

Black Oil Anointing - Presentation



In the first presentation titled “Signs of Judgment” we looked at the matter of understanding the day that we live in. We saw that there were many Scriptures that spoke of the importance of walking wisely, knowing what God is doing, and is about to do, and understanding the character of the hour in which we live.

In the “Signs of Judgment” we looked at God’s call to pursue humility and righteousness, and we saw that various signs have been given to indicate that we live in that hour when this earth must experience birth pangs, as the judgments of God are poured out on the nations.

In this presentation we are going to look at another matter that is very important to having an understanding of what is going on in the earth, and why we are seeing specific judgments come, and why more must come. The matter we are going to look at is oil, or petroleum, and the world struggle to control the flow of it. As we go through this presentation we will answer some of the following questions:

What is the connection between America and oil? What is the tie-in between

the father and son Presidents George H. And George W. Bush, and Middle East wars that are centered around oil producing nations? What is the significance of so many top government officials in the current Presidential administration having ties to major oil companies? Why did America invade Afghanistan and Iraq? Is there a prophetic message in all of this?

We will also look at some of the evil things that the nations have been doing in their pursuit of oil, particularly in regard to Israel, and the dire judgments that must come as a result. We will see that even as there were extraordinary hurricanes in 2005 that brought a message of God's requirement of purity among the nations, and His judgment on immorality, the year 2004 was also extraordinary in four land falling hurricanes to the U.S. and they brought forth an exceptional message concerning God's judgment on America's unrighteous pursuit of oil.

We will also look at other signs that have been occurring, that have been pregnant with symbolism, including the space shuttle Columbia disaster, and a lesser known, but equally symbolic disintegration of the Columbia glacier in Alaska. We will look at another story that was all over the news for a time, that being the story of Jessica Lynch's rescue in Iraq, and what it also symbolizes and how all of these things tie back into oil.

To understand the days we live in, the events going on in the world, as well as what God is doing among His children, especially the barley group of overcomers who will attain to the first resurrection, you must understand the subject of anointing and its relationship to oil.

The topic of anointing is greatly spoken of in Scripture, because it is an extremely important matter to God.

What is anointing?

Anointing is POWER! God gives POWER to men to accomplish His purposes to which they have been called. The world also has its own anointing. The world has alternate sources of POWER that are not divine in nature, but are earthly.

Whenever God called a man to a specific task He would symbolize that He was going to place His Spirit upon that man, and give that man the wisdom,

strength and ability to carry out that calling by anointing the man. GOD NEVER CALLS A MAN TO A TASK AND EXPECTS THE MAN TO CARRY IT OUT IN HIS OWN STRENGTH. Many men have failed to fulfill the purpose of their life because they did not understand this. They have thought that their natural abilities were sufficient to carry out the call on their life.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Notice that the power is given BEFORE God sends His children out to perform the work He has assigned to them. God made this very clear.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Luke 24:49

“And behold, I will send forth upon you what My Father has promised; but remain in the city [Jerusalem] until you are clothed with power from on high.”

God has given us picture images (parables) to show us clearly that it has always been His intent to anoint those whom He has called, placing power upon them that they might fulfill the calling appointed to them.

(Slide - Shepherd anointing the sheep)



Psalms 23:1-5

The LORD is my shepherd... Thou hast anointed my head with oil...

Whenever Yahweh chooses to enable a man to be able to stand in a specific calling and to fulfill that calling, He placed His anointing upon that man, and this empowerment by God was visibly declared to those around by pouring forth oil upon the head of the man. In this way we see Aaron having the anointing oil poured over his head as he is set aside to fulfill the office of the High Priest. We see the anointing oil being poured over Saul as he is set apart to be the first king of Israel. We see David being anointed on three separate occasions, which symbolize his calling as prophet, priest and king.

A person can have a dream, or a vision of some great work, they can have lofty goals and aspirations, but all of these things will come to nought unless one also has an anointing to accomplish that which they feel called unto.

