

The Image in the Sky

On February 3rd 2025, I was on my way to work and decided to go through a drive-through for a coffee. I had been praying and worshipping most of the way there. As I was at the window waiting, still praying and talking to Jesus, I looked up and saw a pattern in the cirrus clouds. It was almost immediate what I saw. Now, I am not one that looks for patterns in the sky. Never, in fact. The only clouds that I look at are the threatening ones – so to observe the cirrus, and not only that but to see something in the cirrus, is very unusual to say the least. I'm just not the creative type. But in this moment, I quickly saw something. Do you?



I quickly saw a male lion with wings, looking to the right (the East), resting on its hind legs but beginning to rise up. If you want to get very detailed, it almost looks like its mouth is open or roaring. As I was conversing with Jesus in that very moment, I felt that this was just His response to me, as a special sign and show of His love. I wasn't sure if anyone else would even see the same thing that I did.

Earlier that very morning, unbeknownst to me, my brother Jonathan had just read in a devotional for February 2nd the following excerpt:

“Why did the lion slay the man of God from Judah (1 Kings 13:26)? Because he had disobeyed God’s command. But on the other hand, how was it that the lions did not hurt Daniel? Because he was innocent before God.”

The very next day, February 4th, Jonathan and I took off work and met a large gathering of brothers and sisters at the Capitol of Oklahoma. Our mission was to bring to light the great abomination of abortion in our country and state, to educate our representatives on the matter and urge them to take a stand for righteousness. My family and I had already entered the building, but as Jonathan approached, he noticed this statue on top of the Capitol.



Extremely similar to what was seen in the sky. Could this all be a coincidence? Perhaps. But could it be the LORD speaking, reaffirming the Word He has already said?

On Friday, February 7th, I returned to the study of Jeremiah which I had felt was from the LORD, but had taken a short break. I continued where I had left off in chapter 4, and to my amazement, noticed that not only is a lion mentioned in said chapter, but so also is an eagle, a whirlwind, assembling together, and references to publishing.

<p>5 Declare in Judah, and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say, “Blow the trumpet through the land; cry aloud and say, ‘Assemble, and let us go into the fortified cities!’ 6 Raise a standard toward Zion, flee for safety, stay not, for I bring disaster from the north, and great destruction. 7 A lion has gone up from his thicket, a destroyer of nations has set out; he has gone out from his place to make your land a waste; your cities will be ruins without inhabitant. 8 For this put on sackcloth, lament and wail, for the fierce anger of the LORD has not turned back from us.”</p>	<p>9 “In that day, declares the LORD, courage shall fail both king and officials. The priests shall be appalled and the prophets astounded.” 10 Then I said, “Ah, LORD God, surely you have utterly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, ‘It shall be well with you,’ whereas the sword has reached their very life.” 11 At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem, “A hot wind from the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, 12 a wind too full for this comes for me. Now it is I who speak in judgment upon them.” 13 Behold, he comes up like clouds; his chariots like the whirlwind; his horses are swifter than eagles— woe to us, for we are ruined! 14 O Jerusalem, wash your heart from evil, that you may be saved. How long shall your wicked thoughts lodge within you?</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jeremiah 4</p>
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I can only publish what I have seen, and this is the Word of the LORD that jumped out to me in relation to the lions that we saw. If the only result was death and destruction, then what would be the point of saying anything? There is hope, O Jerusalem! Wash your heart from evil *that you may be saved!*

Are we so blind and arrogant that we cannot even consider that we, the Church, may be walking in the exact same footsteps of Jerusalem? This is even directed toward the tribe of Judah, who is *represented by a lion*. Indeed, Christ is even called the *Lion of Judah* (Revelation 5:5)! This should give the believers who have been grafted in through Christ, even more reason to pay attention. The LORD says to blow the trumpet and declare it. Assemble! Raise a standard. Flee for safety. If the LORD is truly saying this to His people, then the only response is a *solemn assembly*. Not just individual prayer, but the body of Christ humbling themselves in desperate prayer – because *He is our fortified city*. He alone can save. If this is true, then He is saying *get ready*. The only way that we can be prepared is to seek Him.

A lion has gone up from his thicket. Meaning, *he is already on his way*. The situation around us may not seem dire, which may make this message harder to believe – but not any less true. As mentioned in the previous document, *A Model from Damascus*, it doesn't take much looking to see the spiritual rot that exists in our country today. The evidence is around us if we have open eyes, such as when we hear of pastors and youth ministers arrested for crimes against the innocent, or when we hear of so-called churches who are indifferent to sin. But this is only what's visible, the tip of the iceberg. What if we actually looked? This is exactly why we need a solemn assembly: a time to humble ourselves and truly examine our ways, to inquire of the LORD and see if there is anything that we need to repent of. We can start by asking Him to identify, and sever ourselves from religious tradition and learn to walk by the Spirit *in everything*.

The heart of the king and officials will fail. A clear warning to not put your hope in government. Even if your government is better than ever and fighting for righteousness. Consider Josiah: all of the amazing work that he did for the LORD! Tearing down the high places, removing the idolatrous priests, repairing the temple. Yet, what does the LORD say about Judah?

10 Yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah **did not return to me with her whole heart**, but in pretense, declares the LORD.” – Jeremiah 3:10

Could this be where we are today? Do not put your trust in what your government is doing – it is the heart of the people that must change. If a national disaster were to occur, there would be a very large group of Christians who would be *appalled*. A great many “prophets” who would be *astounded*. Some would even say that the LORD deceived His people by saying “it will be well with you”. A great many people are convinced that profitable times are ahead. Why? Have His people, called by His name, humbled themselves and prayed? Has there been internal change, as well as external?

It's also very interesting that this Word came days after the L.A. fires of January 2025, which, coincidentally, were caused by the Santa Ana winds. Santa Ana winds are katabatic (downslope from elevated terrain) winds that develop under specific meteorological conditions that bring very high and dry winds from the desert region toward the coast. Or, *a hot wind from the bare heights in the desert*.

14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:8-9

5 Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways. 6 You have sown much, and harvested little. You eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill. You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm. And he who earns wages does so to put them into a bag with holes. ... You looked for much, and behold, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? declares the Lord of hosts. Because of my house that lies in ruins, while each of you busies himself with his own house. - Haggai 1:5-6,9

May we assemble ourselves in humility, pray, seek the LORD while He may be found, and ask Him to show us how to amend our ways – what we need to repent of!