

## HOLY VIOLENCE #10

### Welcome to the Jungle

#### (Surviving and Thriving in Babylon)

#### Introduction

Before we launch into our new mini-series, Welcome to the Jungle, (Surviving and Thriving in Babylon) I want to begin with a ‘reality check’.

Today is Saturday, January 20, 2021.

The election is over. Joe Biden is the President of the United States.

This election result was not a happy one for me and millions of other believers. Many of us held out hope for a different outcome; much of it inspired by a number of respected Christian prophetic voices who assured us that President Trump would be re-elected. That did not happen. It’s time to face up to the new reality.

Sad to say, most of these prophets are still telling us to hold on and keep believing.

So let me begin by echoing the words of Dr. Michael Brown...

#### Dr. Michael Brown

**To all those who prophesied that Trump would serve a second consecutive term and assured us that he would be inaugurated on Jan. 20, I appeal to you in the strongest possible terms: Admit your error, take full responsibility and do not, under any circumstances, continue to put a false hope into the hearts of God's people.**

(Read the full article here)

<https://www.charismanews.com/opinion/in-the-line-of-fire/84139-a-strong-appeal-to-those-who-prophesied-trump-s-reelection>

I believe in prophecy! And I believe there are true prophets of God today. But frankly, those who prophesied a Trump victory just missed it; to continue to believe otherwise is just deception.’

If a prophet says, “Thus saith the Lord: The Green Bay Packers will win the Super Bowl on February 7<sup>th</sup>.” Then they lose. But on February 8, the same prophet says, “I didn’t miss it! Keep believing! God is in control! It isn’t over! The other side won by cheating! Don’t doubt my word will come to pass!

Ridiculous? No, it’s the same thing that happened with the election.

Hear a word from an older brother who loves you. Just admit you were wrong.

## **I. So Where Does That Leave Us?**

### **A. I Am Not a Prophet: But I Do Have a Prophetic Word for the Church**

#### **Theme**

**Christians are about to wake up in the most spiritually toxic political climate in American history. The real question will be: Do we have the kind of Christianity that can survive and (even) thrive in the midst of it?**

1. If you come to this church you know that I spent most of last year warning God's people that the election was really not about Donald Trump, or Republicans and Democrats.

2. The real warfare was really between good and evil; between Christ and the antichrist spirit of Marxist-Socialism.

3. I prayed, fasted, and donated. I preached my heart out and believed the Prophets. But as I shared with you a week before the election, the Lord kept challenging me with this question: have you equipped My people to survive and thrive if the socialists come to power?

4. I am on the record as saying many times that either way the election goes the church will have to change the way we do church. Our kind of cultural Christianity has largely caved into the culture in good times; how will we do if evil times come upon us? The prophet Jeremiah asked the same question:

#### **Jeremiah 12:5**

**"If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you,  
Then how can you contend with horses?**

#### **Jeremiah 12:5**

**And if in the land of peace, In which you trusted, they wearied you, then how  
will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?**

5. If our kind of Christianity has allowed this kind of people to come to power during days of prosperity how will we do in days of poverty? If we couldn't stand for Christ in sunny days how will we do in stormy weather?

6. The great question for every Christian will be...

## B. Have We Built Our Boats for the Storm?

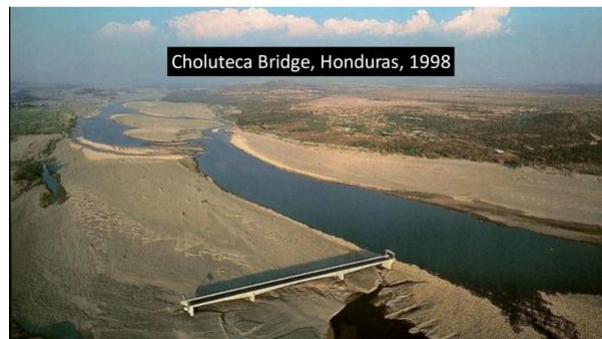
1. The vast majority of Christian churches in America, (Barna says 90%!) did not preach on politics at all; 30 million evangelical Christians did not vote at all; millions of evangelical Christians voted for the pro-abortion candidates?

