Brain Massage[®]: Show No. 921 The Asbury "Revival" — Is it Real?

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1 Segment.01 Hello. I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor of the

2 Lighthouse Baptist Church in Santa Maria, CA—and your brain

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4 In 1999-2000 Lighthouse was distributing a cassette with a message

titled A Pastor's Apology on one track and One Nation Under God
on the second track. I used God's message through Jeremiah at the
time God was turning Jerusalem over to a foreign power for
chastisement—because Judah had forgotten GOD, and every
nation that forgets God is turned into Hell (Psalm 9:17). To be

10 turned "into hell" is to be delivered over to the power of death.

Included in God's judgment against Jerusalem was removal of her
defenses—"Take away her battlements; for they are not the
LORD's" (Jeremiah 5:10). "Her battlements" refers to her military
preparedness and defenses.

I noticed Jeremiah's warning to Jerusalem was that God would turn 15 16 them over to the power of Babylon (Jeremiah 20:4-6; 21:2-10; 17 22:25; 25:1-12; 27:6-22 (my servant)), which is east of Jerusalem 18 (Isaiah 41:2 speaks of a ruler to whom God would subdue the kings 19 of the earth as dust at his feet — This is likely a reference to Cyrus, 20 who is named in Isaiah 44:28, and called God's shepherd. Cyrus, 21 king of Persia, conquered Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon — both were 22 stirred up by God to execute His judgment from the east-23 described as a mighty east wind. Nebuchadnezzar was stirred up in 24 the east to begin their time of captivity, and Cyrus was sent from 25 the east to end it.)

So, the point is, Jerusalem's oppressors would come from the east,
and, according to Jeremiah, they would come down on Jerusalem
from the north (Jeremiah 1:13-14 — "Out of the north an evil shall
break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land" and this is what

Nebuchadnezzar did — God gave into his power all the kingdoms
of the north, and he brought that power down on Jerusalem from
the north—see Jeremiah 4:6; 6:1, 22; 10:22; 13:20; 25:9).

33 I heard of Clinton's betrayal of our country to the CCP providing access to our secrets, allowing them to steal our 34 35 blueprints for our weapons from Year of the Rat,¹ and Red Dragon $Rising^2$ — and I began to put together, in a somewhat poetic style, 36 the message that God was saying to America - "take away her 37 battlements, for they are NOT THE LORD's" — that He would stir 38 enemies out of the east, that would come down upon us from our 39 40 northern border — I laid out every indictment God pronounced upon Jerusalem by Jeremiah, and showed how each applied to 41 42 America — and I called on Christians to repent and turn to GOD, 43 as Jeremiah did — "Return," he cried to his fellow countrymen, "Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not 44 45 cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever" (Jeremiah 3:12). 46

47 I believed the answer, the solution, given by God through Jeremiah to Judah was particularly applicable to believers in America: "Thus 48 49 saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find 50 51 rest for your souls" (Jeremiah 6:16) - and we adopted this as our 52 ministry theme verse for the Lighthouse — and I challenged our 53 church and our community to beware we do not return the answer 54 they did! For that verse ends on a very sad way: "But they said, We will not walk therein." 55

- 56 Imagine our horror when 9/11 happened—for even though this
- 57 attack, it appears, did not originate in China, it was from the east—
- 58 so it stirred things up-but now, today, it's easy to see how

¹ Timperlake, Edward, and Triplett II, William C., Year of the Rat — How Bill Clinton Compromised U.S. Security for Chinese Cash, Regnery Publishing, Inc., 1998

² Timperlake. Edward and Triplett II, William C., *Red Dragon Rising — Communist China's military threat to America*, Regnery Publishing, Inc., 1999 — dedicated to the fallen in Tiananmen Square, June 4, 1989.

59 prescient was our message back then, and how apropos the 60 warning, and call to return to the OLD PATHS — and our notice how few responded, how many said, "we will not walk therein." 61 62 Strange — I live near Vandenberg AFB, and se we often hear the rockets thrusting into space from Slick Six — the roar of the 63 rockets shake our houses thirty-forty miles away-at just the 64 65 moment I was typing "we will not walk therein," a rocket launch 66 began rattling my office windows and shaking our house! It was 67 eerie!

68 Let's just dismiss it as a coincidence—okay! Like so many in our
69 community dismissed our message back in 1999-2000. Haha!

Anyway — this is not a usual opening for a Brain Massage[®] — but, then, we are not living in usual times! I'm going to talk to you about some things I brought out in a message I preached following 9/11 2001 — some of you might remember — I spoke of the truth our land was sick, and needed healing, and what must be done to secure that healing for our sick land!

