

SIMPLE PARABLE... GREAT PROPHECY

As our creator, God has given the human race every opportunity to come to know him. He has woven his handiwork into every aspect of creation... his creative designs can be measured in the billions. He has given us a soul and mind like no other living being in the universe. He has offered us reconciliation for six thousand years... through his messengers, his prophets, kings... even his own son... but we seem reluctant to listen. God has also provided us with an enduring legacy... his word, the Bible. The bible is a book of history, of spiritual detail, of revelation, of prophecy, of invitation and of common sense.

One of the common ways that God reveals himself is through parables... simple stories that have spiritual themes woven through them. Every now and then, some of these parables contain surprisingly more than we realise... concealing overwhelming prophetic truths... this parable is one such revelation.

The following parable reveals a basic truth about house building standards, but also overlaps it with a spiritual theme about life and death... then comes the awe inspiring prophecy.

First we will look at the obvious.

MAT 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a **rock**: *God is comparing those who take his advice with those who don't... the example is based on building a house. He wants us to learn from the example.*

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a **rock**. *A building (our life), needs to be securely attached to a good foundation... if not the pressures of life, like the storms and wind will do permanent damage. If we are secured through the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be spared from the destruction.*

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the **sand**: *one is safe, one is not...*

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and **great** was the fall of it. *The flood and winds are symbolic of the passing of our lives... at the end there will be total loss or eternal life. That is the main theme of this parable... life or death... you choose by the foundation you build on. You choose by accepting God's offer, or by rejecting it. Physical death is a certain event for every human... is that enough motivation to get you to do something about it? God wants you to choose life, let him become your foundation.. receive the Holy Spirit and walk in it... survive the final storm. This is a wonderful encouragement to choose the true Christian lifestyle with all of its benefits.*

Now for the embedded prophecy... a powerful expose of modern life made two thousand years ahead of its time. Let's start at the beginning. Back in the Garden of Eden, God gave the human race a choice. Accept God's advice and follow his directions by eating of the tree of life... to live within the power of God's Spirit... likened to building our life on the rock. The alternative was to live by the power of his own knowledge... the opposite to what God recommended... to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Most of the human race rejected God's ways, so we build our own foundation on the sand! 'Sand' being the key word to the prophecy.

Let's look at the prophetic verse... 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the **sand**:

Almost every aspect of human life has been built upon sand.

Sand is used extensively in the manufacture of bricks, mortar, cement, concrete, plasters, paving materials, asphalt roads, pottery, pigments, etc. It is also used in the metallurgical industry, in the filtration of water, in pottery making, in glassmaking, in the manufacture of explosives, and as an abrasive. Other industrial uses are numerous. All metal castings are made in sand casts. Sand is an absolute essential to our modern race.

However, the most important use of sand is in modern electronics. The computer chip is made from sand. Even optic fibres are made from sand. When we consider our dependence upon computers and computer chips, we realise that all of our modern nations, their power grids, their hospitals, their industries, their household appliances, their food chain, their transport, their communication networks... even their military defence is all based upon sand... that's right, the foundation of all human life relies upon sand!

This is a staggering prophecy, revealing the sure knowledge of an all knowing and all caring God.

Let's look at the final storm... all that is built upon the sand shall be destroyed.

2PET 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the **works** that are therein shall be burned up.

11 *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, This is a very good reason to change your foundation to Jesus Christ. Repent, be baptised and receive the power of the Holy Spirit.*