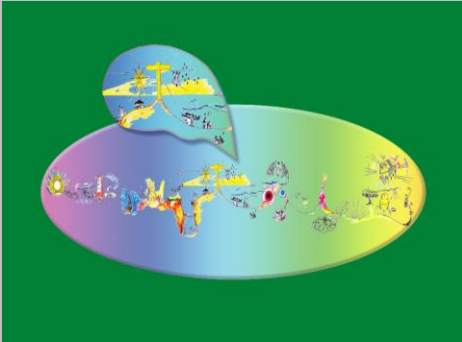


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# LETTER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

## 【JUDGMENT BROUGHT BY ASH CLOUD】

*“If you will return, O Israel, return to me,” declares the LORD. “If you put your detestable idols out of my sight and no longer go astray, and if in a truthful, just and righteous way you swear, ‘As surely as the LORD lives,’ then the nations will be blessed by him and in him they will glory.”*

*This is what the LORD says to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem: “Break up your unploughed ground and do not sow among thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, circumcise your hearts, you men of Judah and people of Jerusalem, or my wrath will break out and burn like fire because of the evil you have done— burn with no-one to quench it.....*

*At that time this people and Jerusalem will be told, “A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows towards my people, but not to winnow or cleanse; a wind too strong for that comes from me. Now I pronounce my judgments against them.”*

*Look! He advances like the clouds, his chariots come like a whirlwind, his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to us! We are ruined! O Jerusalem, wash the evil from your heart and be saved. How long will you harbour wicked thoughts?.....*

*They surround her like men guarding a field, because she has rebelled against me,’ ” declares the LORD.*

*“Your own conduct and actions have brought this upon you. This is your punishment. How bitter it is! How it pierces to the heart!”*

*Oh, my anguish, my anguish! I writhe in pain.*

*Oh, the agony of my heart! My heart pounds within me, I cannot keep silent. For I have heard the sound of the trumpet; I have heard the battle cry. Disaster follows disaster; the whole land lies in ruins. In an instant my tents are destroyed, my shelter in a moment. How long must I see the battle standard and hear the sound of the trumpet?*

*“My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good.”.....*

*“The whole land will be ruined, though I will not destroy it completely. Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not relent, I have decided and will not turn back.”* **JEREMIAH 4:1-28.**

Natural disasters and world's calamities seem to be on the increase; disasters are striking without giving us time to recover from previous ones. In January a devastating earthquake hit Haiti at 7.0 MMS, followed by the five hundred times more powerful Chilean earthquake at 8.8 MMS. It was reported that the earth was moved by 3.25 inches on its axis in February. In April a series of strong earthquakes struck the far western Tibetan area of China and it was measured as 6.9 MMS. On the same day, 14th April, Iceland's second volcano eruption in less than a month after a long period of inactivity since 1823 caused heavy flooding by melting part of a glacier. Smoke coming out of the top crater towered more than 6,000 metres in the air and the water flow in the northern part of the glacier rose by at least by 2.5 metres. Volcanic ash halted all UK flights and many in Europe for six days, and it was reported to result in the cancellation of 63,000 flights and to affect nearly seven million passengers. Airlines were not the only businesses paying a heavy price. Airport retailers and their extent retailers have been hit as well, with the estimated cost to the UK economy alone to be about £ 100 million a day. There were some people I knew among the twenty-seven million stranded overseas who were unable to get flights to Europe.

The influence of the Eyjafjallajokull glacier's eruption continues up to today and at the it is said that it would continue a few months and even up to sixty years. According to London's mayor, around 30,000 overseas visitors arrive by air every day at that time of year and they spend £ 17m in total. While there were many anxious tourists who worried about their safe and prompt return home, a business oriented comment was also heard: 'Tourism will obviously be affected to some extent but just as people can't get into the UK, people can't get out. So the people stranded in the UK will have to find places to stay and eat here, so they will be spending money here rather than abroad. This will offset at least some of the loss revenue to hotels and restaurants from people not being able to get here.'

