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PREPRAYER

Join us as we prepare in prayer for

“IN THIS FINAL HOUR”

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PREPRAYER** for "In This Final Hour" SEMINAR and LIVESTREAM

The unmistakable sound of the Shofar could be heard coming from the wall surrounding Jerusalem, echoing across the sun-scorched valley. The blowing of the trumpet heralded great public distress and was used to summon the people. It was the first century B.C. and a severe drought was threatening the very existence of the city. So the city elders called for the people to gather outside the city walls. Then they sent for Honi.

Honi was an old man who, after this day, became known as the Circle-Drawer. Because when he was summoned, the elders asked him, "Pray that rain may fall." Honi prayed, but nothing happened. So he drew a circle around himself in the dust of the ground, and prayed again, "O Lord of the world, Your children have turned their faces to me... I swear by Your great name that I will not stir from here until You have pity on Your children."

The rain began to fall, one large drop at a time. But Honi protested, "Not for such rain have I prayed, but for rain that will fill the cisterns, pits, and caverns."

In answer to his prayer, the heavens opened and the waters descended in a violent gully-washer that threatened to flood the city. So once again, Honi pleaded, "Not for such rain have I prayed, but for rain of goodwill, blessing and graciousness." It is said, and recorded by the Jewish historian, Josephus, that in response to Honi's third prayer, a long, soaking rain began to fall that ended the three-year drought.¹ Honi had prevailed in prayer?²

¹ (Footnote revised 1/14/16) The story I've shared about Honi is based on the writings of Josephus, a first-century scholar and very credible historian who was born in Jerusalem shortly after the first coming of Jesus Christ. His writings are held in high regard, and have been used by the secular world as the primary source for both Jewish and Christian history.

² Taken from *The Daniel Prayer*; Chapter 7; Anne Graham Lotz; by permission Zondervan Publishing; May 2016

As I look ahead to my seminar at The Cove November 10-12, I invite you to join me in drawing a circle around it. Please pray for those on the platform including Fernando Ortega who will lead in worship, Traynor Reitmeier who will emcee and lead a workshop on effective witnessing, and myself. Pray for the attendees who will be sitting in the audience, and those who will join us by LIVESTREAM. In This Final Hour, would you draw your own circle? Then pray for everything that's inside of it.



...Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate... Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing. Joel 2:13-14

O God of creation. We bow before You acknowledging Your greatness and Your glory. No one compares to You. No one is Your equal. We look at Your creation and marvel at the infinite power and wisdom that are Yours. Nothing is beyond Your reach. "You bring out all the starry host one by one, and call them each by name. Because of Your great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing...You pitch a tent for the sun...It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is hidden from its heat...Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there."³ There is nowhere in all the Universe where You are not. Surely Your arm "...is not too short to save, nor [Your] ear too dull to hear."⁴

Yet we honestly confess: when a gunman opens fire on concert goers in Las Vegas; when record-breaking floods ravage the Gulf Coast; when record-breaking winds sweep up the Florida peninsula; when not just one, but two hurricanes flatten US

³ Isaiah 40:25-26, Psalm 19:4, 6; 139:7-8

⁴ Isaiah 59:1

Territories in the Caribbean; when forest fires burn thousands of homes and continue to rage out of control; when our nation seems frozen in political, social, and racial polarization...what's going on? *Where are You?*

We are tempted to think You are...

Distracted...disengaged...disinterested,
Inattentive...inactive...impotent,
Out-maneuvered...out-moded...out-classed,
Unable...unaffected...and even unaware...

of our fear... our helplessness...our confusion...our outrage. Why do You seem so small while our problems, disasters, and enemies seem so large?

Help us to regain our focus. Use The Cove Seminar and Livestream for this purpose.

God of our fathers. Lord of the nations. You are the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. No one can understand Your ways. But we turn to You. We return to You. Now. "Are You not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in Your hand, and no one can withstand You."⁵

As we look ahead to the Seminar and Livestream, we choose to place our trust in You. If "...the kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord,"⁶ we trust in You. If " ...the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging,"⁷ we trust in You. Though "...nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall...,"⁸ we trust in You. When "...the wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright...,"⁹ we trust in You. We trust You. *We trust You!*

⁵ 2 Chronicles 20:6

⁶ Psalm 2:2

⁷ Psalm 46:2-3

⁸ Psalm 46:6

⁹ Psalm 37:14

Teach us, In This Final Hour, to trust You more.

Most Holy God. As we draw a circle around not only The Cove seminar, but around ourselves, we want to make sure everything is right with You in that circle. So we confess our sin. You are righteous. We are not. You always do the right thing. We have done wrong. We are covered with shame because we know better. We have had generations of blessing and prosperity, yet we have refused to thank You, and instead give ourselves credit for what has come from Your hand. We have agreed with those who contradict Your Word. We have turned away from Your truth, and believed lies. We have treated life casually. We have destroyed our environment selfishly. We have passed by the needy uncaringly. We have demanded entitlements defiantly. We have not listened to those who have warned us of the consequences of drifting from You.

And now, the desire of our hearts In This Final Hour, is that You use us for Your glory. We pray for ourselves and all those at The Cove and those watching by Livestream: make us into vessels of honor, instruments “...for noble purposes, made holy, useful to our Master and prepared to do any good work.”¹⁰ I know the night is coming when work for You will cease.¹¹ Help us to redeem the time. Use us now for Your Kingdom and Your glory. Open our lips to boldly and fearlessly make known the Gospel:¹² the Good News of redemption for the past...hope for the future... joy for the present regardless of circumstances... love that is unconditional, boundless, and eternal¹³...found at the Cross. Open our lips to just give Jesus to a world that is increasingly desperate. Use us as ambassadors of peace on earth by first leading people into a right relationship with You, then with each other. When the world around us unravels, help us to stand strong on our faith in You. And when people see us standing strong, help them to see You.

¹⁰ 2 Timothy 2:21

¹¹ John 9:4

¹² Ephesians 6:19

¹³ Ephesians 3:14-19

And now, God of grace, as we preprayer for the Livestream, we ask bottom-line that You fill our circles with Your glory. Send down Your Holy Spirit in fullness on the messages, the worship music, and the workshops. Ignite the fire of revival in our own hearts. Protect us. Defend us. Comfort us. Empower us. Equip us as we put on the full armor of God so that we can stand against the devil's schemes...so that when the day of evil comes, we may be able to stand our ground...taking up the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God...and pray. With this in mind, we remain self-controlled and alert while we keep on praying until we prevail in prayer.¹⁴ And we keep on watching expectantly. Is this year, the year of Your return? We hope so!
*Come Lord Jesus!*¹⁵

For the glory of Your name...

Amen

***This prayer has been adapted from [111: Preprayer for the New Year](#),
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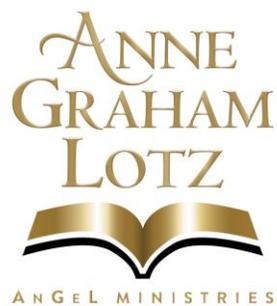
¹⁴ Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Peter 4:7

¹⁵ Revelation 22:20

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