

# *Cry and Cry for the Beloved Country!*

**America and Great Britain, once the beacons to the world, shining from the top of the mountains, a refuge for millions, have become drunken with debt, dishonor, and pride, and now have begun to fall in total disgrace and shame from their once imperial position as the glory of the earth! The wrath of God is soon to be poured out on our sin-laden, wicked, hypocritical nations, because of our mounting lawlessness and wickedness, and our profligate ways will be visited upon our heads. None will intervene to save us – our punishment is sure! Jeremiah foresaw the horrifying scene which will soon envelope us.**

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Almighty God thunders, “In a little while, I will once more shake the heavens and the earth. I will shake all the nations. . . . I will shake the heavens and the earth. I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms.” (Haggai 2:6-7, 21-22). Declares the Amplified Parallel Bible, “For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake and make tremble the starry heavens, the earth, the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations and the desire and the precious things of all nations shall come in . . . And I will [in the distant future [[OUR TIME, RIGHT NOW!!!]] *overthrow the throne of kingdoms* and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the [ungodly] nations, and I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them, and the horses and the riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother.”

In the last few weeks, the U.S. stock markets have tanked. Americans have lost about \$3 trillion in personal wealth. The stock market inside a week precipitously declined over 1800 points, because of economic turmoil in Europe and the decline in the credit worthiness of the United States due to the burgeoning, out-of-control government debt explosion.

Our debt is exploding out of sight. And Washington is nearly paralyzed with partisan gridlock, name-calling, blame-games, and personal attacks. Never has Congress been so dysfunctional and President Obama and his stooges blame the Tea Party and Republicans for the mess they themselves have created.

All this, even as Iran is building nuclear weapons, Syria and Libya are slaughtering thousands, Egypt has imploded, and Israel is increasingly threatened. Put it simply: Storm clouds are gathering. The winds are picking up. The tectonic plates beneath us are shifting. America is being shaken. Israel and the Middle East are being shaken. Even the Church is being shaken to its foundations.

Why is all this happening, right now? Where are we headed, as a nation? As a world? What does the future hold? As Isaiah cried out, “Watchman, what of the night? [How far is it spent? How long till morning?] Guardian, what of the night?” (Isaiah 21:11, Amplified Parallel Bible). What lies ahead, beckoning to us, today?

### *“Perilous Times”*

The apostle Paul predicted, “But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]. For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane. [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good. [They will be] treacherous [betrayers] rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God” (II Tim.3:1-4, Amplified Parallel Bible).

These perilous, defamatory, tempestuous, tremulous times have arrived on our doorstep!

These horrendous riots are only the beginning of our national troubles – “All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish]” (Matt.24:8, Amplified Parallel Bible).

Much, much worse is to come, when economic doomsday and natural disasters combine in a kind of “perfect storm” to smash our nations, destroy our food supply, and then you will really see riots, violence, anguish unparalleled, and horror.

It was all foretold long, long ago!

### *A Time of Woe*

Looking into our day, Jeremiah laments prophetically, “How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow is she, who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces has become a slave [margin, “forced laborer”].

“She weeps bitterly in the night, her tears are on her cheeks; among all her lovers [foreign nations] she has none to comfort her. All her friends have *dealt treacherously* with her; they have become her *enemies*” (Lamentations 1:1-2).

Her adversaries have become the master [literally, her head], her enemies prosper [the U.S. is in debt to China by the staggering sum of \$1.2 *trillion* dollars!]; for the LORD has afflicted her *because of the multitude of her transgressions*” (verse 5).

“Her uncleanness is in her skirts; she did not consider her destiny; *therefore her COLLAPSE was awesome*; she had no comforter” (v.9).

### ***The COLLAPSE of America***

The American economy is in shambles. Or, at least, on the road to ruin. Standard and Poor’s national credit rating of our government has as of August 5 downgraded America’s credit from AAA to AA+ -- the first time this has ever happened during the term of any American president! It happened on Obama’s watch.

The battle in Congress over extending the credit limit of the nation has roiled and troubled world markets, as the nations watch the donnybrook and Congressional “two step” as the Republicans and Democratic leaders squabble and pontificate, while the nation is being bled dry by interest payments on the national debt, and insatiable borrowing by Congress to fund more and more fantasy-land programs.

Says Zachary A. Goldfarb, “Standard & Poor’s announced Friday night that it has downgraded the sterling U.S. credit rating for the first time.

