



**Dear Precious Friend,**

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## **Apax: Once and For All**

The whole planet is shaking. Many things in our personal lives are being shaken. Many of us have focused on the shaking, but we should not stop there. The Lord is shaking things for a purpose: "so that those things that cannot be shaken will remain."

*Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he has promised, saying, Yet **once more** I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet **once more**, signifies the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire. Heb. 12:26-29*

There is a time coming when the Lord will shake ALL things to the degree that we will not be able to go back to our shakable lives in this present world. Though seemingly insignificant, this little word, once more/**ἅπαξ/apax** in the Greek text, is key to our understanding and should be better read as '**once and for all**,' something accomplished, finished, with such eternal effectiveness and purpose, that it never needs repetition. It is the same word used for Yeshua's sacrifice **once and for all/apax**.

*And as it is appointed to men once (**once and for all/apax**) to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once (**once and for all/ apax**) offered to bear the sins of many; and to them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Heb. 9:27-28*

*Who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once (**once and for all/apax**), when he offered up himself. Heb. 7:27*

There were many high priests that went into the Holiest Place every year to make the sacrifice on behalf of the nation of Israel. But when Yeshua came He sacrificed APAX. Just as it is given to man to die once and for all, just as Yeshua died once and will never need to sacrifice His life again, so there is a time coming when the Lord will remove all things that are made, both in heaven and earth. It will be done apax and never be repeated again.

Is this that FINAL shaking? As far as I can see, the heavens are not yet shaking, but this season is a time to get serious, a time to consider that there is an apocalyptic appointed time coming when ALL things man-made will be shaken and removed **once and for all/apax**. God is preparing us for that day of the Lord with these preliminary shakings and we would be wise not to try to rebuild what He is removing now.

In preparation for the final apax shaking, the Lord desires that we come out of the world system but also out of church systems which have operated like the world and not according to the Kingdom. "Your Kingdom come, as it is in heaven, so also on the earth." He also wants worldly systems to come out of us so that we can hear His voice and focus on the One seated on His throne. The Lord is turning our focus from the pulpit to the throne, for heaven is His throne and the earth is His footstool.

*Thus says the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what house will you build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? Isaiah 66:1; Acts 7:49*

*Unless HE builds the house, we labor in vain. Psalm 127:1*

He wants us out of the box, out of the boat, out of this world system. He promises that when we come out from among them, He will be our Father and we will be His sons and daughters. He Himself will provide for our needs. I Cor. 6:17-18

*For thus says the LORD of hosts; Yet **once**, it is a little while (Septuagint translated **apax/once and for all**), and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. Haggai 2:6-7*

I believe the Lord is saying that it is a little while until the APAX shaking comes. It's a warning. It is not far. In a little while... APAX.

When the Lord shakes the heavens, the earth, the sea and dry land, the nations will come to Him and He will fill His house with glory! For those who are not ready, it will be terrifying, but for those who have prepared, it will be glorious! What is God shaking and removing from your life at this time? Is your focus shifting from the temporal to the eternal? Are you beholding Him and inquiring at His throne rather than depending on shakable man-made systems? Are you trying to rebuild what He is tearing down or are you preparing for that final apax shaking that comes in a little while? Let me encourage you to receive His Kingdom which cannot be shaken and to worship Him now with reverence and godly fear for our God is a consuming fire.

## **Good News from the Bible lands:**

The gospel is going forth to the Jew, Greek and many other nations. On our recent trip to Rhodes, we shared and gave New Testaments to Israelis, Greeks and other nations. There was a special encounter for over an hour with a hungry married couple from Poland-Belgium who opened their hearts and with joy received their Savior!

We ministered in worship and the word with a Greek family on Lindos, Rhodes one evening. The Spirit of the Lord came down very powerfully and touched them all! We went to Berea to with our dear friends to take them to the synagogue where Paul preached to the Greek Jews and to hear the whole story! My precious Berean friend wept hearing the WWII story of the killing of the Greek Jews, especially the children.

We continue with our Power-Line Zoom Prayer for Israel-Greece-Cyprus. Please pray with us for God's alignment and peace in the Eastern Med where there are aggressive illegal advances being made by Turkey into Greek-Cypriot sovereign waters. Erdogan is trying to reestablish the Ottoman Caliphate in the region, ultimately to conquer Jerusalem. Please pray against this diabolical scheme!

On Nov 1st we will host another Power-Line Zoom Prayer with an emphasis on the American Election and its connection to this region. If anyone feels led to join us, let me know and I'll send you the link.

Thank you, dear friend for your ongoing support and friendship which I value so very much. For those of you who send me notes, not only is your encouragement uplifting, but it gets me through the tougher times as well! What a blessing you are!

Shalom and Agape,

**Greta**

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