Some have interpreted the phenomenon as God's warning message and judgment upon Europe and ever self-reliant human-beings. Actually, there has never been such a natural event capable of shaking all the nations globally at the same time. The Iceland's president, Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson is one of the first who repeatedly referred to the power of God in his interviews although he might have meant the power of "Mother Nature" adopted from a New Age philosophy. As for me, the passage of Jeremiah about the pronouncement of judgment upon His godless nation Israel came into my mind. In the quote at the beginning of this letter, God poetically expresses His means of judgment as a scorching whirlwind: "***A scorching wind from the barren heights in the desert blows towards my people...a wind too strong for that comes from me...He advances like the clouds, his chariots come like a whirlwind.***" This warning message is for those who know God and who should be obedient to Him, so, this can be applied to the Christians who believe in the same God as Israel and who should be obedient to Christ's commandment. Jews and Christians are both special people who are placed under God's covenants. All those specially related people to God have a responsibility to Him, in that they are required to give accounts of their deeds; how faithful they have been to Him. If they are faithful to Him, the Lord will continue to guide them into His kingdom but otherwise, he will warn those disobedient through natural- or human-means so as to finally

restore them into salvation because of His everlasting love.

Clifford Hill rightly explains why Europe has been hit first: ‘Why has Europe been first? Could it not be that Europe has been the most favoured continent, having had the word of God from the Apostolic Age? All the nations in Western Europe embraced the Christian faith and most of those in Eastern Europe. Throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century Western Europe sent missionaries all over the world and at the same time enjoyed great prosperity through mixing imperial expansion with evangelism. But Western Europe has largely turned away from the Christian faith and become the most secular continent in the world. Far from putting into practice the teaching of Jesus to be peacemakers and to show love and generosity to others, Western Europe has engulfed nations on every continent in their violent territorial wars and colonial empire building. They have selfishly enjoyed their vast riches while exploiting the poor and powerless. They have recklessly turned away from moral and spiritual truth. They have ignored the warning signs. We’ve seen the banks hit, the euro shaken, unemployment rising, family life fragmenting, crime and drug addiction increasing, social order disintegrating. Isn’t it time we started asking serious questions about what’s happening in the world? Surely the Western nations of Europe richly deserve the judgment of God and only repentance can lift the cloud of judgment that is presently over the continent!’ (C & M Ministries, News in April 2010)

According to a report, the ash of the volcano made its way from Iceland southwards to Turkey and beyond in a relatively few days, spreading over Britain, Ireland, northern-, eastern-, central- and southern Europe. Some warned a danger of nuclear war by referring to the fact that radiation is lighter than ash, which means the devastating global consequences of the use of nuclear weapons in the Middle East. Another report by a rabbi mentioned another miraculous side effect over the Middle East. Seeing the ash clouds dropping down over Israel, Iran and Syria planned an invasion into Israel because when the ash clouds reached her, Israel would be unable to have airplanes take off and land, and while her military function was tantalisingly paralised, their military campaign could be successful. However, the moment their plans were launched, an unexpected divine intervention took place. Suddenly the “*khamisin*” from the Sahara blew up the ash clouds back to the Mediterranean Sea and both countries’ plans went cold. This super- natural intervention by God reminded me of the ninth plagues of the biblical account of Egypt. At the time of Exodus, around 1446 BCE, God spoke of the plagues taking place over a ten- or eleven-month period, beginning in July or August and continuing into April or May the following year. According to the research based on modern epidemiological and scientific principles by Dr. John S Marr and Curtis Malloy, the ninth plague of ‘darkness’ was interpreted to be caused by a “*khamisin*”, a hot southerly wind sweeping in from the Sahara. This wind can produce fierce sandstorms during its season from March to May, typically lasting for two or three days. It has also been known to bury entire buildings and large monuments and to blot out the sun in a dark and dusty haze. Past storms actually helped the preservation of ancient Egyptian tombs and monuments by remaining buried for several thousand years. This “*khamisin*” sandstorm perfectly meets the biblical requests of timetable (before the Passover Feast) and other features of the plague. Likewise, Israel was miraculously protected from the lately planned invasion by Iran and Syria on Monday, 10th May.