“The move came even though the Treasury Department said that it had found a math error in the firm’s calculations of deficit projections, according to a person familiar with the matter.

“S&P decided to lower the AAA rating, held by the United States for 70 years, to AA+ after a bipartisan debt deal signed into law this week failed to assuage concerns about the nation’s growing spending.

“Analysts have said a downgrade could increase the cost of borrowing for the U.S. government and lead to tens of billions of dollars in more interest costs per year. That could translate into higher borrowing for consumers and businesses, too.

“A downgrade would also have a cascading series of effects on states and localities that rely on federal funding, including in the Washington metro area, potentially raising the cost of borrowing for schools and parks.”

Goldfarb continues: “Some analysts are worried about the impact of a downgrade on markets where Treasuries are held as collateral and the AAA rating is required. But most analysts don’t expect this issue to pose a major problem.

“S&P’s action is the most tangible vote of disapproval so far by Wall Street on the deal between President Obama and Congress to cut the deficit by at least \$2.1 trillion over 10 years. S&P has said that it wanted at least \$4 trillion of deficit reduction.

“The downgrade is likely to be used as a weapon by both Republicans and Democrats as they argue the other side has not taken deficit reduction seriously” (Washington Post, Zachary A. Goldfarb, August 5).

But our “credit woes” have just begun! The United States is in desperate financial shape, headed the way of Greece!

### ***Housing Armageddon***

America is officially in the worst housing collapse in all our history – and we haven’t hit bottom yet. Housing prices have fallen farther now (26%) than they did during the Great Depression (25.9%). Eleven percent of homes in the U.S. now stand empty and many new housing developments across the country resemble ghost towns. Foreclosures have wiped them out. It is projected that lending institutions will repossess more than a million more U.S. homes during 2011.

The “housing Armageddon” began in 2007, and is going to get even worse in 2011, largely due to layoffs and increasing unemployment. During tough economic times, businesses find that the easiest way to cut costs is to lay off employees, or shorten their work hours. This has a domino effect, leading to more unpaid credit cards, unpaid bills, delinquent mortgages, and foreclosures on loans.

This is however just one facet of America’s burgeoning and rapidly escalating economic crisis!

Why is America suddenly facing all these overwhelming, insurmountable, unsolvable social and economic problems? Is there a common denominator, a common thread, that runs through all these problems?

What do the Scriptures say about all this financial woe and economic trouble?

### ***A Warning from God***

In the Scriptures, God declares if we as a nation turn away from Him and break His laws and forsake His commandments, “those who hate you shall reign over you” (Lev.26:17), and, “I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze, and your strength shall be spent in vain” (v.19-20).

Massive debt and borrowing have hamstrung the American economy, unemployment is soaring, while governments and individuals still try to “spend” themselves “out of debt” by borrowing even more at the trough, selling our country into economic slavery by foreign nations, who are beginning to appropriate our national

assets, buying up huge tracts of land, businesses, and forcing us to work for them in order to pay off our debts!

How far will the treachery go? When will we wake up?

As Pogo said in the well-known comic strip years ago: “We have met the enemy, and he is us!”

Isaiah the prophet declares, “Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: ‘Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression [economic madness and moving jobs and industries outside the country] and perversity [epitomized by the homosexual agenda of the Obama administration], and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you *like a BREACH ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose BREAKING COMES SUDDENLY, in an instant*” (Isaiah 30:12-13).

Consider the destiny of America. She has mortgaged her future to the hilt. She has kicked the can of fiscal responsibility down the road, refusing to deal with it until “later”, as in “never.” Our children and grandchildren have, in essence, been sold into economic bondage – slavery. We owe the world’s nations *trillions* of dollars – an unimaginable sum that no one can really comprehend – while our leaders and people cavort and party away as if there is no tomorrow.

And “tomorrow” will be frightening indeed, when the piper begins to play, and when the nations come to collect what we owe them, due to our own folly and stubborn pride and wickedness.

Total collapse is right around the corner. It is my belief that within two years we will enter the portals of the “great tribulation” – because of our mounting national and individual sins and lawlessness! Because of our transgressions of the laws of God, our doom, our judgment, is sealed. Why?

### ***Jeremiah, the Weeping Prophet***

Jeremiah the prophet was lamenting about the future of America – modern day “Israel” – Joseph the birthright holder of the sons of Jacob – in this, the “end time,” the “end of days.”

