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In this Prophetic Page edition we are making use of one particular aspect of prophetic ministry:

### **The interpretation of *current* events as revealed to us by the Spirit of God.**

In addition to revelations concerning the future, the prophetic ministry also plays an important role in interpreting, according to God's will and purpose, current developments of major concern to us. Therefore this edition contains prophetic words from our team about the current situation here in Germany.

*"See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, 'Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.' **The words 'once more' indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe for our God is a consuming fire.**" (Hebrews 12:25-29)*

#### **Times of shaking**

Without doubt we find ourselves in a time of shaking! What is happening in the world, in our nation (especially with the refugee situation), as well as the current shakings within the church, paint a picture for us of the "once more" that we read about in the letter to Hebrews. They go so far as to show us the personal struggles of many disciples of Jesus and servants of God who often are literally facing life or death.

In these times of shaking it will be made clear: are we standing firm? What in the past was firmly founded in us as "everlasting" remains in us and shows itself in us as unshakable. What was not firmly founded in us is now being revealed! We sense that there is a great battle raging within us in these days. In all these shakings, where can we hold on? Do we have our hope in Jesus as an anchor, firm and secure, which "enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain"? (Hebrews 6:19). Are we hidden in Christ? Do we find calm in the storm in the presence of our almighty Father? If this is so, we are taken out of the turbulent flow of the shakings, out of the visible and into a gentle stream of peace and security in the Lord. The reality of Jesus and his kingdom must be the source of our lives. Whatever is unshakable and endures in us will also be visible! This truth should and must become more and more part of our being.

#### **Refugee situation in Germany**

We know that many of you are expecting a clear, explicit prophetic word from us, or at least want to receive a clear evaluation of current events and the course of action by our government. We understand that with the influx of refugees, God is placing us in a very stressful situation in

which there are no easy solutions. The tension will however work to make us more mature spiritually. We sense very strongly that we must distance ourselves from a "right or wrong" way of thinking or from classifying everything as decidedly "good or evil". The enemy has a plan to use the influx of refugees for his purposes, BUT - God also has a plan for this refugee situation and his plan comes first!

My sincere desire is that we all have confidence when the shakings come upon us, that we have joy in knowing that the Lord hears our prayers as we fall on our knees, and that we have thankfulness in our hearts for Jesus and his unshakable kingdom which enables us to overcome every challenge.

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Further contributions from the prophetic team:

- **Understanding what is happening in Germany today**
- **A vision of waves of prayer**
- **The "We" in "We will make it" is a wider concept than you think!**

#### **Understanding what is happening in Germany today – by Rosemarie Stresemann**

What is happening in this world is becoming increasingly unclear and confusing. And this awakens in everyone a desire for clarity. We are all in danger of looking for simple and straight forward answers and solutions to free us from our feelings of insecurity as quickly as possible. God however challenges us to live with this tension. He does not give in to our need for simple solutions, because he wants us to understand his ways and train us to be mature sons and daughters. For this we have to get back to the Hebrew way of thinking. This means to live and think in a world of "not only – but also". Some examples:

- Since Jesus the kingdom of God is already here, *but* it is also yet to come.
- God judges, *yet* is gracious. He is hidden *and* revealed.
- God is both merciful *and* righteous.
- The cross is the place of judgment for sin *and* redemption from sin – at the same time!
- *"... work out your salvation in fear and trembling for it is God who works in you to will and act according to his good purpose."* (Philippians 2:12-13)

Humanism is based on the logical Greek way of thinking (either-or). It seeks to release the tension in our lives but offers a false sense of security. At this time, when God is shaking everything that can be shaken, the foundation on which we stand is being put to the test. How far have we advanced in changing our way of thinking from Greek thinking to Biblical thinking?

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)*

### **Saying “yes” to a life with tension**

We need to be completely ready to live with the tension through which God challenges us so that we will not be misled at this time. The central issue is security. Where do I look for my security? Am I looking for security in simple answers and easy solutions?

