

GOD IS WARNING AMERICA AND THE WORLD OF COMING JUDGMENT

“And there will be ... upon earth despair among nations, with perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men’s hearts will faint from terror, being apprehensive of what is coming upon the world; for the *very* powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” (Luke 21:25-27)

THERE IS NO question that hurricanes, cyclones, typhoons, tsunamis and earthquakes are increasing in frequency and power, and that the violent roaring of the sea and the waves is creating great despair and perplexity in the nations.

Tsunamis are caused by earthquakes. The increase in the frequency and strength of hurricanes, some scientists maintain, is the result of global warming. Man’s use of fossil fuels contributes in a minor way to global warming, but the primary cause is from the unusual increase in heat and solar storms.

The effects of global warming are most evident at the north and south poles where the polar caps are melting at an alarming rate; and also along the equatorial areas of the oceans where the heat of the water is dramatically raised. It is the raising of the oceans’ temperature that generates hurricanes.

Katrina was just the beginning of even worse events -super-storms, super-earthquakes, tsunamis and epidemics that are to come. Like the tsunami of 26 Dec 2004, Katrina was a very powerful warning of the Great Tribulation ...

“... the hour of trial which is about to come upon the whole world, to try those who live on the earth.” (Revelation 3:10)

So much for the natural phenomena; now what about the spiritual causes for our aberrant environment?

Natural disasters are frequently expressions of Divine displeasure. God indicated to King Solomon that He may send drought, plague and pestilence to bring His people to repentance.

“If I shut up the heavens and there is **no rain**, or if I command **the locust** to devour the land, or if I send **pestilence** among My people, and 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, will forgive their sin and heal their land’.” (2 Chronicles 7:13-14)

Undoubtedly, God is calling the US to turn from their wicked ways today. But some may argue, “Is the United States more evil than other nations? Why should America be singled out for judgment?”

No, America is not necessarily more evil than others. The US is only one of the nations that are experiencing great disasters. Judgment is coming on the whole world. But no doubt the Almighty is disciplining America, and giving that nation, and all nations, a warning of what is ahead.

The United States is a paradox— there is so much good in the nation, and there is also much evident evil. The same could be said of most nations. But the US is a nation that had many godly founders who established law based on the truth of the Word of God. In the past, the US has been a great champion of the Gospel, of Biblical principles, and of freedom under God. It has been a nation that has been blessed enormously; and God has caused it to prosper. But the Scripture says:

“From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.” (Luke 12:48)

“And that slave who knew his master’s will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many *lashes*.” (Luke 12:47)

IN WHOM DO WE TRUST?

The United States has known the Master’s will since its inception, but today, the US is rejecting that will; and instead, is leading the world into moral and economic bankruptcy. Today, the US has departed from “in God we trust,” and through its actions, declares that it is “in rationalism we trust.”

Of course, there is a tremendous battle going on throughout the nation – between those who honour the Word of God, and those who are seeking to destroy its influence. A large God-fearing remnant (“the salt of the earth”) have been preserving the nation from judgment for a long time. But today, even that “salt” is losing its savor as spiritual apostasy spreads over much of “the church.”

Here are just a few of the shocking facts about the condition of the US today.

* Over the past 50 years righteousness and morality has been severely eroded throughout the nation, through legislation and social behaviour. The US Supreme Court has kept prayer out of public schools; it has kept the Ten Commandments off the walls of government buildings; and it has chosen death over life.

* On June 17, 1963, the Supreme Court ruled 8-1 against the recitation of Bible verses and the Lord’s Prayer in public schools.

* On January 27, 1973, the Supreme Court chose death over life (abortion) in the Roe vs. Wade case.

* On June 28, 2000, the Supreme Court struck down a controversial abortion law in Nebraska.

* On May 29, 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear a case raising the question of whether the public display of the Ten Commandments violated the constitutional principle of separation of church and state. The Court left in place the ruling of a lower court forbidding display of the Decalogue.

* Each week an average of eighty-eight children are expelled from schools in the US for bringing a gun to class.

* In a dispute over display of holiday symbols, New York City schools allowed Jewish menorahs and Islamic crescents but barred Christian nativity scenes, alleging the depiction of the birth of Christ does not represent a historical event. 12 Nov 03.

* In 2003, a federal judge ruled that council members of the Great Falls Town Council cannot invoke the name of Jesus or any other specific deity during pre-meeting prayers. Officials in the South Carolina community appealed the federal judge's decision.

* The US now ranks 49th in the world for literacy and 28th out of 40 in mathematical literacy.

* America was once called the breadbasket of the world, but as of June, 2004, the US imported more food than it exported.

* It is a sad fact that in all major categories of achievement and accomplishments, the US is not even in the top ten anymore. The US is, however, number one in the world for weaponry, consumer spending, and debt (seven trillion US dollars)!

* There are nearly 13 million illegal aliens now in the US, and they have brought many infectious diseases with them. Tuberculosis and malaria are on the rise in the US, and now 7,000 cases of leprosy have been diagnosed in the Northeastern states.

* One-third of all US children are now born out of wedlock, and one-half of all US children now live in a one-parent home.