

Obama - Lincoln; What Has Been, Will Be Again
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During the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States yesterday many details of great prophetic significance were observed. None were less prefigurative of those things to come to the nation than the prominent mention of Barack Obama taking the oath of office with his hand upon the same Bible used by Abraham Lincoln in his inauguration.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So, there is nothing new under the sun.

Consider a few of the parallels between these men.

Both men were legislators from the state of Illinois.

Both men were elected to the presidency the first time they ran for the highest office in the land.

Both men are closely related to civil rights issues as Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation and Obama is looked upon as the fulfillment of all that which began with this proclamation and was enunciated in the words of Martin Luther King.

Lincoln was the 16th President which is 4 times 4. Obama is the 44th President.

Lincoln took office in an hour when the nation was facing a great crisis, and

so too has Barack Obama.

I am confident that as time for reflection allows that many more parallels between these men will come to the surface. I do not doubt that others will write to me and share many of these facts. These obvious similarities serve to alert the people of God that there will be many other things in the Obama presidency which will also find a foreshadowing in the Lincoln years in the White House. Many of these things have been prophesied already. Following are a number of things which occurred during the term of the 16 President.

The greatest civil unrest ever seen in the nation up until that time was witnessed during Lincoln's Presidency.

Federal troops were used on American soil against American citizens. This not only occurred during open acts of war, but to quell civil unrest. *"In May, (1861) angry secessionist mobs in Baltimore, a city to the north of Washington, fought with Union troops traveling south. George William Brown, the Mayor of Baltimore, and other suspect Maryland politicians were arrested and imprisoned at Fort McHenry."*

[Source: Wikipedia]

Lincoln had dissident leaders arrested and held in military prisons without trial. Over 18,000 were arrested.

[Source: Wikipedia]

The ground work for such actions under Barack Obama have already been laid and I have reported on them in previous writings. The Posse Comitatus Act has been revoked. Federal troops are once more located on American soil and are actively being trained to be used to quell civil unrest. The precedence for detaining "enemy combatants" and holding them indefinitely without charging them has been established by President Bush and is even now being exercised at the military prison on Guantanamo Bay and elsewhere. All these things will be manifested more fully against the citizens of America in coming days.

In April 1861, after Union troops at Fort Sumter were fired upon and forced to surrender, *Lincoln called on the governors of every state to send detachments totaling 75,000 troops to recapture forts, protect the capital, and "preserve the Union..."*

[Source: Wikipedia]

In a similar fulfillment, we will see a crisis arise and a cry to preserve the union will serve as the justification to request of governors that they send national guard troops to be employed against the citizens of America.

A constitutional crisis arose during Lincoln's presidency as the seceding states said that they were not bound by the constitution. A similar constitutional crisis will occur in days ahead.

A time of the greatest bloodshed of Americans occurred during the Lincoln presidency and it was the result of American killing American. This too will find its fulfillment in coming days.

During Lincoln's presidency many cities within the United States were laid waste. Many were bombed out, and many were razed to the ground by fire. Entire populations were dislocated from their homes. These things are coming again.

Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

In previous blogs I have mentioned some prophetic signs pointing to a similar end for the current President. It was mentioned on the Unleavened Bread Ministries website that on November 5th, the day that the election results were made known and Barack Obama made his acceptance speech that his wife and family were all dressed in a very symbolic manner.



The designer dress worn by Michele Obama resembled the pattern seen on the female "black widow" spider.



Even the mainstream news has been reporting concerns for the safety of the current president's life. Last week for several days one of the top stories on the CNN website featured a descendant of a black slave who said she was afraid that someone would assassinate this man, leading her to not even vote for him out of concerns for his safety.

Yesterday I posted a writing titled *The Horsemen Cometh*. What is symbolized by the horsemen is a time of unprecedented distress upon the nations. There have been a wealth of signs indicating that the hour for great tribulation upon the earth is at hand. Even the plane crash which occurred last week reveals that these things are coming swiftly. The US Airways plane was in the process of ascending. It had been in the air only three minutes when a cataclysmic, unforeseen event (air traffic control had not seen the birds on radar) struck the plane causing an immediate descent into a crash landing. As I mentioned, this speaks of the hope that is now in the hearts of millions of Americans and people throughout the world that America will ascend once more. Indeed, she will appear to do so for a brief moment, but her ascent will suddenly, and irreversibly be cut short.

It has come out in the news that not only were there numerous employees of Bank of America on the plane, but many of them were top executives. What is indicated is that the American banking system will collapse and the resulting chaos will leave the nation in a state where the very union is threatened. Many other events will also occur, leaving the US battered, even as it was signified in the plane being towed to Battery Park in New York.

Those who watched the inauguration of the 44th President yesterday were witnessing prophecies being acted out before their eyes. I am sure that very

few have eyes to see in this hour.

A couple days ago a sister sent me an e-mail that mentioned one of the symbolic meanings of the number 44. The following is derived from the book *Biblical Mathematics* by evangelist Ed F. Vallowe. 40 is the number for trials, probation, and testings and 4 is the number for the World and its people. When we add the two numbers together we get a message that the World and its people are about to enter a time of trials, probation and testings. These words hardly do justice to that which is to come, for the Scriptures declare:

Matthew 24:22

"And unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days shall be cut short."

The horsemen are coming. If you believe these things, would you not seek to prepare for what is coming? Would you not press in to know the mind of the Father that you might be positioned properly for coming days? Would you not desire to use every resource available to you, submitted to the leading of the Spirit of Christ, to make such preparation as you are directed to make? Would you not show the ultimate concern for the welfare of family, loved ones, and all those who comprise your neighbors?

Do you truly believe these things? What are you doing differently than those sleeping citizens of America who observed the events of the inauguration and who are expecting great days ahead and a return to prosperity and ease? Actions speak louder than words.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days.