miracles. The main thing brethren is that as we left our house in great haste, I thought about it and prayed asking God if it was his will, to please send a thousand angels around the periphery of our home to protect our property. It is the headquarters where we are doing the work he has given us to do, and from where the gospel is going forth. We had just received a shipment of 1500 books on Friday of last week, <u>The Mystery of the Holy Days</u> which were stored in the north office. The copy of the September-October *Prophecy Flash* had just been sent to the printer in California. The work is directed from here—weekly Sabbath Bible study phone conference and streaming, mailing out literature, audio tapes, CD's and DVD's and the Bible Study correspondence course—computers, printers, copiers, tape duplicators and office equipment are all here. I believe that the angels from God were on still on active duty during the fire as well as the firefighters, and consider it a tremendous miracle our house still exists, and all around it the fields around us have burned.

Washington State Governor Jay Inslee has declared the state of Washington is a disaster area. Three firefighters ranging from ages 20 to 31 were killed when their truck crashed down a 40-foot embankment as they tried to escape the fast-growing wildfire after a sudden shift in the fire and flames consumed their vehicle. They were battling the Twisp River Fire which later became part of the Okanogan Complex Fire. All three men were from highly specialized crews that go into dangerous areas as fast as they can to examine a scene and report back to commanders on what needs to be done.

The firefighters are trained and dedicated brave people who seemed like angels fighting the fires of hell and who deserve a lot of appreciation and thanks for their work in fighting the ongoing fires. Conditions deteriorated in Washington on Thursday, with high winds and high temperatures. A mandatory evacuation order was issued Thursday night for the 1,000-person town of Tonasket in north-central Washington, about 60 miles northeast from where the firefighters were killed. Nearly 29,000 firefighters — 3,000 of them in Washington — are still battling some 200 large blazes across the drought- and heat-stricken West, including California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana where it has been a very dry summer.

Lightning originally started several of these fires which later merged together. The fire stopped at all four sides of our two and one-half acres which is a mix of green grass, raspberries, grape vines, fruit, and nut trees. Everything around our lot was swept clean by the fire right to the property line and stopped! This is an outstanding sign to me of deliverance when we could have been burned out. We also were blessed to be able to harvest our fruit trees of peaches, pears and apples this week. God is really good.

This experience reminds me of Lot and his family when the angels came to the city of Sodom and found only one righteous man there—Lot, the nephew of Abraham. The angels told him that the Lord was going to destroy that city, and they were to get ready to flee. Naturally, they had things to pack up and notify their family and relatives. None of them wanted to leave with them. So it wound up while they were dilly-dallying taking inventory and packing, the angels grabbed them by the hands and told them, you have got to go now! The sun was coming up in the east as the angels led them out, and the angels had to actually take Lot and his family by the hand and rush out of the city urging them to go! As they left, Sodom and Gomorrah were burned with fire and brimstone from heaven sent by God.

Psalms 66:10-12— David said, "we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance"—delivered us. How appropriate this scripture is, I thought. We have gone through flood and fire. Thirty three years ago, when we were living in Altadena, California, at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains there had been fires in the fall which denuded the mountains of vegetation, then during the winter the rains came in February. One morning we had five inches of rain within fifteen minutes of time. Now that may not seem like a great deal to some people, but for that area it was devastating. All the tree cover had been burned off behind us and all that water came rushing down the mountain into the Gooseberry debris basin. It overflowed, directing all that water to the Rubio Canyon Debris Basin. Both of the two flood channels were blocked with debris including a chain-link fence. So the path of the water headed straight toward the homes below the basin. One of those houses was our home.

It was 1980 at 6 a.m. in the morning. Cappy was getting ready to leave for work. I was just getting up, and our young children were still in bed when I heard a huge crashing noise in the back of the house from the family room. I went to check, and saw that our sliding glass door on the north side of the house had been smashed open and water was pouring into the room at the approximate rate of 1,000 gallons per minute. I told Cappy to

grab the girls, and I would get Nathan and get to the car now! The front door of the house faced south with a separate garage in front which also faced south. The garage acted as deflector, sending the water flow to the right and left of the parked car making it possible to get into the car. I backed down the driveway slope through the raging torrent of water, hit the road and headed uphill to a friend's house several blocks away where we stayed for several nights. Later we went back to our house where the water mark was up to three feet throughout the inside of the house. The only thing left standing was a hundred gallon fish tank, and the pictures hung on the walls. The cats and chickens were ok. Cappy's studio piano was destroyed; our wedding pictures and library were basically sopping wet, full of silt and destroyed.

We moved into a temporary dwelling for a number of months until we could get our house repaired after finally getting a 3% disaster loan from the government. Twelve other home owners whose houses were badly damaged in our area joined together, spoke to a lawyer who took our cases as a reverse discrimination case against the county government flood control department because they had diverted the water from its normal run-off flood control channels that were to handle flood waters by closing off one canal. This decision caused homes to be badly damaged and one was a total loss. All in all we had to learn what it meant to go through a flood. Later, when talking with a customer at the furniture store, Cappy shared that we were recovering from a flood. The lady said, "I've heard that a fire is worse than a flood. Is that true?" Cappy replied, "I hope that I personally never have to find out." So here it is thirty-five years later in 2015, and we have experienced up close and personal what it means to flee from the flames of fire.