2. What were we doing/ What were we preaching?

a. Here is a picture of the Choluteca Bridge in Honduras. It was built in 1996; it was specially designed to withstand the horrible hurricane winds the nation is known to experience. It looked great.



b. But in 1996, an amazing thing happened. Hurricane Mitch blew through and devastated Honduras. Here is a picture of what the Bridge looked like after the storm.



c. What happened? The hurricane totally swept away all the roads the bridge was meant to connect and the river created a new path for itself. Today, the Choluteca Bridge is called 'The Bridge to Nowhere'.

d. The bridge they built became irrelevant! It had no context in the new environment. And this is what has happened to the kind of cultural

Christianity that worked yesterday in the good times but will be of no use at all today as things go bad.

3. And at least for a season, they are going bad.

### **Lance Wallnau**

**The new administration will be making so many decisions driven by their radical agenda that do not resonate with the vast majority of Americans that the *misery index* is going to rise to such a level that the hope, promise and reality of the Gospel is going appear almost as if it is the first-time people ever heard it. Most Americans do not know the Gospel.**

4. I agree! The ‘misery index’ is about to rise; but the Good News is it can usher in a revival. But let’s look at the reality of the moment...

### **B. Just Three Days In**

1. On Wednesday morning, President Joe Biden was sworn into office. Before the end of his first day, he signed 17 executive orders that signal what’s ahead:

#### **President Biden’s Executive Orders**

##### **Rejoins the Paris Climate Accord**

This will cost us 1000’s of jobs; drive up the price of gasoline; sets us up for trillions of new tax dollars spent to save the environment

##### **Restores Membership in the World Health Organization**

These are the people who held back information early on about the China virus; an organization controlled by the Chinese Communist Party; cost of membership to the U.S. taxpayer: \$400-500 million per year

##### **Cancels the Keystone Pipeline Permits**

This immediately cost 11,000 pipeline workers their jobs; jobs that pay up \$85-100 per hour; this shutdown puts us back on a path to dependency on foreign oil and higher prices at the pump, which have gone up 30 cents a gallon since November 3

##### **Stops Construction on Border Wall**

This opens the door to illegal immigration and paves the way for amnesty for 11 million undocumented immigrants; 70,000 are now on their way to take jobs away from Americans during a Pandemic and having no way to test them for COVID

##### **Ended Trump’s 1776 Commission**

President Trump created this commission to bring a patriotic view of American history to the Public School system and repudiate the New York Times’ ‘1619’

Project that teaches children that America was actually founded on slavery in 1619 and not born with the Constitution of 1776

2. Perhaps the most morally apprehensible of Wednesday's E.O.'s was the new Administration's commitment to allow children to choose their own gender and use the bathroom, shower, and locker room of their choice:

**Joe Biden**

**“Children should be able to learn without worrying about whether they will be denied access to the restroom, the locker room, or school sports based on gender.”**

a. This means that a boy who identifies as a girl now has the right to use your daughter's restroom, get undressed in her locker room, and be a member of your daughter's basketball team.

3. Most of Joe Biden's Executive Orders are just bad policy; this one is pure evil and an omen of more to come.

a. The great Austrian economist/philosopher Ludwig von Mises died almost 50 years ago but his words still work today..

**Ludwig von Mises**  
(1881-1973)

**There is no more dangerous menace to civilization than a government of incompetent, corrupt, or vile men.**

b. We need to remember that our warfare is not with flesh and blood; nor should we pass final judgment on others; but we must, as Jesus said, “Judge righteous judgment”. We must learn to ‘test the spirits’ whether they be of God’.

4. Let me offer a gentle rebuke to my deluded brothers and sisters in Christ who voted for all this: beloved, you are deceived. You voted for people whose goal is not democracy—it is totalitarianism, a counterfeit of the Kingdom of God.