(Slide - Ram's Horn)



A ram's horn was typically used to hold the oil that was poured on the head of a person being anointed. Even as a ram would use its horns as a weapon, the ram's horn is a symbol of power. The horn of a ram is on its head, and the oil is poured on the head, symbolizing God's power resting upon a man to accomplish God's will through that man.

The following scripture is included here because it speaks of this anointing oil being used to symbolize Yahweh's empowerment of man to perform a specific task, and this particular scripture is chosen for it reveals a number and variety of anointings.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

I Kings 19:15-17

Yahweh said to [Elijah], “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram; and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. It shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death.”

Here we see that God has chosen three men to accomplish very specific tasks that He desires to accomplish through them. Yahweh seeks to purge Israel of its idolatry and to remove the wickedness of the house of Ahab and Jezebel from before Him. At this time, none of these men had come into their calling. They may have had aspirations, but they had no power to accomplish their desire. Only by receiving the empowerment of God, the anointing to fulfill their calling, could they go forth in power and succeed. After Elijah anointed Hazael, he became king of Aram. After Elijah anointed Jehu, he became king of Israel. After Elijah anointed Elisha, he became prophet in his place.

I want to emphasize here that God NEVER expects a man to rely upon his own strength and abilities to fulfill God’s purposes. We are given the history of the life of Moses to demonstrate this very clearly.

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Acts 7:20-25

And it was at this time that Moses was born; and he was lovely in the sight of God; and he was nurtured three months in his father's home. And after he had been exposed, Pharaoh's daughter took him away, and nurtured him as her own son. And Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds. But when he was approaching the age of forty, it entered his mind to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel. And when he saw one of them being treated unjustly, he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed by striking down the Egyptian. And he supposed that his brethren understood that God was granting them deliverance through him; but they did not understand.

At the age of 40 Moses was an impressive man. He had the best education the world offered. He was gifted in speech and a man of action, powerful in deeds. He knew at this age that God was calling him to deliver his people from Egyptian slavery. But Moses did not wait for God to anoint him and empower him. He thought his own abilities were sufficient to accomplish the task before him. Moses slew one Egyptian and then fled for his life. He did not free a single Israelite at the age of 40.

It took 40 more years for God to so humble Moses that he would never seek to accomplish Yahweh's will in his own strength again. When God did appear to Moses at the burning bush when Moses was 80 years old, He revealed to Moses that He would use him to set His people free. Moses responded very differently.

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Exodus 4:10-11

Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since Thou hast spoken to Thy servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." And the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

God testified of Moses that he was the most humble man on the face of the earth. Moses learned that his abilities were worthless in God's sight. This led Moses to lean upon God, depending on Him to carry out His desires. A proud man will go forth and attempt to do something for God in his own strength. The church is full of men and women who are doing works in their own strength, and God despises it all. The church is relying upon human means to perform its calling. They have adopted the methods of the world.

The church uses committees and planning sessions and blue prints and fund raising drives and a myriad of programs to accomplish their commission, and as a result they have failed miserably. They have set no man free of the things that hold them captive anymore than Moses at the age of 40. They have made a bunch of disciples who remain in bondage to the flesh. God will therefore take them through a wilderness experience until they are humbled before Him and will no longer trust in their own strength and abilities.

There is a reason that the church has despised God's power today. God only bestows His power upon vessels that have been prepared to receive it. The preparation process requires embracing the cross set before each of us. God must crush our flesh, bringing us to an end of selfish living, until we live only to do His will.

God gives us a clear picture of this as we look at the oil that was used to anoint those whom God called and empowered.

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Exodus 27:20

“And you shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.”

God specifically instructed the people to use olive oil for the purpose of anointing. The olive tree is a symbol of God’s people. In order to produce oil from the olive, the flesh of the olive must be crushed. It is God’s will to take all mankind through a crushing process that they might cease from sin and live righteously. We must die to our will and desires and live to do the will of God. This is a painful process, but God provides much grace to those who freely submit to this work.

ONLY those who have allowed God to deal in this way with their flesh will receive power. Because the church today does not want to experience suffering, but have been taught that God desires that they experience one pleasure after another, they have not received divine power to fulfill the call on their lives.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

II Timothy 3:1-5

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power.