If I do not look only to God for my security and seek a firm foundation only in him, then I can easily be led astray. The soul of man does not want to live under tension. We prefer to solve things in one way or another. Then we feel comfortable, we no longer need to struggle, we have an inner peace. God however does not want us to find peace apart from him. We live in this world in the tension between his **judgment** and his **grace**.

Only in the cross can this tension be released! In times of shaking God draws us to the cross. Much in our lives has not yet been put to death and we are hanging on to whatever we can without God. Paul however shows us the way to true security:

*“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:1-3)*

God does not offer a way to stand firm with “earthly things”, but he gives us the rights as citizens in an unshakable kingdom (Hebrews 12:28) and offers us **hope** as our foundation.

*“God did this so that ... we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.” (Hebrews 6:18)*

### **Where do you take hold in times of shaking?**

The enemy of God is always ready with his solutions which lead to death and not to life. He encourages you to react with hate, with envy, with pointing the finger and self-righteousness. And of course he offers himself as the one on whom you can take hold for complete security. (Worship me ... )

But when I hold on to Jesus, then I am holding on to life itself. It is not something rigid and inflexible, but pulsates and moves. Life with God is flowing. It sweeps me into the stream of life. Suddenly I no longer have solid ground under my feet as I am swimming in the flow of the Spirit. In this time of shaking, God wants to give us a firm hold based on our relationship to him, and not on a place of security that we have created for ourselves.

### **The refugee crisis is complex – how can we explain it?**

The prophetic words which God is speaking into the refugee crisis challenge us to grow in maturity. They speak right into the area of tension between judgment and grace. Both are present and real at this time!

There are words that clearly tell us that the enemy has an evil plan for Germany and for Europe with the influx of refugees. And there are words that tell us that God wants to bring positive changes into our land through the challenges of dealing with this influx of refugees and that we have the task of bringing in the ripe harvest. We worship God as the Lord of history – nothing happens in this world without his knowledge and approval.

As we look for explanations, let us get encouragement from God’s divine purposes as revealed to us by Jesus in John’s gospel. What happens, when Jesus goes away and the Holy Spirit comes?

*“When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.” (John 16:8-11)*

Through the working of the Holy Spirit a new world order is established at three levels, each explained separately, but destined to work together as one.

1. **About the sinfulness of the world.** Because of those who do not believe, the reality of sin in this world is made clear. The world is the place of the rebellion of humanity against God.
2. **About God’s salvation plan for the world.** Jesus himself told his disciples that it is good that he goes to the Father. This is God’s plan so that the Holy Spirit can come. Jesus will be seated at the right hand of the Father as Lord of all and at the same time the Holy Spirit will begin his time on earth. The **righteousness** that will then be revealed will be for the redemption of sinners.
3. **Judgment** goes hand in hand with sin and God’s plan of salvation. With the enthronement of Jesus, Satan is **at the same time** defeated, judged and condemned.

What does this mean in our time? Yes, there is sin in our land that is calling for God’s judgment. Yes, there is grace and redemption for humanity. And the enemy is defeated – and knowing this we can pray with faith and confidence.

### **Sin in our land that demands judgment**

We must not close our eyes to the fact that God would have every right to judge this nation. How do we know this? One measure of sinfulness against which God judges nations is their relationship with Israel. When we look at Germany’s current political treatment of Israel, we sense that, 70 years after World War II and a long period of God’s grace, Germany does not clearly stand on the side of Israel. This is seen for example in the demand over many years for a two-state solution that would include dividing the land and the city of Jerusalem. It is also seen when Germany abstains when Israel is condemned by a resolution in the UN or on the issue of whether the non-state of “Palestine” can hoist its flag in front of the UN building in New York.

The signature of Germany on the “Iran deal” will have serious consequences in the face of Iran’s clearly stated intent to annihilate the state of Israel.

If we look even further into our society and see how we are constantly moving away from God’s standards (abortion, life-partnership laws, gender ideology, etc.), then we quickly discover many reasons for God to judge the nations. Alongside this we have Christianity which is now predominately lukewarm and does not stand against this decline but instead often promotes it.