He declared, “All her people sigh, they seek bread [margin, “hunt food”]; they have given their valuables [desirable things] for food to restore life” (Lamen.1:11). Widespread drought, and flooding, are bringing famine to America, once upon a time the bread basket of the nations. Crops are drying up in the Midwest. Texas is parched and prolonged drought is destroying graze and cattle are dying.

Jeremiah laments, “For these things I weep; my eye, my eye overflows with water” (Lamen.1:16).

Why are all these things coming upon us?

Jeremiah declares, “Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Behold and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which has been brought on me, which *the LORD has inflicted in the day of His fierce anger*” (v.12).

Jeremiah foresees America, God’s people, and His precious heritage, along with Britain and Canada, Australia and New Zealand, as crying out, “I called for my lovers, but they deceived me; my priests and my elders breathed their last in the city while they sought food to restore their life.

“See, O LORD, that I am in distress [great tribulation]; my soul [lit., inward parts] is troubled; my heart is overturned within me, *for I have been very rebellious*. Outside the sword bereaves, at home it is like death” (v.20).

The LORD was like an enemy. He has swallowed up Israel, He has swallowed up all her palaces; He had destroyed her strongholds, and has increased mourning and lamentation in the daughter of Judah” (Lamen.2:5).

“The Law is no more, and her prophets find no vision from the LORD”” (v.9). In fact, God thunders, “Your prophets have seen for you false and deceptive visions; they have not uncovered your iniquity [exposed your sins], to bring back your captives but have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions” (v.14).

As our troubles mount, and anguish increases, and hunger and woe, God says to our peoples, “Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street” (v.19).

Why is God bringing these punishments upon us? Are these disasters merely “natural” in causation? Jeremiah declares, “Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that woe and well being proceed? Why should a living man complain for the punishment of his sins/ Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD; let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven. We have transgressed and rebelled; you have not pardoned” (Lamen.3:38-42).

Jeremiah, looking forward into this very time, declared, “Ask now, and see, whether a man is ever in labor [childbirth] with child? So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor, and all faces turned pale? Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and *it is the time of Jacob’s trouble*, but he shall be saved out of it” (Jer.30:6-7).

We are unmistakably marching in arm-lock toward economic and political dictatorship in America. Truly it is time to cry, weep tears of anguish, for our beloved country, now spiraling down to its doom.

### *Tidal Wave of Economic Misery*

Americans now face a fast-approaching tidal wave of inflation that could sink our economy, and the U.S. Dollar, and plunge our world into conflict and chaos.

If you think the housing bubble bust was painful, imagine what will happen during the next crisis when the “banker's bank,” the Fed itself finds itself insolvent.

*Forbes.com* reports “Prior to the bursting of the credit bubble, the public was shocked to learn that our biggest investment banks were leveraged 30-to-1. When asset values fell, those banks were quickly wiped out. But now the Fed is holding many of the same types of assets and is leveraged 51-to-1! If the value of their portfolio were to fall by just 2%, the Fed itself would be wiped out.”

In the past two years Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has printed \$2 Trillion to stimulate America's sinking economy – that's \$52.5 Billion of capital backing a \$2.7 Trillion balance sheet – and then the Obama Administration raised our nation's bet on John Maynard Keynesian stimulus to over \$4 Trillion.

*They failed!* America's economic growth has slowed to an anemic 1.9 percent that experts now describe as “stall speed,” a rate that could plunge us back into a Great Recession or even another Great Depression.

"There is no evidence that huge inflow of money into the system basically worked," former Fed Chair Alan Greenspan told CNBC in a live interview last week. Even Ben Bernanke recently admitted that the economy is getting worse, despite all of the borrowing, printing and spending

In 1929 our government decided to borrow, print and spend money that we did not have in order to prompt a "recovery." It didn't work then and it will not work now. Some experts think the U.S. could see 1930s-style bank runs ahead! (World Net Daily, July 12, 2011, “Great Invisible Depression Getting Worse”).

### **“Obamageddon”**

The destruction of our country is going on full tilt. The Obama agenda is radicalizing America and our people are too blind, insensitive, and distracted, as a whole, to see it and refuse to believe it – even though it is happening right before their very noses.