Men who love themselves will not submit to the cross that Christ chooses for them. Yahshua said,

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Luke 14:26-27

“If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.”

Again, God has given us a parable to help us to understand this truth. The church in Scripture is compared to an olive tree.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Romans 11:24

For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

(Slide - Olive Tree)



The saints of Yahweh are pictured in scripture as an olive tree, and it is from the crushed fruit of the olive tree that the oil of anointing comes forth.

(Slide - Olive Branch)



Individually, we are pictured as olives in this tree. When our soul life has been crushed by God the oil of anointing is manifested and we become a light unto the world. It was olive oil that was used to light the lamps in the Tabernacle of Moses and the Temple of Solomon.

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Exodus 27:20

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(Slide - Gethsemane)



All who would be disciples of Christ must follow in His footsteps. He learned obedience through the things He suffered, and so must we. Consider also that Christ's greatest suffering was at Gethsemane where it states that His soul was grieved unto death. Gethsemane was a garden on the Mount of Olives and it literally means "olive press."

The reason the church has so little power today is that she will not submit herself to the preparation process that all must pass through to have the oil of anointing released from their lives. We must all be crushed, putting an end to the habit of being self-directed, choosing our own way, and doing things in the power of our human abilities. A church that loves self, loves money, and loves pleasure will not receive the power of God.

God has a remnant who are being prepared at this very hour to receive a powerful anointing in coming days. The church thinks these ones are suffering for their own sins, even as the Jews thought Yahshua was suffering as an evildoer.

Many think that they will be satisfied to do without the power of God as long as they can avoid suffering, but they are deceived. Yahshua said:

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Matthew 21:44

He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.

In our previous presentation we saw that the earth must undergo pangs as a woman in childbirth. The overcomers will be passed over when God brings His most severe judgments to the earth. Those in the barley resurrection will be passed over when others are cast into the second death, which is the Lake of Fire. None can avoid God's purifying work in their life. You can only postpone it, but if you do you will suffer loss and the purging will be much more difficult.

It is better to fall on the Rock, which is Christ, and allow Him to break you, than for Him to fall on you and scatter you like dust.

Summary

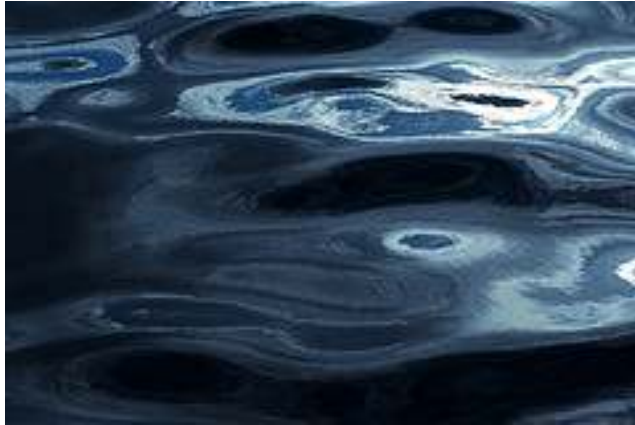
We have seen images of the Shepherd pouring oil on the sheep, we have seen images of the olive and the olive press where the oil for anointing is produced. In all of this we see God's plan for man to be prepared to walk in spiritual power. We have an anointing of the Holy Spirit that produces the life of Christ within these vessels of clay, but that life is only manifested when our soul life is crushed, when we die to our own way of doing things.

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We must fall on the Rock and be broken to pieces in order that the anointing within might be manifested. If we are not pressed and beaten as the olive, if our flesh remains protected and intact, then the oil of anointing will not come forth. We are called to be broken vessels before God, that He might reveal His power in and through us.

(Slide - Black Oil)



There is a very high cost to attaining the power of God. The world and much of the church are not willing to pay this price for God's power to be manifest in their lives. So Satan offers a counterfeit anointing. The world, and the majority of the church, do not want to be broken before God. They therefore seek an anointing that does not require the work of the cross in their lives. In Exodus we read that the oil that God required was "clear oil" from the ripe flesh of the olive. The lost world has a substitute. It is the black oil called petroleum that comes from the decaying matter buried within the earth. There is great symbolism in this.