**Ludwig von Mises**

**Totalitarianism is the subordination of every individual's whole life, work, and leisure, to the orders of those in power and office. It is the reduction of man to a cog in an all-embracing machine of compulsion and coercion. It**

**forces the individual to renounce any activity of which the government does not approve.**

5. Christianity has come to the crossroads; the days of operating in a free society are coming to an end.

6. The socialistic nature of this new government will eventually seek to assimilate the Church or annihilate it. The great Reformed theologian A.A. Hodge warned us of days like these:

**A.A. Hodge, Evangelical Theology**

**If the national life in general is organized upon non-Christian principles, the churches which are embraced within the universal assimilating power of that nation will not long be able to preserve their integrity.**

7. God is shaking the heavens and the earth!

**Pastor Chad King**

**Do you feel the shifting tide like a do? A confusion like the Tower of Babel. With what's coming, American cultural Christianity as practiced, will quickly become irrelevant. We will need a worldview that equips us to survive and thrive in the midst of a Babylonian culture.**

8. I call this 'Babylon culture' the 'jungle. Not like the literal African jungle or the rain forest, but in the dictionary definition of the metaphorical sense...

**Jungle**

**A place where people behave ruthlessly, unconstrained by law or morality.**

9. This is where we are. But we need not fear or lose heart! God's people have been through all this before and come out on top.

10. The Lord gave me a prophetic parallel to where we are today in the story of Israel when she was taken into Babylonian captivity. One day she was in Jerusalem; the next day she woke up in Babylon.

11. Like them, the Christian went to bed Tuesday night under one administration and woke up Thursday morning under another. And like them, we can learn how thrive and survive, even in the 'jungle' of Babylon.

## II. We Begin With A History Lesson

### A. The Captivity

1. Our story is found in the Book of Daniel and the writings of the Prophet Jeremiah.

2. The context of the story:

a. God had warned His people that ‘if you don’t remember your covenant’ you will go into captivity-Babylon will take over.

b. When the barbarians came to the gate, all the prophets except for Jeremiah, told the people “All is well”; Jeremiah told the people not to enter into violence with the enemy; God’s judgment on their sin was that they would be under the Babylonians for a season. All the other prophets called Jeremiah a false prophet-but he proved to be right.

3. I see a prophetic parallel here for our own situation;

#### **Types and Shadows**

**Israel = The people of God**

**Babylon = The world system**

**Babylonian captivity = Believers living under antichrist political systems**

**Daniel and Friends = The model for surviving and thriving in Babylon**

4. In this series we will see that Daniel and Jeremiah show us how to live and prosper in the context of Babylon and the face of what is coming to the American church.

#### **Pastor Chad King**

**What is coming? A sudden dramatic change in the spiritual atmosphere that will require a biblical worldview. We will have to get better at living in conditions that aren’t Christian.**

a. This is the first time in American history that the party in power has set its sights on destroying free speech and (subsequently) freedom of religion.

b. This is the first time in American history that the antichrist spirit of Marxist-Socialism has come out of the closet and openly stated its goals.

5. Israel went into Babylon; in our case Babylon has come to us.

**Pastor Chad King**

**Our nation is transitioning and most don't know how to live in a world like this.**

6. This is why I'm excited about this teaching series:

a. We will learn how to recognize the Babylonian system and how to resist it

b. We will see from the Books of Daniel and Jeremiah specific instructions on what it means to learn to live in the 'jungle' of an anti-Christian political system.

c. We will learn how not only to survive but to thrive as we follow God's instructions to us.

7. We have entered into some dark days but there's always a silver lining. I love the famous quote from General Anthony McAuliffe in the critical days of WWII...

**General Anthony McAuliffe**

**"Men, we are surrounded by the enemy. But we have the greatest opportunity ever presented any army. We can attack in any direction."**

**III. Close**

**A. Some Personal Thoughts**

1. Elections, (even stolen ones), have consequences.

**Thomas Jefferson**

**The government you elect is the government you deserve.**

2. In spite of all our prayers God did not intervene; that's a fact.

3. God can always work a miracle and provide us with an instantaneous deliverance; but if He does not, we need to understand how all this came upon us. (Think about this a lot!)

4. Most of all we must ask God to give us the kind of faith that can stand, survive, and even prosper no matter which political party is in power.



**Pastor Chad King**

**We need the spirit of Daniel that knows how-to walk-in victory even under the worst circumstances. I'd rather know how-to live-in Babylon and not need it that to need to know how to live in Babylon and not know it.**

5. This is what we be studying in the weeks to come. Let me leave you with this...

**Isaiah 43:1-3**

**But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.**

Closing Prayer

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