Obama seeks to make all Americans dependent upon the government and to keep on borrowing so he can accomplish the following agenda:

- subsidize Planned Parenthood’s abortion mills;
- subsidize the political propaganda of PBS and NPR;

- provide the monetary support for his Obamacare death panels and the complete federal takeover of the most personal and private medical decisions Americans make on a daily basis;
- pay alms to radical Islamists around the world by rebuilding and repairing mosques in some of the wealthiest countries in the world – including countries that forbid worship by Christians and Jews and other non-Muslims;
- conduct more pseudo-scientific research into aberrant sexual behavior;
- continue the existence of unwanted and unconstitutional agencies and departments of the federal government such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Energy;
- continue to pay "entitlements" directly to Americans to buy their votes for future Democratic candidacies including his own;
- fund radical activist groups like ACORN;
- send money overseas in the form of foreign aid

### ***The Federal Reserve Audit***

It is time we all knew the truth. It is time to rub the sleep out of our eyes, and douse our faces with cold water. We have been “had”!

“The first ever GAO (Government Accountability Office) audit of the Federal Reserve was carried out in the past few months due to the Ron Paul, Alan Grayson Amendment to the Dodd-Frank bill, which passed last year. Jim De Mint, a Republican Senator, and Bernie Sanders, an independent Senator, led the charge for a Federal Reserve audit in the Senate, but watered down the original language of the house bill (HR1207), so that a complete audit would not be carried out.

“Ben Bernanke, Alan Greenspan, and various other bankers vehemently opposed the audit and lied to Congress about the effects an audit would have on markets. Nevertheless, the results of the first Federal Reserve audit in history were posted on Senator Sander’s webpage earlier this morning. *What was revealed in the audit was startling: \$16,000,000,000,000.00 (TRILLION) had been secretly given out to US banks and corporations and foreign banks everywhere from France to Scotland.*

“From the period between December 2007 and June 2010, the Federal Reserve had secretly bailed out many of the world’s banks, corporations, and governments. The Federal Reserve likes to refer to these secret bailouts as an all-inclusive loan program, but virtually none of the money has been returned and it was loaned out at 0% interest.

*“Why the Federal Reserve had never been public about this or even informed the United States Congress about the \$16 trillion dollar bailout is obvious – the American public would have been outraged to find out that the Federal Reserve bailed out foreign banks while Americans were struggling to find jobs .*

“To place \$16 trillion into perspective, remember that GDP of the United States is only \$14.12 trillion. The entire national debt of the United States government spanning its 200+ year history is only \$14.5 trillion. The budget that is being debated so heavily in Congress and the Senate is only \$3.5 trillion. Take all of the outrage and debate over the \$1.5 trillion deficit into consideration, and swallow this Red pill: There was no debate about whether \$16,000,000,000,000 would be given to failing banks and failing corporations around the world.

“In late 2008, the TARP Bailout bill was passed and loans of \$800 billion were given to failing banks and companies. That was a blatant lie considering the fact that Goldman Sachs alone received 814 billion dollars. As it turns out, the Federal Reserve donated \$2.5 trillion to Citigroup, while Morgan Stanley received \$2.04 trillion. The Royal Bank of Scotland and Deutsche Bank, a German bank, split about a trillion and numerous other banks received hefty chunks of the \$16 trillion.” (source: Chinadoll1935@aol.com, July 28, 2011)

*Our government has stolen TRILLIONS of dollars from our people, and given it to “fat cats,” robber barons of finance and industry, and their own sycophantic boot-licking supporters!*

The rapacious greed of the “elite” is like a yawning Black Hole in space! It is like a burgeoning bottomless pit – like a huge vampire sucking the life blood from the American people!

A predatory government of socio-fascism has come to roost in America! A great train wreck is looming ahead when the irresistible force meets the unmovable object; The annihilation of our nation and way of life!

The rot from within has infested our whole nation and begun our destruction. We have flouted God and His laws, and flaunted our sins before His face. As Hosea prophesied, “They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind” (Hosea 8:7).

God thunders to our generation, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I will forget your children” (Hos.4:6). He declares, “The more they increased, the more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame” (verse 7).

### ***The Mind of Obama***

An insight into the inner core of Obama was reported by Glen Beck. He wrote on July 26, 2011 that Barack Obama said it is “tempting” to become a dictator! According to Beck’s report:

“President Obama spoke to the Latino group La Raza this week and there was quite a telling exchange during the speech. Obama said it’s ‘tempting’ to just take over

and do things himself – in other words, be a dictator like Hugo Chavez. Even more disturbing than Obama testing the waters with his dictatorial fantasies was the reaction of the crowd – thunderous applause” (Glenn Beck news, July 26, 2011).

Commentator Russ Limbaugh opines that Obama is either “clueless or a saboteur” in advancing policies that are ruining our country. He says, according to Fox Nation blog at Fox News:

“It distresses me to see what has happened to this country and to know it need not have happened, to know that it happened because of policies implemented by someone who – I don’t care – is either clueless or is himself a saboteur.”