Christ says, "Fall on the Rock" and He will bring forth an anointing of power in our lives. The world offers power without suffering. It has its own oil from the rock. Petroleum literally means "Rock Oil."

However, God despises the world's alternative. The world's alternative leaves men in the blackness of sin. There is no purity produced in the lives of those who rely upon this black oil for power. This is revealed even in the terms used to describe these two types of oil. Olive oil is graded as "Virgin" and "Extra Virgin." The word virgin means pure. In sharp contrast petroleum is described as "Crude" oil.

The world accomplishes many things through the power of petroleum. The businesses of the world run on petroleum. The cities of the world are powered by it. Petroleum is the source of much power to fuel the industry of the world, but the world is not accomplishing the will of God. The world uses this power to fulfill her own will and desire. She is building her own kingdoms, pursuing her own pleasure, and failing to accomplish the will of God.

(Slide - Saudi Oil Facility)



God has given us another great parable. There are two types of work going on in this world today. There is the work initiated and performed by the Spirit of God, and this work is greatly pleasing to Yahweh. The other is the work man does by his own strength and often offers to God, hoping that God will accept it. We see these two types of work depicted in the first chapters of the Bible when Cain and Able both brought sacrifices to God.

We are told that Able brought sheep, the best of the flock, and offered them as a sacrifice to God. This was an offering of faith. It was looking forward to that day when God would send His Son as a spotless lamb to be offered up as atonement for the sins of man. Able's offering, therefore was a spiritual offering. It was looking to God to perform that which only He could do. God therefore had favor on Able's offering.

Cain, we are told, brought an offering of the produce of the ground. It was an impressive offering that would put anything seen in a farmer's market today to shame. Yet the offering Cain brought was produced by the sweat of his own brow. He was bringing God an offering that was produced by human effort and asking God to accept it. Yet God did not have regard for Cain's offering. He despised what Cain brought because it was based upon human effort rather than divine power.

These same two types of work are seen in Abraham's first two sons. The pattern is ever seen in Scripture, "first the natural, then the spiritual." Even as Cain was the firstborn son of Adam and he brought a natural offering to

God, so Abraham's first son was a product of human effort. However Abraham's second son was a child of faith.

Abraham was an old man, and his wife Sarah was advanced in age and they had no children. God appeared to Abraham and asked him if there was anything he desired. Abraham said he wanted a son to be heir of his household. God then promised Abraham that he would have a son with Sarah. More years went by and there was no son, and Abraham and Sarah began to waver in their faith in God's promise. Sarah suggested that Abraham take Sarah's handmaid named Hagar and go into her and perhaps this would be God's way of raising up a child.

Yet this act was not an act of faith. It was a natural act, for Hagar was young and appeared fertile, whereas Sarah was old and appeared barren. Hagar did have a son by Abraham and they named him Ishmael. Yet God rejected Ishmael, and said this son would not be Abraham's heir, for He would give him a son of promise through Sarah.

Another ten years went by and God appeared to Abraham again and told him by that time next year he would have a son by Sarah. Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah 90 when God opened Sarah's womb and brought forth that which He promised. God then instructed Abraham to send Hagar and Ishmael away, though God said He would make Ishmael a great nation because Abraham entreated him. Ishmael became the father of 12 sons, and they have become the Arab nations that exist today.

Abraham's son of promise was named Isaac, and he in turn was the father of Jacob who became the father of 12 sons who are the 12 tribes of Israel.

A key message in this is that those things man sees as fertile, and able to bring forth fruit that will please God, God despises seeing it as barren of real life. That which man sees as barren, God is able to make fruitful, and it becomes pleasing to Him.

Hagar was seen as fruitful, and a means to accomplish God's promise, but God rejected Ishmael and his descendants now dwell in lands that are largely barren and covered by vast deserts. Sarah was seen as barren, but God accepted Isaac, for Isaac came forth through His power, not the natural ability of man and woman. Israel's land is very fertile and even those areas that were formerly deserts are now being cultivated today.