76 We need REVIVAL! And we have longed for revival and sought for 77 it — so when we hear of stirrings in Asbury, Kentucky, we get 78 excited. Even Bongino has been touched by the reports coming out 79 of Asbury-whether or not what is happening in Kentucky is the 80 beginnings of a nationwide turning to God for our nation-this 81 shows that there is a heightened awareness of our need for GOD in 82 America right now—so, let's take a look at the REVIVAL that we 83 need.

By the way, I'll be preaching Sunday am, and pm on this subject and if ever you thought about coming by the Lighthouse, this would be the Sunday to come. I'm teaching biblical prophecy at 9:30 am, and our morning worship service begins at 10:45 Sunday morning and evening worship begins at 5 pm. Nursery and children's services are available, or you can keep your children with you. You are invited to the Lighthouse!

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92 [TRUTH]

What I know about the Asbury revival is limited to the reports I've received and the video segments I've viewed. We are told to not believe "every spirit," but rather "try the spirits whether they are of God" and this must be done "because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (I John 4:1).

- 98 Paul, by the SPIRIT, warned us that "The Spirit speaketh expressly, 99 that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed 100 to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in 101 hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron..." now, 102 listen carefully to this next statement: "forbidding to marry, and 103 commanding to abstain from meats ..." How strange!
- 104 It's clear that these two things are marks, or identifiers intended
 105 to help us identify those who have gone after seducing spirits, and
 106 followed doctrines of devils.
- 107 Now, I know that you cannot be a priest in the Catholic Church unless you take a vow of celibacy. And I'm sure you know that 108 Peter, whom Catholics claim is the first Pope, was married 109 (Matthew 8:14). To have a rule that forbids marriage to any 110 otherwise qualified man is forbidding to marry. The doctrine of 111 "required celibacy" to serve in any capacity within Christ's church 112 is a devilish doctrine, it is something advocated by seducing spirits 113 - and this marks that religious system as being one that follows 114 doctrines of devils. 115
- 116 Why is this relevant to our examination of the Asbury revival?
- 117 Asbury University is located in Wilmore, Kentucky, and identified
- 118 with the Wesleyan tradition,³ which in America is identified as the

³ Prather, Paul, *From the archive: The Asbury College Revival of 1970 lasted 185 hours*, Herald Leader, February 15, 2023 [ONLINE: https://www.kentucky.com/opinion/paul-prather/article272514552.html — 2/17/23] For pdf, see 921.12.2

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119 Methodist church. The United Methodists⁴ so far as I know, is the 120 only communion of Wesley's *methodism* that continues to identify 121 with his name. The Methodists have been long in talks with the 122 Roman Catholic Church attempting to reunite the Methodist 123 churches with the Catholic Church.⁵ So, that's interesting! That 124 sound you hear, could that be Wesley trying to break out of his 125 coffin to come reprove his movement?

The United Methodist has been ordaining females (whether "egg 126 127 producers" or beyond that life stage), since their 1956 General Conference.⁶ John Wesley licensed Sarah Crosby to preach, in 128 1761, but he did not ordain her to serve as clergy. That started in 129 1956. In either case, it appears the Wesleyan movement began its 130 break away from the Apostolic authority of Paul early on. Paul said 131 "I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the 132 man, but to be in silence" — and, as in I Corinthians 14 when this 133 issue comes up, it's about preaching, or exhorting the congregation 134 in an official capacity over a mixed congregation of MALES and 135 FEMALES. It's not talking about giving a testimony, or saying hello 136 to fellow congregants in the assembly! I am aware, by the way, that 137 many, perhaps even most today, are not at all concerned about 138 139 what the Bible says about these sorts of things. And, perhaps that is the point! Can anything be called revival that does not include a 140 TURNING BACK TO GOD, and is that possible without coming 141 under the authority of the Apostles and Prophets laid out for us in 142 the Scripture of TRUTH? I guess that depends on how you define 143 144 revival.

 $^{^4}$ Allen, Robert, *Wesleyan Church vs. Methodist Church*, Classroom, nd [ONLINE: https://classroom.synonym.com/wesleyan-church-vs-methodist-church-5653.html — 2/17/23] For pdf, see 921.12.3 Give history and shows the first ordained Methodist in America was Francis Asbury, the namesake of Asbury College.

⁵ Leviste, Arielle, Methodists and Catholics Reflect on Efforts Towards Unity, Juicy Ecumenism: The Institute on Religion & Democracy's Blog, June 22, 2021 [ONLINE: https://juicyecumenism.com/2021/06/22/methodist-catholics-unity/ — 2/17/23] For pdf, see 921.12.1.