Psalm 66:10-12—"For You, O God, have tested us. You have refined us as silver is refined. You brought us into the net. You laid affliction on our backs. You have caused men to ride over our heads. We went through fire and through water, but you brought us out to rich fulfillment." Well, we have been through the flood and now we have been through the fire and God brought us through in rich fulfillment. In this case the flood came first. In Noah's day the world had the great Noachian Flood in which all life perished except Noah and his family. The flood came first. Then there was the fiery holocaust on Sodom and Gomorrah and God preserved the life of Lot and his family. Because his wife looked back with longing at Sodom and Gomorrah, she was turned to a pillar of salt. She did not take the warning seriously. In our case the flood came first in 1980 for us and later in 2015 the fire came. Brethren I think that this complex of fires occurring in Washington and the Northwest states with thousands fleeing for their lives is a test and warning of what lies ahead of the entire society of this world today. This is just the pinpoint beginning of sorrows and the Great Tribulation. It is a warning and also a sign that we can depend on God to deliver his people if we stay close to Him and cry out to Him. We are to keep studying, praying and meditating on his word and its lessons. As we continue to seek, ask and implore God for deliverance, he will hear us and deliver us. Our faith and belief in God is imperative in order to go forward. Know and understand that the Lord our God is the true God. He rules over the Universe-heaven and earth. He is master over the fiery flames and the waters. Our Almighty God knows how and when to deliver his people, the saints. The Day of Judgment is coming. Fire is a type and

prototype of judgment and fiery trials of judgment is coming upon America, the Western world and the entirety of civilization of the world of man on earth.

If it wasn't for the angels' protection, this whole area would be gone up in smoke and be ashes. I believe that we were spared for the sake of continuing the work that God has given us to do and finish. His work will be done and finished according to His will, His mercy, and by His indwelling Holy Spirit in His servants. We are His servants and His people, and you all have a part in this work— your part is critical. Your part is valuable and vital; the work cannot go forward without prayer and support. Please continue to help get the word of God out to this world!

I have a lot of respect for Jonathan Cahn, author of *The Mystery of the Shemitah Year* and his ministry. I also respect the work of Mark Biltz of the El Shaddai Ministries here in the State of Washington and his discovery of the tetrad of the four blood moons. These men are doing part of God's work in warning the world in these last days. I give credit where credit is due. We must keep our minds open. We are also doing God's work, and fulfilling a special niche that they are not filling. They both go by the Jewish calendar, but that calendar has been proven to be inaccurate as much as a day off on the new moons of the month. Why wait? We should get back to the new moon observed and the right calendar.

CNN Wire 8/19/15—PAJU, "The North Koreans are threatening the South Koreans with war. Stern warnings flew back and forth across the border between North Korea and South Korea on Friday, the day before a North-imposed deadline for the South to <u>shut off propaganda broadcasts or face war</u>. Kim Jong Un, the supreme commander of the North Korean military, ordered front-line units along the heavily fortified frontier to move to a war footing Friday evening, state media reported. His nuclear-armed regime, known for being both thin-skinned and fond of saber rattling, has warned South Korea it faces military action if it doesn't turn off the propaganda loudspeakers by Saturday evening." America stands with South Korea to defend them if North Korea attacks. But the question comes up, if North Korea did attack today, what would the United States really do under President Obama? His number one strategy in the face of the enemy is to retreat. If Obama retreats, South Korea would be invaded and taken over.

ISIS is growing by leaps and bounds and is a good example of "being allowed to threaten the Middle East, the Jews and Israelis." Obama and his government administration basically created and supported the foundation of ISIS in an unwise attempt to try to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad of Syria four years ago and funded the radical Islamic Muslim Brotherhood and ISIS jihadists. In turn, ISIS took over most of Iraq and threatens Pakistan. In early May 2015, ISIS said in its propaganda magazine *Dahiq* it could obtain a nuke from "states like Pakistan." Pakistan is also one of the few nations that is increasing its nuclear arsenal. US think tank, the *Council on Foreign Relations*, believes Pakistan has 100-120 warheads compared to India's 90-100 and is developing a nuclear submarine capable of carrying nuclear missiles. In 1998 they successfully tested five nuclear devices, becoming the seventh nuclear power in the world.

In the days before the flood in Noah's time there was a nuclear war. Radiation evidence has been found in the areas of India and the subcontinents of Asia that there was a

nuclear war in the world of that time. There are legends and myths from ancient India referring to this war or some fallout of it. The written histories in ancient India like the <u>Vedic</u> texts support it. Historian Kisari Mohan Ganguli says that Indian sacred writings are full of such descriptions, which sound like an atomic blast as experienced in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He says references mention fighting sky chariots and awesome weapons.