(Slide - Desert)



It is no coincidence that the black oil that man uses to accomplish all of his purposes is found under barren lands that belong to the descendants of Ishmael. Though the nations are producing many things with this petroleum, and great nations are doing works that they boast in, God has said that He rejects all such works. He will judge the nations because they have no regard for Him, and are focused only on their own will and desires.

God is seeking for the man and woman today who will live to do His will and His pleasure, while dying to their own will and desire. His Son, Yahshua the Messiah was a perfect example of one who lived this way. John recorded six times in his gospel the words of Yahshua where He declared, "I never do anything of My own initiative. I live to do the will of the Father. Because He never sought His own way, but lived for the Father, God was pleased to anoint Him with power as this world had never witnessed before.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Acts 10:38

“You know of Yahshua of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power...”

Luke 4:18

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR...”

Do you want to know the power of God on your life? Or will you be content with a form of godliness that is without power?

To see a man or woman bearing an anointing from Yahweh is an awesome thing to behold. To see frail and weak vessels being used in power is simply stunning. A lost and wicked world covets such power, and desires to gain this anointing that they too might have power.

The word “Christ” literally means “anointed. Those who are called Christians are literally being called “anointed ones.” What anointing is evident in your life?

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Acts 8:18-20

Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give this power to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!"

Since the world cannot purchase the true anointing of God's Spirit, the world is seeking an alternate anointing. The true saints of God will settle for nothing less than the clear oil that comes from flesh that has been crushed, but the world is satisfied with the oil that comes from decaying matter that is brought up from the depths of the earth.

The anointing of the world does not bring forth life. The source of power the world covets is largely found under deserts and oceans and frozen wasteland. When it is burned it puts off noxious vapors that poison the very air that we breathe.

(Slide - President Bush and Prince Abdullah)



This prepares us now to answer the questions that were posed at the opening of this writing. How does all this relate to current events and the struggles in the Middle East? The rock oil that the Arab's possess is used to accomplish all the desire of man. The Arab oil is a source of great power, and the world would grind to a halt without it, for the peoples and nations of the world depend on it to perform all their works. The

governments and industries of the world are heavily dependent upon this source of power. It is the anointing oil, the source of power, that they need to accomplish all of their purposes.

The U.S. is no different than the rest of the world, and is greatly dependent upon this counterfeit anointing to accomplish its plans and schemes. America is not powered by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, its power and might is of the earth. It is earthy.

America is the greatest single nation on earth in its industry and labor. Yet it is all dependent upon a black oil anointing. America runs on petroleum. America boasts of being the world's last superpower, and a superpower needs a huge supply of oil, for oil is the power source to accomplish the desires of nations.

Why is President Bush interested in Iraq? For the same reason his father was interested in Kuwait. Black oil! Power to accomplish the purposes of man. Consider the following facts about some of the major figures in America's government:

President George W. Bush: He owned Arbusto Oil prior to running for President. (Arbusto is 'bush' in Spanish) His company was literally named "Bush Oil". Many prophets have spoken of this president being a burning bush, but this burning bush is fueled by a counterfeit anointing oil.

(Slide - Dick Cheney)



Vice President Dick Cheney: Was a Director of Halliburton Company, the world's largest supplier for the oil industry.

(Slide - Condoleezza Rice)



National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice: Was a Director of Chevron Oil Corporation, and even had an oil supertanker named after her. This tanker was renamed after she became an aide to the current president to quell any controversy that might arise from those who felt her oil ties were a conflict of interest.

(Slide - Colin Powell)



Secretary of State Colin Powell: Led the war in the Gulf, Desert Storm, to free Kuwait from Iraq and restore the flow of oil to the U.S.

Notice a pattern here? Our nation craves this anointing that comes from the earth for it is a source of great power. If the U.S. were to have its supply of oil threatened its power would be in jeopardy. Therefore, the U.S. will do everything it can to insure that it can keep a steady flow of oil coming to it. America has chosen the false power that this world offers. It has turned its back on the true anointing that comes from brokenness and humility before Yahweh. It has turned its back on Yahshua, the Rock from which the true power and anointing flows.