There is also another story relevant to the effect of the eruption. While Iceland itself has remained relatively unscathed by it, apart from some flooding and a farm evacuation, much of Europe was reported to be severely disrupted. Among European countries Britain was the most affected. It has recently emerged that on the 14th April, the same day when the eruption took place in Iceland, the UK Advertising Standard Agency, ASA ruled to ban “Kotel”, i.e., the Wailing Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem from Israeli tourism advertisements following a

complaint that tourism advertisements containing a picture of the Western Wall with the Dome of the Rock in the background misleadingly implying that east Jerusalem is part of the State of Israel. ASA regarded images of the Western Wall in Israeli tourism ads in the UK, as false advertising. The Board of Deputies of British Jews argued that prohibiting a view of east Jerusalem in a tourism ad was absurd and offensive, and that thousands of tourists and pilgrims passed through Israel every year helped the Palestinian economy. In “The Independent” newspaper on 14th April, the reporter only mentioned the importance of the Dome of the Rock without attaching any significance to the Western Wall: ‘Images shown included the Wailing Wall and the Dome of the Rock- the oldest Islamic building in the world, built in the seventh century. The area in east Jerusalem is at the centre of a dispute between Palestinians and Jews, with more than 500,000 Jews living in the disputed territories.’

This offensive development, exhibiting ignorance of His Holy City where His own name has been engraved, might have triggered God’s wrath. If this is the case we have to seriously rethink the importance of Jewish religious site, the Wailing Wall. Its importance for the Jews is described as follows ([www.montrealpascher.com/Religious\\_significance.html](http://www.montrealpascher.com/Religious_significance.html)): ‘Jerusalem has been sacred to the Jews since King David proclaimed it his capital in the 10th century BCE. Jerusalem was the site of Solomon's Temple and the Second Temple. It is mentioned in the Bible 632 times. Today, the Western Wall, a remnant of the wall surrounding the Second Temple, is a Jewish holy site second only to the Holy of Holies on the Temple Mount itself. Synagogues around the world are traditionally built with the Holy Ark facing Jerusalem, and Arks within Jerusalem face the "Holy of Holies". As prescribed in the Mishna and codified in the *Shulchan Aruch*, daily prayers are recited while facing towards Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. Many Jews have " Mizrach" plaques hung on a wall of their homes to indicate the direction of prayer. The Jewish injunction to pray toward Jerusalem comes in the *Orach Chayim* section of *Shulchan Aruch* (94:1) — "When one rises to pray anywhere in the Diaspora, he should face towards the Land of Israel, directing himself also toward Jerusalem, the Temple, and the Holy of Holies."

There are many prophetic signs of the Second Coming of Christ described in the Scripture. Many believe that all of them are currently almost fulfilled and His Coming is very near. The “increase of natural disasters” is one of the signs as well as “wars and rumors of wars”, which Jesus expressed as birth pains, and we are already in them. More frequent, more severe and more intense hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters before then have been occurring, which means the whole earth has been shaken ([earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eqinthenews](http://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eqinthenews)). When Christ warned His disciples about the ‘great tribulation’ He also urged to observe the signs of the earth and heavens. It is said by earthquake experts that the world’s longest fault zone extends from Mt.Hermon, past the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, and further across the Red Sea, down Eastern Africa to Kenya, i.e., so called the “Jordan Rift Valley”. This fault line could unleash the largest earthquake in human history. The presence of the rift valley there is itself prophetically very significant because Zechariah prophesied a huge and sudden change of the landscape of Jerusalem and Israel in the end-times, when the Lord will open a way to escape for the Jews by earthquakes: ***‘On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel.... Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there will be no light, no cold or frost. It will be a unique day, without daytime or night-time —a day known to the LORD. When evening comes, there will be light. On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem...in summer and in winter’ (Zechariah 14:4-8).***