 $^{^6}$ Staff: The People of the United Methodist Church, Ask the UMC, *Why does the UMC ordain women*? Ask the UMC, nd [ONLINE: https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-why-does-the-united-methodist-church-ordain-women — 2/17/23] For pdf, see 921.12.4

Many in the Wesleyan communion are struggling to gain acceptance for the LGBTQ lifestyle within the United Methodist church, and want to include them in the role of clergy. It's a matter of some controversy among the Methodist churches today.^{7 8}

Asbury continues to maintain, at least in practice, resistance to 149 150 LGBTQ persons holding positions within the school.⁹ However, there continues to be a vocal presence of LGBTQ advocates on the 151 campus, and some have expressed hopes the Asbury revival will 152 soften attitudes toward embracing the LGBTQ community. One 153 gay man attending the "revival" talked to three openly gay persons 154 associated with Asbury community who expressed hope that from 155 156 what they are seeing and hearing from faculty, that this "revival" will soften the school's stance on the gay issue. I don't know how to 157 link this video in my notes-it's odd because there is no address 158 provided, just the video. But, I have it! Come on by the office and 159 I'll let you view it. Haha. 160

I heard that some faculty members at Asbury are soft on Critical
Race Theory, inclined in some measure to agree with the sentiment
— one of those oscillating sort of positions that attempt to placate
all sides.

From the videos I watched, one woman was giving a testimony and started shaking violently, it was bizarre — reminded me of the shakers I've read about in other revivals — not encouraged by revival leaders, by the way — and another video featured a lady attempting to drive out a devil from a girl, and a lot of talk about casting out depression devils, and so on.

⁷ Gura, David interviewing Scott, Kimberly, Rev. *United Methodist Church remains fractured over ordaining LGBTQ+ clergy*, NPR, August 28, 2022 [ONLINE: https://armedforces.press/2023/01/05/breaking-dod-controlled-covid-vaccines-from-the-start-undernational-security-program-lied-the-entire-time-were-never-safe-and-effective/ — 2/17/23] For pdf, see 921.12.5.

⁸ Brown, Jon, Fox News, United Methodist Church body elects openly gay bishop in violation of its rules: 'Inmates running the asylum' FoxNEWS, November 10, 2022 [ONLINE: https://www.foxnews.com/us/united-methodist-church-body-elects-openly-gay-bishop-inviolation-its-rules-inmates-running-the-asylum - 2/17/23] For pdf, see 921.12.6.

⁹ Vicari, Chelsen, Asbury University Draws Criticism for Maintaining Christian Sexual Ethics, Juicy Ecumenism, March 9, 2020 [ONLINE: https://juicyecumenism.com/2020/03/09/asbury-university-draws-criticism-for-maintaining-christian-sexual-ethics/ — 2/17/23] For pdf, 921.12.6

As anyone following my ministry knows, I understand Satan's 171 interest in possessing the bodies of unbelievers and oppressing 172 173 believers into his control-Jesus did say to Peter, "get thee behind 174 me Satan..." and Paul did cast out devils, just as Jesus did before 175 him. Never read about anyone casting out a devil of depression, 176 although I do know for a fact that devils oppress and manipulate 177 believers into depression, and also anger, and lust, and all sorts of evils with lies that his seducing spirits plant in the minds of 178 179 believers — little heresies believed that torment them — but this 180 access is gained by sin in the life of the believer - in other words, 181 believers are not the victims of Satanic influence and attack-the 182 only "place" Satan can gain in a believer's life is whatever "place" the 183 believer gives him — that's why we are told to "give no place to the 184 devil" — actually, it says, "Neither give place to the devil" 185 (Ephesians 4:27).

186 Okay, so, my in brief assessment of the Asbury revival when I get187 back. Hold on through the break!

Segment.02 Hello. Welcome back! I'm Dr. Jerry Scheidbach, pastor
at the Lighthouse, your brain masseur, and Paul Revere's lantern
lighter, lighting the lamps in the church belfry arch, signaling the
enemy is on the march, an enemy that would steal from us our
liberty.

I'm talking about the Asbury excitement in Kentucky that broke
out on the Asbury University campus. The question on everyone's
mind, it seems, is this — is it revival?

196 If you heard my comments in the first segment, I think it's 197 probably clear that I am not looking for revival to come from a 198 United Methodist college campus where the Apostolic authority of 199 Paul is set aside to accommodate societal pressures, specifically 200 with regard to ordaining women. It should not surprise us that the 201 United Methodists are having such a difficult time holding out 202 against the pressure to begin ordaining homosexuals since they 203 cast off biblical authority back in 1956 when they decided to break 204 from the authority of the Apostle Paul to accommodate the 205 feminist movement. Why not break from biblical authority on 206 gender distinctions and the requirement that a pastor must be a 207 married man—to one woman, by the way, not another man! 208 Anyway — they are in a mess.