"The <u>Mahabharata</u> clearly describes a catastrophic blast that rocked the continent—a single projectile charged with all the power in the Universe. An incandescent column of smoke and flame as bright as 10,000 suns, rose in splendor...it was an unknown weapon, an iron thunderbolt, a gigantic messenger of death which reduced to ashes an entire race." On every single continent, there are areas where they can find or have found what some people have dubbed Seas of Glass, either on the surface, or buried under centuries of dirt, where the sand and/or dirt has literally been fused by intense heat into glass. The color of these seas varies according to the mineral content, but they are everywhere. And they are, practically speaking, identical to the ones that were created by the US Government in the Nevada desert when they were first testing the modern atomic bomb.

Luke17:26—"And as it was in the days of Noah before the son of man, *so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man.*" Today nations have nuclear weapons, flying machines, and huge bombers. From the ancient Indian writings, it appears that nuclear weapons existed before the flood in Noah's day. Mankind was also in danger of wiping themselves out before the flood before God intervened. Today, God is about to intervene again in our day and our age and send Jesus Christ, the Messiah, back to this earth to save man from utter destruction. Malachi 4:1-6—"Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet <u>before</u> the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord and he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

1 Peter 4:7-17—"In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

- Above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins.
- Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As
- Each one has received a gift—<u>minister it to one another</u>, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.
- If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God.
- If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies,

so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

"Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

1 Peter 5:5-9—"Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for he cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." Take everything to God in earnest, fervent prayer because **God cares for you**. He know how to deliver his people in trials.

2. Peter 2:6-11—"For if God <u>did not spare the angels who sinned</u>, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and <u>did not spare the ancient world</u>, but saved Naah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; and <u>delivered righteous Lot</u>, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds)— then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord."

CBS News (8/21/15) New York—"On a crowded pedestrian plaza in Times Square, half a dozen topless women pose for pictures with passers-by. The only thing concealing their breasts is red, white and blue body paint. They urge men, women and even children to stand with them, first taking a frontal shot, then the backside. In return, they expect a tip. In 1992, New York's state's highest court ruled that it was discriminatory to bar women from going bare-chested when men are routinely allowed to do so". The world around us is following the example of Sodom and Gomorrah. God used Sodom and Gomorrah as an example, and America will follow the same fate if they do not repent.

BBC (8.19.15)—"Millions of adulterers – or would-be adulterers have been exposed by a cyber-attack. 'Life is short. Have an affair.' urges an international on-line adulterers' club called Ashley Madison. Members are assured personal information is kept completely private. In July, a group of hackers called 'The Impact Team' announcing that it had broken into the Ashley Madison database threatening to publish sensitive personal information about members if AshleyMadison.com and a related site didn't disappear. On Tuesday, the hackers made good on their threat, releasing names, email addresses, sexual proclivities and payment information on millions of users. It appears that thousands of government workers could be in trouble because they used their official email accounts for highly personal business."

It is an embarrassment and an opportunity for people to blackmail people. The real sin is in the people themselves and their wanton, lascivious, licentious behavior. This stirs up my feelings of righteous indignation! The nations and their leaders are rebellious before God—repudiating the laws of God and provoking him to great wrath which will be poured out on this world. Read about it in **Isaiah**, **Jeremiah** and **Ezekiel**.

Psalm 121:1-8—"I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper. The Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore."

Psalm 125:1-2—"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people from this time forth and forever." When I look out my door now, I see destruction all around me from the fires. It is shocking that everything is green around our lot and everything outside of those lines on north, east, south and west around us is blackened by fire. The divine grace of God is the only thing that I can attribute it to. The firefighters were here on the job and definitely a part of the wisdom and solution of God's divine grace I'm sure. The number one priority was to save lives and get residents led out by their hand if necessary, similar as the angels did with Lot and his family. God is alive and well and don't let anyone tell you God is dead. He is not dead!

Psalm 131:1-3—"Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me. Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel hope in the Lord from this time forth and forever." Hope in God and keep your faith in the Lord.

David said, **Psalm 138:1-3**—"I will praise you with my whole heart. Before the gods I will sing praises to you. I will worship toward your holy temple, and praise your name for your loving-kindness and your truth. You have magnified your word above all your name. In the day when I cried out, you answered me, and <u>made me bold with strength in my soul</u>." We can be bold with strength in our soul. Pray to God that he will give his servants boldness and strength in their souls in this day of compromise and weakness— with wisdom, knowledge and understanding in their hearts—more revelation of prophetic insight that we need for the future.

Psalm 139:5—"You have hedged me behind and before, and laid your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me. It is high, I cannot attain it." We have been hedged about by God's angels of divine protection to protect us.

God says He will defend his people, and God <u>will</u> defend and protect you. So get ready for the Feast of Tabernacles and get ready for the coming Day of the Lord and the coming of the Messiah. Hallelujah! We serve a risen Savior. Praise God who lives!

Shalom.