

CALL OF THE WATCHMEN

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To behold and know the greatness and glory of God

In September we said that we wanted to seek God together in our prayer groups and experience a “spiritual turning point” all over our land. We have now received from you many reports of deep encounters with God. In this month we now want to focus on God himself, as he wants to lead us into a new understanding of his greatness and glory. Current political prayer concerns may again be woven into your prayer times.

This time *Markus Egli*, who is the leader of our “Prophetic Page” ministry, will give us a prophetic insight into the times in which we live. Again we welcome your feedback.

A new era – as seen from three different aspects, showing how God himself, the Lord of space and time, makes it clear that HE continues to act.

(1) A NEW TIME FOR GERMANY

At the conference in Leipzig “A New Time” (2013) all those present were aware that God was really using this occasion for “a new time” for Germany and Europe to break through. We then came to know that the Lord hears the confession of sin, not only on a personal but also on a national level, and forgives, and that the process of forgiveness of sin passes through increasingly deeper levels. It like going around in a spiral where on each turn the same issues are again confessed, but treated with deeper significance. It’s not about us digging deeper into our guilt, but about how we respond to God’s instruction and overall guidance. Prophets and apostles internationally have assured us as a nation that our confessed sins are indeed forgiven. They encouraged us to move forward and to serve and bless the nations, above all Israel.

(2) NEW EXPERIENCE OF FORGIVENESS AND BEING TOGETHER IN THE MIDDLE EAST

The understanding of the call of Egypt, Assyria and Israel according to Isaiah 19:23-25 took on a new meaning. Until recently, replacement theology (the concept that the church has “replaced” Israel and the Jewish people in God’s plan of redemption – with its roots in Alexandria) was prevalent amongst Egyptian believers. Here a definite change has to be put on record. I myself experienced in Egypt a remarkable conversion from replacement theology as Jewish leaders asked for forgiveness from their Egyptian friends. They were sorry that they had not been able to show the appropriate respect for the birth-right of Ishmael as the first-born son, which entailed spiritual demands as well as cultural claims. Israel had also not thanked Egypt enough that they as a people were taken in during a famine in Biblical times and were saved from starvation. Thanks were also missing that according to Scripture the Saviour was called “out of Egypt”. *“We thank Egypt that they took in Jesus when he could find no safety in our land”* they said, and again spoke out about the important identity of Egypt, especially in the end times. Through these confessions age-old spiritual strongholds were broken down.

Already in 2008 the Lord had prompted a small international group to cause spiritual waves in the areas of “economic power” and “religious power structures” by calling out Psalm 2 and TOGETHER proclaiming *“Jesus has a body on the earth which works in unity with Him and with one another”*. It was surprising for everyone that this proclamation of unity (and many others worldwide have prayed in a similar way) set off the first global shaking in the financial sector (Lehman Brothers collapse). Ten years later a larger group of representatives from 40 nations were led to Aswan in Egypt (where the all the waters of the Nile come together for the first time) to make the same proclamation. As we were praying to the Lord, we were amazed by the strongly felt presence of God, which eventually brought us to proclaim: *“Jesus is Lord over all nations!”* The awesome fear of God grew into a “rumble” and eventually into a “roar of the Lion of Judah”, which actually lasted for an hour. After this prayer time some were really hoarse, but we were touched by the confirmation of the reality of God. The consequence of this prayer time was astounding. At this time a storm swept across the length of Japan and we received the report that the greatest golden idol statue in the land had been thrown down. Pictures in the Internet showed the shattered face of the idol on the three concrete steps. This was the second indication that the Lord is really shaking the worldwide economic and religious power blocks and symbols.

(3) THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL: Gatherings with unity of spirit and deep devotion to God, together listening to Him.

In the recent “Gatherings” in Korea, Japan, Hongkong and France (where representatives from Great Britain, France and the German speaking regions met together), the same spirit of unity led us to recognise and declare, with even more conscious awareness: *“We are one body - as Jesus prayed in John 17:20-23 – and bound together in the Lord and in one Spirit!”* See also 1 Corinthians 6:17 where unity literally means “to be glued” to the Lord, where separation is no longer possible without causing damage. And with ever increasing awe, Psalm 2 was called out over the nations as a warning to all kings and rulers. It is part of the new era that shakings at the political and economic level go hand in hand with greater effect and increasingly clear manifestations of the kingdom of God among us. Throughout the history of the church there were always these moments at the start of something new during times of great difficulties.

A new era is always the confirmation that God himself is faithful through the centuries and never abandons the principles in His Word. It is our hope that longstanding negative developments, both spiritually and morally, cannot continue of themselves for ever. The fact that at the same time a greater desire to seek God and the reality of his presence on this earth is being awakened in many people, points to a "breeding time" for the Holy Spirit that is already in process to give birth to a new era. People are deeply aware that something is changing without perhaps being able to describe exactly what is happening. It is like the announcement of a new life. A hunger in spirit often manifests itself without people already knowing what they are actually looking for.

-Markus Egli-

How exactly does this new era effect our prayer time?

- As intercessors we can approach our great God in a new way and trust him more than ever as we call out: *You have the power and we trust you – through all the shakings!*
- As intercessors we come into a new level of maturity and know in a deeper way "him who is from the beginning" (1 John 2:3). We have the invitation to come to a new level of prayer that seeks to know the greatness and character of God. This knowledge leads us into worship and into the deeper peace that Jesus Christ himself is (Ephesians 2:14).
- Filled with this knowledge we no longer pray "from one need to another", but together proclaim that God will be glorified and make himself known. "For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." (Matthew 6:13).

This month we want to begin our prayer time with help from one of the apostolic prayers. Take time for this and pray and praise through these three sections. Each section can be prayed with regard to you yourselves, to your church or community, or to the land.

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NIV)

Section 1: Thanking and asking to know God better.

"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him better."

- **Give thanks for the churches and prayer groups in your city and for the entire body of Christ in Germany.**
- **Pray for an increasing knowledge of God for yourself, in your prayer group, in the church and in the land (in politics and specific areas of society).**

Section 2: Praying for the eyes of your heart to be enlightened.

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart will be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."

- **Pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten the eyes of your heart to reveal to you the purposes of God for the future, for yourself, your prayer group, your church and our nation. (See also Jeremiah 29:11)**

Section 3: The Lordship of Christ above all rule and authority, power and dominion.

"That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."

- **Think about the greatness, position and power of Jesus Christ and that of his body, the church. Then proclaim his Lordship over Germany and all those with political and social authority.**

-Alexander Schlüter-

Dates for your prayer diary

- 03.10. **Day of German Unity with church services giving thanks in many cities** (<https://3-oktober.de>)
- 03.10.-09.11. **Prayer Walk along the former East-West German border** (<https://betenbewegen.de/>)
- 09.10. **Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)**
- 14.10.-19.10. **Succoth (Feast of Tabernacles)**
- 27.10. **State elections in Thuringia**

Many blessings as you consider the greatness and glory of God
from Rosemarie Stresemann, Alexander Schlüter and Team