- So, no, I would not expect revival to break out in a religious movement that has long ago, metaphorically speaking, cast the TRUTH into the street—unless that revival included a deep repentance from these errors and a return to BIBLICAL AUTHORITY.
- 214 We know that the church in Thyatira at about the turn of the first century AD, had some serious problems - including allowing a 215 216 female named Jezebel to teach Christ's servants to commit 217 fornication (pornoeo-sexual deviancy) and to eat foods sacrificed 218 to idols. Read about it in Revelation 2. And this was a church, that had standing before the LORD among the candlesticks — so a 219 church, and I know with regard to Asbury, we are not talking 220 about a church, but in principle, a church can have some very 221 222 serious problems and continue to have it's candlestick place before 223 the LORD. However, Jesus told this church to REPENT — and He as He set up in His first letter, to the church of Ephesus, if the 224 225 churches fail to repent, He will REMOVE the candlestick — this 226 means they lose their place before the LORD as a CHURCH and 227 no longer have authority to act as HIS CHURCH in this world. 228 They will do it anyway, but they have NO AUTHORITY.
- I think 1956 to 2023 is about 67 years I think the Methodists are not going to turn back from their 1956 break from Apostolic authority. But, maybe!
- So we will next examine the fruit we see coming out of this spiritualstirring in Asbury.

I don't think the gospel has been preached at all during this extended prayer meeting. It has been mentioned, I mean the word has been used, but it appears there is a very vague idea of what the gospel is. In one case, a lady exhorted the audience to turn to their neighbor and speak or preach the gospel to them — she told them to say something to the effect, you are broken and GOD LOVES YOU ... Well, okay — so, you see what I mean.

- Two pastors who labor in the Asbury community, or area, offered an excellent assessment of what they experienced at the meeting.¹⁰
- 243 The entire movement seems to be premised on the idea that people
- are broken as victims of sin, and what is needed is not repentance,
- but to have the power of Satan rebuked and cast away. No calls for
- 246 repentance—the testimonies I heard tended to be about being freed
- 247 from guilt, or reproach but with no reference to repentance
- anywhere.
- Okay I'll speak to this more this Sunday but let me give yousomething to think about.
- I did my undergraduate thesis, for my BA, on the question what is
 revival? I wanted to identify what if any common denominator
 existed between the great American revivals. The Great
 Awakening, 1734-1743.
- 255 The Second Great Awakening 1800-1840 In 1824, Charles
- 256 Finney began preaching and over 500k came to Christ during his
- 257 ministry. Over 100k were converted in Rochester, NY alone.
- The prayer meeting revival of 1857-1858 sparked by the prayer meetings started by Jeremiah Lanphier.
- 260 Then there was the DL Moody revivals: 1861-1865, followed by the
- 261 Urban Revivals of 1875-1885.

¹⁰ Doris, Jerry and Austin Keeler, pastors discuss their experience with the Asbury movement with Jon Harris: *Is This a Revival?* Conservations That Matter, 2/17/23 [ONLINE: https://www.facebook.com/1065670837/posts/10226863468747178/? (The link worked: https://www.facebook.com/1065670837/posts/10226863468747178/)

Then came the revivals of 1905-1906, with Billy Sunday being the prominent preacher of record — at this time what I call false fire revival began manifesting — but in the main, it was Billy Sunday leading the move of GOD in America.

The revival mantle, it appeared, had passed to Billy Graham in the 1950s — Graham was the first evangelist to propose the idea that the GOSPEL message could be separated from its DOCTRINAL CONTEXT — that doctrines like the virgin birth, and so on, and a literal hell fire, were non essential to the GOSPEL and this contributed to what became a landslide of Christians falling away from biblical authority in their faith and practice.

- I'm going to reveal what I learned from my intense study of revival, and explain what are the common denominator principles present
- in every genuine revival. Essentially, it comes down to something I
 brought out in my opening it's all ABOUT TURNING BACK
 TO GOD, and you can't turn back to GOD without coming back
 under biblical authority. REVIVAL is impossible without a
 TURNING BACK TO TRUTH. And, as Jesus said, "THY WORD
 IS TRUTH."
- Come learn what are the four things every genuine revival in our history have in common—while many things are different from one generation to the next, four things REMAIN THE SAME! And if any one of these four things are not present — what you are looking at is not biblical revival.
- I have lit the lamps in the Church belfry arch and now you let meknow if you see them.
- Email me by going to our web site at branmassage.net. That'sbrainmassage.net. Find the CONTACT button and send me anemail.
- 291 You can leave a message on our Listener Response Hotline:292 805.314.2114.

293 God bless you. God bless America! I'll see you in Church.