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Dear 3ABN Family,

Sometimes I wish the Lord would let me sleep! But this is no time to be sleeping is it? Just before 3:00 a.m. this morning I awoke with the distinct impression that I should write you this letter. I tried to shake the impression, but it wouldn't go away.

I had approved another letter to yesterday. It was good, very true, and talked about the places 3ABN can go, and those we could touch through the miracle of television and radio—people who could not be touched any other way. But the impression that came to me at 3:00 a.m. would not leave me, so finally I went to my study to write this letter to you.

I don't ever want to "cry wolf," as the old saying goes. I have bent over backwards in the past not to be an alarmist—to remain positive when times were tough, and to explain that there are cycles in the economy.

You and I have seen good times and bad in our country. We've seen gas shortages, rationings, financial institutions that fail, large industries going under, and political unrest. But we've never seen them to the extent that we're seeing them today! This, my friend, is different! **In the past, it seemed the crises would come one at a time. But now we have the "perfect storm" as all of these crises are coming at once!**

Other countries are now heavily involved in our nation's economy, making things even more complicated and dangerous. They've demanded that our government bail out our financial institutions, of which they are heavy investors—or else! **What does that barely veiled threat mean?**

Notice that the entire U.S. auto industry was not be far behind, and **our currency is becoming weaker and weaker as we print more money to pay the debts of our government.** All of this in a presidential election year with a race so close it could end similar to the 2000 election, which took weeks to decide on a winner. Should that happen in this crises-charged atmosphere, I fear for the violence that our nation may face.

What does this mean? It means that our world as we have known it is changing rapidly, and that conditions will increasingly become more difficult. And **it means that we may not have as much time as we may have thought to spread the three angels' messages of Revelation 14 to a world that needs it more today than ever before.**