

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE CHURCH?

“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.” 1 Peter 4: 12-19

THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH HAS COME

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The church in America today does not want to hear from God. They want smooth words:

“Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path and cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us” Isa. 30: 10-11.

They are a rebellious people, children who do not want to hear the instruction of God or instruction from the prophets of God Isaiah 30:9. And for that, GREAT JUDGMENT is coming. Great judgment is coming on the church in America. It will be scattered going in all four directions, which is confirmed by Isaiah 30:16-17. The church will be scattered by that which is no threat because of their weakness, and burned with fire. The scattering and the fire of God's judgment will come because of economic problems and outside persecution. Many churches will close their doors for good and those that don't will see their impact on their communities become even more negligible than it already is.

But! God is merciful and kind! *“The LORD waits to be gracious to us, and therefore he exalts Himself to show mercy to us”* Isaiah 30:18. He wants to nurture us like a tender mother nurtures her child. Return to Him! Seek Him! Love Him with everything you have Matthew 22:37; Deuteronomy 6:5. It is not too late for the church in America, but it must wake up! It must turn to the Lord in prayer and fasting. The leaders, the pastors, the elders, the deacons must follow the advice of the Lord found in Joel:

“Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests; wail, O ministers of the altar. Go in pass the night in sackcloth, O ministers of my God! Because grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.” Joel 1:13

“Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, “Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” Joel 2:17

When, and only when, the church in America learns to weep, to pass the night in travailing prayer, to wail, then God will spare the people of this Great Nation. When and only when, God's appointed leaders learn to lead the people in travailing prayer will God stay His hand. When God's people decide that praying about a crisis, rather than complaining about a crisis, is the answer, then God will hear from Heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land 2 Chronicles 7:14.

What we really think about prayer is proven by the amount of time we spend doing it. God awaits our response. Will America return to God?

Thus Saith the Lord; "What is coming upon this nation will affect many who claim to follow me. This is because not everyone who is a part of the church, I call my Bride. Many believe that they will be shielded from the judgment, when in fact they will go through it. Not everyone who calls upon my name will enter into my Kingdom. For every ten people who pray to me and declare me as their Lord, I know only one", says the Lord of Hosts.

Thus Saith the Lord; "I have sent you my prophets to warn you of your disobedience and pride, but you have rejected them. You have chosen to follow those who only speak smooth words and deception, and I have not sent them. They are not my prophets. Therefore when I pass judgment on this nation, you will feel it. Repent says The Lord of Hosts, turn to me and seek my face! For The Day of The Lord is at hand! Know, that even in my judgment, I Am merciful."

The Lord then said that judgment would be according to Isaiah 17:10-11.

"Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the rock of your strength, therefore shall you plant pleasant plants, and shall set it with imported seedlings: In the day shall you make your plant to grow, and in the morning shall you make your seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be a heap of ruins in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow."

We cannot stop the judgment set for this nation, but we don't have to be a part of it.

How shall we stand in that great day? How shall we be able to stand in that great day, not only in the Judgment, but at His Coming? Very soon God's wrath is to be poured upon this planet if it has not had some sprinklings delivered already. When Jesus comes again and it is so close, He is coming according to verse 9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth, who may stand when He does so?

"The Great Day of His Wrath has come, and who shall be able to stand?" Rev. 6:17

IS GOD PRUNING THE CHURCH?

America's hope rests in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. After every political party has finished kicking the Church to the curb, the Gospel still remains "the power of God unto salvation for all who will believe" Rom. 1:16. The world is a fallen place. It is corrupt from head to foot. Nothing this world has to offer can satisfy man's deepest need and greatest longing. Even if you're political party won the presidency and both houses of Congress. Societies headlong rush into sin and depravity would not be stopped for a nanosecond. But the Gospel! Ah, that is a different story. The Gospel's success is not measured by an electoral college, but by repentance from sin and true faith in the risen Son of God. Perhaps God is in the process of pruning His Church. As time goes by those Christians that have counted the cost and decided to remain resolute in their profession, will almost certainly feel the wrath and scorn of a "tolerant" society. But happy they will be! Better to suffer for the sake of Christ, than to compromise and receive the praise of the world. Lift up your eyes!

Anyone who knows their Bible knows that the Book of Esther is a beautiful picture of the “calling out” of the Church, the Bride of Christ. Esther is symbolic of the Church while queen Vashti is representative of the apostate, false church of our day. Esther Chapter 1 reveals in the behavior of Queen Vashti, the condition of the Church in America today. Vashti’s rebellion against the word of the king sent shock waves among the Persian nobles:

“For the deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes” Esth. 1:17.