Regardless of which he might be, Limbaugh said the nation is crumbling on Obama’s watch. Said Limbaugh:

“It’s harder and harder to laugh at things which have destroyed people’s lives. What’s funny about what’s happening to unemployment? . . .

“People’s lives are being destroyed here. People know that their futures are being cut out from underneath them. In the past the country was nowhere near as near as it is to risk as it is today. At no time in the past was it accurate to say ‘four more years of President X’ and this country as we have known it ceases to exist. That is today’s reality. Four more years of unchecked, unstopped Obama and America as we know it is transformed in ways that people have no desire to see it” (Newsmax, July 26, 2011).

### *End of the American Dream*

Are the Chinese really our friends and trusted allies, today? Can they be trusted in the New World Order?

Says “End of the American Dream”:

“If relations between the U.S. and China go south someday, we will deeply regret giving China so many open doors.

“The truth is that you can never fully trust the communist Chinese. Their top military officers talk about a coming conflict with the United States all the time. China is extremely interested in North America. In fact, the Chinese and the Mexicans *have even been holding talks* on military cooperation.

“But even if you don’t consider the communist Chinese to be a military threat, you should be deeply concerned about the economic implications of what is happening.

“Today, tens of millions of Americans are wondering why the economy is so bad.

“Well, there are a lot of reasons, but the fact that we have sent China thousands of our factories, millions of our jobs and trillions of dollars of our national wealth is a major contributing factor.

“If you do not know the truth about how badly the Chinese economy is wiping the floor with the American economy then you need to read this article: "*40 Signs The Chinese Economy Is Beating The Living Daylights Out Of The U.S. Economy*".

“Beautiful new infrastructure is going up all over China today, and meanwhile many of our once great manufacturing cities are turning into rotted-out *war zones*.

“China would not be what they are today if we had insisted that they abandon the communist system and respect basic human rights before we ever opened up trade with them.

“But that did not happen. Instead we enthusiastically welcomed China into the WTO and we let the predatory Chinese system run wild.”

### *The Silly Dove*

Truly, God says in His Word, describing modern America, the Biblical tribe of “Ephraim,” [see our book *America and Great Britain—Our Identity Revealed! Ephraim and Manasseh in the End of Days*, \$20.00, from Triumph Publishing, PO Box 842, Omak WA 98841]:

“Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned. Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it. Yes, grey hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it. And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, but they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek Him for all this.

“Ephraim also is like a SILLY DOVE, without sense [lit., heart]—they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria [modern Iraq] . . .” (Hosea 7:8-11).

The Hebrew word translated “silly” here is *pathah* and means “to open, i.e. to be or make roomy, usually in a mental or moral sense to be simple or in a sinister way delude – allure, deceive, entice, flatter, persuade, silly.” (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance).

*Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* defines the word as meaning “to spread out, to open” – “to be open and ingenuous in mind, like children and young people, hence, to let oneself be persuaded” – “simple, foolish” - “to let oneself be enticed,” “to entice, seduce,” or “persuade anyone in a bad sense.” Also, “to cause to lie open.”

The word seems to describe American foreign policy, the foolishness of the State Department, sometimes called “Foggy Bottom” because of their lack of insight and perception, and is an apt description of America’s porous, open borders.

### *America’s Self-Created Dilemma*

Will China, and Mexico, and other foreign nations, soon “run wild” throughout America, fulfilling God’s stern prophecy of our enslavement and downfall?

The United States is snared fast on the horns of a dilemma. We can’t afford to trade with other nations, yet we can’t afford not to trade. We buy, buy, buy and sell very little by comparison. We have shipped so many jobs overseas that we are finding it difficult to find suitable employment at home.

Notice how this fact has become a Gorilla in the room. Says ““End of the American Dream””:

“In 2010, China had a ‘current account balance’ of over *272 billion dollars*, which was the largest in the world.

“In 2010, the United States had a ‘current account balance’ of *negative 561 billion dollars*. According to the CIA world factbook, that put us in *last place in the entire world*. In fact, our negative current account balance was more than *9 times larger than anyone else in the world*. If you go check out this chart it will give you a really good idea of how *nightmarish* our trade situation has become [emphasis mine].

“The world is changing and nothing is ever going to be the same again.

“Just ask the residents of Boise, Idaho - they are about to have a 50 square mile self-contained communist Chinese city plopped right into their backyard.” (endoftheamericandream.com/archives).