### **Impact of grace and redemption on our land**

On the other hand we see many signs of God’s grace. There is a strong increase in prayer and worship. A greater sense of God’s presence has been clearly felt at large events such as Awakening Europe and the Global Gathering. Amid all the challenges, God has always been graciously speaking words of encouragement and promise for our land in many ways, and many have been the subject of contributions to the Prophetic Page in previous editions.

Above all we must recognise God’s revelation to us regarding judgment. The enemy now stands condemned! Grace and mercy have more power than sin and judgment.

### **The importance of mercy to avert judgment and to release the tension between judgment and grace**

In the complex realisation of sin, redemption, grace and judgment, we must consider another deciding factor from the biblical viewpoint: mercy. To understand what is now happening in our land, we must look into the importance that mercy has in God’s eyes to avert judgment.

*“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.” (James 2:12-13)*

Jesus demonstrates how mercy triumphs over judgment as the Pharisees demanded a verdict from him based on God’s laws. It concerned a woman who had been caught in adultery.

*“Jesus straightened up and asked her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir’, she said. ‘Then neither do I condemn you’, Jesus declared. ‘Go now and leave your life of sin.’” (John 8:10-11)*

Jesus also sets the extent to which the nations have shown mercy as his own measure against which he will judge the nations and as the way to avert judgment.

*“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something*

*to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’” (Matthew 25:31-36)*

Jesus taught his disciples:

*“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” (Luke 6:36-37)*

This divine mercy requires that we no longer judge others but offer them forgiveness. And a promise comes with such action: to whoever shows mercy, God will show mercy.

The measure to which we show mercy also applies to our land. God looks into our hearts and watches how we handle the refugees – irrespective of whether they all have a good reason to be here or only a hidden motive. The act of showing mercy must never be dependent on how much sin may be involved.

We cannot pray for grace and mercy for our land if we harden our hearts to the weak and those who are suffering. As God the Father sent Jesus into the world, so Jesus has now sent us into the world. And in this time of crisis, we must take a position. On which side to we stand?

### **In this world – but not of this world**

After 70 years we are being put to the test that we failed in 1933. We are not yet free from the racism in the form of a deadly ideology that led to the annihilation of six million Jews, nor from nationalism. Christianity has not yet learnt in times of crisis to keep the Kingdom of God and the nation separate. The highly acclaimed power take-over by Hitler, who was hailed by many Christians as a saviour, was in part due to a long tradition of occultism and idol worship in our nation. God’s kingdom and the German empire were theologically linked in an evil way. There has been much repentance for the past. But true repentance brings fruit. What fruit do we see in our land until now? Have we learnt to no longer equate God’s kingdom with Germany? We are in this world – but no longer of this world. We are ambassadors (messengers) of Christ. What message are we proclaiming? We are in great danger of the “Nazi spirit” again gaining ground in the thoughts and actions of people in Germany. We as Christians must clearly say: “The German nation is not something holy that we have to protect. Germany must be saved. The kingdom of God must come into our land.” Only God can protect our nation – he wants to use us in the power of the Holy Spirit. The enemy however wants to revive the power of Nazism and is looking for people to join him. Historically we as Christians are standing before the test: have we learnt the lessons of 1933-1945? What kind of saviour are we looking for now? We were once known as the most merciless country in the world. We had a government that propagated rigid discipline and ruthlessness as the solution to the problems of our land. Could it be that God desires Germany to be known as a

land of mercy? What will remain in this land if we now refuse to be merciful?

God is showing us a way to avert his judgment as individuals and as a nation through deeds of mercy. Only then can we ask him for mercy.

Let us take Isaiah 58 as a promise for our land. At first God speaks of the sins and rebellion of his people Israel. He then indicates a way of healing if they show mercy:

*“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? **Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.**”*  
(Isaiah 58:6-9)

#### **Have we signs that God’s grace is already at work?**

For the first time German TV reported mass baptisms as more and more refugees, especially from Iran, are coming to faith in our land. In Berlin an independent Lutheran church recently baptised its 1000<sup>th</sup> Iranian. The conversions have been carefully verified and baptism follows extensive discipleship training. Before the Iranians came, the church faced closure as it had so few members. Christians who are actively working with refugees tell of a great openness for the gospel. New believers develop such a zeal that they already sharing the gospel with their German social workers!

