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Sixty-seven (67) years ago on Sunday morning December 7, 1941 Japan launched a successful surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. This surprise attack destroyed the majority of the Pacific Fleet. The United States was not prepared for this attack just like it was not prepared on Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001 when the World Trade Center was attacked and destroyed.

Americans have great respect for their military intelligence but even with numerous warnings we were still surprised when we are attacked. The radical Muslim community have been attacking us since Jimmy Carter! But the United States did not declare war on Iran when they attacked and took over the embassy on Sunday November 4, 1979, when the Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon was attacked on Sunday October 23, 1983, or when the USS Cole was attacked on Thursday October 12, 2000. Since 1979 America has been at war with radical Islam, but when the twin towers were destroyed on September 11, 2001, America was surprised, and still caught unaware!

Christians are also in a war against an enemy who is far superior than Iran and radical Islam. We are in a war against the prince and power of the air! We are fighting an enemy who has the ability to deceive nations, control the market, create wars, create economic disasters, and reek general havoc upon the Christian and the world. Many Christians do not realize that they are at war just like many Americans do not realize that they have been at war since 1979!

Many Christians think that when a coworker,

acquaintance, neighbor, family member, or anyone else does something to upset them blame the perpetrator instead of the instigator who put the idea into perpetrator's head in the first place. Now there is only one defense that we have against this prince and power of the air. That is the use of the mighty power of the Lord Jesus Christ. In most instances the perpetrator does not even know that they are being used by the Prince and Power of the Air! They think that everything is their own doing and they are just exercising their own free will and their rights.

Thus when the attack comes, do not be surprised or astonished that someone that you know and like has done something wrong, especially if they are not true-born-again Christians. Look at the first century church where the Apostles were attacked by "Christian ministers." Satan has been engaged in this war against the Christian from the very beginning of time. Don't be surprised when he chooses to attack you! If you are not being attacked, you should wonder why.

Matthew 24:1-51

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the

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world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened,

there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood

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they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

43 But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

48 But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;

49 And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;

50 The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Jesus Christ has told us that we will be attacked and hated by members of our own family. We need to realize that when someone attacks us, it is really Satan attacking us. Satan will do everything possible to make us fall from grace. He will cause us to worry, have anguish about the situation, and do everything in his power to make us counter attack the perpetrator rather than attack the instigator with the tools that the Lord has given us to

fight the Devil.

Ephesians 6:10-18

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Thus when you are under attack, do not be surprised, but use the whole armor of God to defend yourself and fight. We are soldiers in the Lord's army. We need to be ready to fight and be prepared when the attack comes. When Satan attacks us do not be like the United States when they were unprepared when the Japanese attacked us 67 years ago. As Christians we need to be vigilant and ready for the attack for we KNOW that it is coming! We may not know the method or from where the attack is going to originate, but we do know that it is coming. Do you think that the current financial crisis just happened? Can't you see the working of Satan to bring about the rise of the Antichrist and the mark of the beast? All of this has been well planned and executed! Your Con-

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gressmen and Senators are Satan's agents to bring about the Antichrist and a one-world government controlled by Satan and his allies! All of the members of Congress are Satan's agents; for when Satan showed Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, Jesus did not contradict Satan when he told Jesus that he is in control of all of the kingdoms of the world.

Do not be surprised when the United States Government attacks the true believer in Jesus Christ the Lord. The day is coming when you will have to either stand up with Jesus or slide down the slippery slope into the pit with the rest of the world. The day is coming when you will have to make a real choice! Are you fully armed and ready to fight when the attack comes? Are you filled with the Holy Ghost and power of the Lord? When the attack comes the true born-again Christian will be ready, while the weak hypocrite who claims to be a Christian will fall with the world. The only option that you have is to either put on the whole

armor of God or to be overcome by Satan's surprise attack. The fully armed Christian will not be surprised by the attack but will be able to fend off the attack.

Jesus Christ is training you today to be prepared for Satan's mighty attack against both the church and the saint. Military training is no fun, but if you are going to survive the attack the training is necessary! Now is the time to make your calling and election sure! Now is the time to be prepared for the onslaught! Now is the time to sharpen your sword and be ready and able to fight in the day of battle!

So when the government starts to attack Christianity, churches, and individual Christians, do not be surprised. Jesus warned us about what is coming. Now is the time to prepare for the attack that is coming. Now is the time to sharpen your spiritual armor and become a stronger soldier in the Lord's army! Praise the Lord.

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