Meanwhile, President Obama further opens America’s doors to admitting illegal aliens into our country. With no fanfare, no press coverage, with every effort made to conceal his actions from the American people, President Obama quietly enacted the DREAM Act by executive order. The DREAM Act was twice defeated in Congress, and was opposed by the American people, but Obama enacted it into law. It grants amnesty to any illegal alien who resides in the U.S. if they agree to enlist in the military or to enroll and enter a college.

Meanwhile, he continues to defy the law and refuses to enforce America’s border and immigration policies. Conservative Americans believe the immigration policies on the books to regulate the border with Mexico should be enforced – they are the official laws. However, from Bill Clinton through George Bush and now President Barack Obama, the administrations have all secretly ignored these official laws. Why? Because they are pursuing a different agenda – the creation of a New World Order in which the

United States, Canada and Mexico become one integral segment, called the North American Union.

### *Under a Divine “CURSE”?*

Because of our national and individual disobedience to His holy covenant, God says He will punish us as no nation has been punished before in history. The Word of God thunders at us: “A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be *only oppressed and crushed continually*. So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see” (Deuteronomy 28:33-34).

God’s stern warning and dire prophecy continues: “The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail” (Deut.28:43-44).

Why will God send these curses upon us? Because we have forsaken Him, the Fount of Living Waters, our Creator and Ruler. He declares: “Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, **BECAUSE YOU DID NOT OBEY** the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you” (Deut.28:45).

God gave us a great country – a marvelous land. But we have ruined it, trampled upon it, polluted it, spoiled it, devastated it, and treated it with contempt and disdain. So He says to us that He will send this overwhelming punishment, “**BECAUSE** you did not serve the LORD your God with **JOY** and **GLADNESS** of heart, for the abundance of everything” (verse 47).

“Therefore,” God says, “you will serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron upon your neck until He has destroyed you. The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young. And they shall eat the increase of your livestock and the produce of your land, until you are destroyed . . . They shall besiege you at all your gates until your high and fortified walls, in which you trust, come down throughout all your land; and they shall besiege you at all your gates throughout all your land . . .” (Deut.28:48-52).

God speaks of this coming time of punishment, which is beginning even NOW, as “the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you” (verse 53). He speaks of “the siege and desperate straits” three times, in this remarkable, stunning prophecy of our punishment and ruin and doom as a nation! (verses 53, 55, and 57).

A cascading crescendo of woe is falling on America! It was prophesied aeons ago!

***What Shall We Do About It?***

Now might be a very good time to fall on your knees, and repent before God, America! Before your house burns down!

There is nothing like pain to get people's attention. David wrote, "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word" (Psalm 119:67). He added, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes" (verse 71). David said again, "Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction" (verse 92).

Suffering is intended by God to teach us that disobedience exacts a painful penalty. The law of God is the way of life. Breaking it leads to pain, suffering, affliction, tribulation, and ultimately, death (Rom.6:23).

Therefore, God urges every one of us to examine ourselves, search our lives, and see if there are any faults, blemishes, sins, evil tendencies, and wrong thinking in our minds and hearts, and to purify ourselves, and to repent – which means to turn round, and go the RIGHT WAY, the way of God's Commandments, and His divine Law, through the mercy of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, who died on the stake for us, taking our place and paying the death penalty for sin on our behalf (John 3:16).

Christ pointed to the example of men whom Pilate had slain, mingling their blood with their sacrifices, and said to the Jews: "Do you think that these Galileans were greater sinners than all the other Galileans because they have suffered in this way? I tell you, No; but unless you (change your mind for the better and heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), you will all likewise perish and be lost eternally" (Luke 13:2-3, Amplified Parallel Bible).

The time for repentance is now. *Not tomorrow but TODAY!!!*

"I call upon you, as Paul did, "Laboring together as God's fellow workers] with Him then, we beg of you not to receive the grace of God in vain [that merciful kindness by which God exerts His holy influence on souls and turns them to Christ, keeping and strengthening them—do not receive it to no purpose]. For he says, In the time of favor (of an assured welcome) I have listened to and heeded your call, and I have helped you on the day of deliverance (the day of salvation). *Behold, NOW IS TRULY THE TIME for a gracious welcome and acceptance [of you from God]; BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION!*" (II Cor.6:1-2, Amplified Parallel Bible).

Turn to God *NOW*, before the hammer falls, and it becomes too late.