What is God doing? Where the harvest is ripe God is looking for harvesters and we need intercessors to pray for this harvest. Many Arab Christians are ready to help with the harvest in Germany. Instead of Islam taking over our land, people need to be delivered out of Islam by the gospel. They now have for the first time an opportunity to see the light and to be born again. However for this we need loving hearts and prayers in faith. There is a battle in the Spirit in our land. The many promises of God for us will not just fall into our lap. God is looking for our faith, our mercy and our readiness to commit ourselves totally to him!

#### **A vision of waves of prayer – by Gabriele Trinkle**

After the terror attacks in Paris in November 2015 I was angry with God. “How could you allow this to happen?”, I cried. After a while I calmed down and God spoke gently and lovingly to me: *“I want to show you something – watch carefully.”*

He showed me a wave moving from west to east. The wave extended from Scotland to the Mediterranean. It was as clear as glass and filled with intercessors. It was a “wave of prayer”. No-one was standing or sitting. All were on their knees and some fell on their faces before God from time to time. I saw nothing but prayer and supplication in complete unity. I saw men like Hudson

Taylor (China Inland Mission) and many others from the past 250 to 300 years. Many were left “stranded” over some countries, especially the Arab lands, and served there, but a large number went on as far as China and Japan. The prayer wave was moving in the power of the Spirit from Europe to Asia bringing the Word of God and proclaiming Jesus. However, as the years went by, the wave died down to almost nothing.

For a long time I could not see anything. I asked God: *“Is nothing spiritual now going from Europe to Asia?”* He answered: *“Yes, but very little, and unfortunately not with the power of prayer. But look what is happening now.”* Slowly and surely another wave appeared. This wave extended from the north of Siberia, over Japan, Taiwan and the Philippines, as far as the Indian Ocean and was moving towards Europe. It was again as clear as glass. To my surprise this wave was again filled with people praying. They had arranged themselves and were guided as if by an invisible hand, very strategically aligned in unison. There were more and more people praying. They were all on their knees but none had fallen on their faces. By their manner they could not be Christians – they were Muslims. I was shocked to see that the people in this wave were more numerous than the Christians in the first wave. Suddenly I was horrified when the wave developed into a tsunami - a tsunami wave full of praying Muslims. They knelt shoulder to shoulder, row by row – a tremendous number. I called out to God: *“Help! How can we come against this tsunami wave? What can we do, and how? You surely have an answer and a strategic plan for us!”*

At the same time I saw another huge tsunami rushing towards us. The nearer it came, the higher the water rose, and the more intercessors were in the wave. It was really awesome. There were now two “waves of prayer” - one from west to east, quite normal and comforting, the other from east to west and anything but comforting.

Then God spoke once more. His voice was powerful and clear: *“Of course I have an answer, a strategic plan! But you must agree to it! There is only one way to help you. The strategy is prayer. Corporate prayer on your knees! Ask me for help, instruction and guidance – and then wait until I speak! I will speak to you. I will lead and guide you. I am the God of creation – I will do a new thing in you. Do not look for the former things. You must ask me for every detail and carefully follow my every instruction! I am God – and I will guide you through this battle! Call the intercessors together – come together in unity.”*

#### **An interpretation of the vision – by Ortwin Schweitzer**

The day after I had read the vision, the Moravian watchword for the day was:

*“What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.”* But it continues as follows:

*“This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.”* (1 Corinthians 2:12-13)



These words encouraged me to pass my interpretation of the vision on to you. As I read the vision it became clear to me that the regular prayer of Muslims – five times a day – is the spiritual power of Islam. Their prayers are continuously releasing the spiritual power of darkness into the unseen world.