The authority of King Ahasuerus was flagrantly challenged. Vashti’s contempt for the King’s word was put on public display. She had been requested to appear with the King at a feast with all the Persian nobles present. Instead she arranged to have her own feast in another part of the King’s domain with just the women. Such contempt for the King’s authority traveled throughout the King’s domain and has been past on until this present day. Women’s rebellion against male authority is so prevalent in the Church today. The Word of God, the Word of the King, the King James Bible is held in such contempt in the Church today. Questioning the truthfulness of and ridiculing the authority and power of, the King James Bible has been a fact of life for the Body of Christ in America for the past six decades. The spirit of Vashti came to America in 1901 with the publication of the American Standard Version (ASV). Congregations in America would now be exposed to a hissing sound coming from the pulpit. Gradually the Holy Spirit has been forced to withdraw from churches and is found outside knocking seeking entrance to the individual soul.

Every time I hear of some woman being ordained to the ministry of the church I think of the spirit of Vashti and how evil demons have entered into the church and perverted the role of women in God’s house.

What is the spiritual condition of the Body of Christ in these end days? Is it still on fire and able to act as salt in the fast decaying society of our day Matt. 5:13? It is my opinion and is obvious to any man of God who knows his Bible that the Church in America today is hooked up to a life support machine called the emerging church. Thousands show up every Sunday morning to “fill their tanks” with some motivational feel-good exhortations disguised as Bible preaching. Success, goal setting, personal well being, and self-esteem are being preached to these so-called Christian suckers who have only one authority in their lives and that is their “feelings” dumber than a box of rocks trusting in their thoughts and feelings, how imbecile? The Church is headed out of here; it has refused to come out of the world, just as the nation of Israel so transplantation is in order. God is about to start dealing with a Jewish remnant during the tribulation, Jacobs Trouble. I’m afraid it’s too late for America as we see our nation crumbling from within.

I have watched righteousness replaced by wickedness, by educators, politicians, and malcontents. It is a sad day when the most prosperous nation on earth is thrown under the bus for debauchery in serving Satan rather than the Lord God! And all god’s are not the same God either, although Satan would have us blend it all together as one, with no distinction between error and truth. You know how it is said we all are the same, all sinners and so forth. This might be the case initially, yet it cannot be the case if one has been transformed into the image of Christ. We might not be able to reach perfection, and we stumble and fall, yet by grace we who know Him are a new creation and no longer have the excuse to live in sin which separated us from God.

Too many excuses and no truth is the world today; ever since 9-11-2001 who would have ever thought we would have a President say that we are no longer a Christian Nation? Yet do business with known terror groups, and import some of the very people, who not that long ago, tried to destroy us! Notice that the first thing so-called progressives did was scream about Timothy McVeigh. Remember the old saying two

wrongs don't make a right? Humanists do not, and this is all a reversal of God's natural order which destroys Nations, in paving the way for the Man of Sin, who the world will worship as God!

Incidentally, genetically speaking it is the Man who determines what traits his offspring will inherit, not the women. It is the man who determines the DNA coding of his people it has never been nor never will be the women mixing with other men which will save Europe, which is popular to report on the NEWS nowadays by feminists who despise the West, and it's old school values.

The Lie has become so big that even some liberal professors try to argue around the hereditary facts of life, as they are children of the Devil, the father of lies, who serve Lucifer, and are only fit to be burnt. As in the days of Noah, so shall the coming of the son of man be; and the demon serving elitists at the top of global power know it!

For America during the last seventy years there has been one big push towards globalization. Someone has surmised that since the nations can't live in peace as separate nations why not bring them all together into one great nation. Get everyone together, get all the nations together, the UN; get all the religions together, ecumenicism; get all the races together, integration; get all the genders together, women's lib and "gay" liberation. Capitalists are Communists; men are women; children are adults; Protestants are Catholics; Christians are Moslems and Buddhists; sex perverts are normal; and God is everyone's Father.

God is now gathering all the tares together in bundles to be burned Matt. 13:30.

"Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I might assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy" Zeph. 3:8.

People until then you can expect trouble. You can expect persecution, ridicule, censorship, jail, prison, churches shut down, families broken up by the government, loss of jobs, income, and homes if you down buckle under. If it hasn't already started in earnest by the time you finish reading this I will be shocked and surprised. Make up your mind to be faithful to the Lord and to the Bible no matter what the cost.

I'm sure much more could be said about this subject but if you would like I would be glad to hear what you discern from Scripture. God bless!

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" Rev. 2:10.

"Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth" Like 18:8

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