At this time we are witnesses to the break-down of the “House of Islam” as God is bringing unimaginable upheaval into the Islamic world. Jesus himself said:

*“Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand.”*  
(Matthew 12:25)

For many years now, we are seeing an increasing disunity within different Islamic groups. The result is the unending stream of people who are flooding into Europe, fleeing from their fellow Muslims. In our land they are here experiencing a love and care that they have never known in their culture. This makes them open for the gospel and we should tell them of our loving Father-God. I am convinced that this is the time of the great harvest that Jesus talked about. However, when people are uprooted and insecure and on the other hand also open, despite everything they automatically keep praying as they have been taught since childhood. The call of the Muezzin comes through their mobile phone – and we cannot stop this.

But against this wave of Islamic prayer we can raise a wave of prayer to God. The power of one wave is cancelled by the power of an oncoming wave. Prayer is the greatest power at our disposal. And when we pray to God with all our hearts at all times, all the powers of darkness will be broken! Therefore I want to encourage all my brothers and sisters in the faith. Come out of your comfort zone and follow the example of the Muslims in their zeal and discipline for prayer, but in the knowledge that we worship the one and only true God, three in one, who is completing his divine plans in our time.

#### **“Count on my strength, Germany” – by Rolf Engert**

*“If I had not allowed all this to happen, Germany would have fallen into a deep, permanent sleep. For too long you have thought only of yourself. I want to wake up this nation to realise its full potential. So much energy and creativity lies hidden in this nation. Do not focus on what seems impossible, but what is possible! If Germany limits itself to its own strength, my plans for it will not succeed. Christians in Germany: **count on my strength**, on the riches in my kingdom, on what I can do. Say: ‘I can do nothing, but with YOU in me I can succeed in all things’.*

*“Would I have given this land such abundance in all these years only for it to use this prosperity for itself? I have over the decades built a store-house to feed the people (like Joseph’s grain store in Genesis 41:47-57). Germany is my store-house. In the natural and the super-natural. Do not ask: ‘What will become of us, how can we make it, what will be left over at the end?’ This was not your plan, it was*

*my initiative. I have a purpose. So my people: do not try to block it. You will not succeed. What I have decided to do will be done!*

*“This stream of refugees into Germany will be for a sign to all peoples and nations. Do not bury your treasure (spiritual and material), but share it. I am about to sift this land - to test the hearts – to separate the wheat from the chaff. My son, my daughter, give me your heart! Extend the hem of your garment – there is enough for all. You are known for your strength. Do not hold back, do not be afraid! Strengthen the weak in their faith.*

*“Create a network to stand in prayer with other Christians for the concerns of your nation. Do not believe everything you hear and see in the news. Read between the lines. Pray for my Spirit to bring truth and clarity into the darkness. And my children: do not be anxious – I am your peace. Am I not within you? Pray for the government – Angela Merkel – she is carrying a heavy load and is under much pressure. She stands alone – but I am with her!”*

#### **The “We” in “We will make it” is a wider concept than you think! – by Kerstin Hack**

Recently I read about the concern of politicians that the challenges of the refugee situation are too big for us.

Jesus then spoke to me: *“It is a big mistake to think that the ‘We’ in ‘We will make it’ [a quote from Angela Merkel] only includes the German people and that the newcomers are only passive aid recipients. The opposite is true. People groups have great potential to find solutions to the problems which they face. The present situation offers the chance for healing and a new relationship between Germans and migrants who have lived here for a long time. Actually, the challenges for the politicians and the “native Germans” are too great for them alone, but together with the migrants who have lived here for a long time and the refugees who also want to actively contribute, the situation can be mastered. And, by the way, include me also in the ‘We’.”*

For example: In Berlin where I live, native Germans, migrants, and refugees who have been here for a few months are working together to tackle the challenges. A Christian from Egypt who has been here a long time plays music in homes for asylum seekers on holidays. Germans, migrants and refugees have joined his band. In North-Rhine Westphalia, a Turkish lady is organising transport and accommodation using Facebook for refugees who arrive late at night.

No-one has to face the challenges alone. Together “we can make it”.

**Note:** The full text of the Prophetic Page is available in German on the Call of the Watchmen website at:

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