The focus on the Middle East is all about who controls the black anointing oil of Ishmael. America wants the oil to flow to her borders that she might have power to accomplish all of her desire. There are some who do not want America to have this power. Others also want this power. Wars are fought over such things. An anointing is a powerful thing and when money will no longer purchase it, then the kingdoms of the world will suffer violence and violent men will take by force that which they desire.

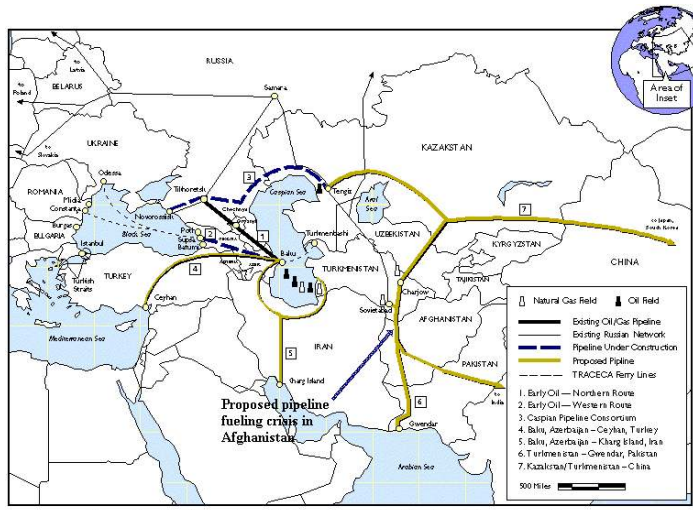
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Why did America invade Afghanistan?

Why does America continue to maintain a presence there? You have been told that it is to destroy Al Qaeda and to establish democracy in Afghanistan, but the real reason is revealed in a State Department writing that appeared before the U.S. invaded that nation.

(Slide - Afghanistan Oil Pipeline)



Source: U.S. Department of State.

Source - U.S. State Department - American Petroleum Institute

Our soldiers are remaining in Afghanistan to prepare the way for construction of an oil pipeline that will connect the oil fields of the Caspian Sea region to an oil port on the Arabian Sea.

The U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001 and by 2002 they had established a local government that was friendly to their plans and the Afghanistan government signed off on an agreement to allow a consortium to build a \$3.2 billion natural gas pipeline, known as the Trans-Afghanistan Pipeline.
(Source - Associated Press, December 27, 2002)

In 1998 testimony was given to congress that included the need to establish a stable and recognizable government, that is to say - one that the U.S. and its oil companies could work with, in Afghanistan.

U.S. INTERESTS IN THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS
HEARING BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
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STATEMENT OF JOHN J. MARESCA, VICE PRESIDENT OF

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, UNOCAL CORPORATION

Mr. Maresca. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It's nice to see you again. I am John Maresca, vice president for international relations of the Unocal Corporation. Unocal, as you know, is one of the world's leading energy resource and project development companies... I congratulate you for focusing on Central Asia oil and gas reserves and the role they play in shaping U.S. policy. I would like to focus today on three issues. First, the need for multiple pipeline routes for Central Asian oil and gas resources. Second, the need for U.S. support for international and regional efforts to achieve balanced and lasting political settlements to the conflicts in the region, including Afghanistan. Third, the need for structured assistance to encourage economic reforms and the development of appropriate investment climates in the region. In this regard, we specifically support repeal or removal of section 907 of the Freedom Support Act.

Mr. Chairman, the Caspian region contains tremendous untapped hydrocarbon reserves. Just to give an idea of the scale, proven natural gas reserves equal more than 236 trillion cubic feet. The region's total oil reserves may well reach more than 60 billion barrels of oil. Some estimates are as high as 200 billion barrels. In 1995, the region was producing only 870,000 barrels per day. By 2010, western companies could increase production to about 4.5 million barrels a day, an increase of more than 500 percent in only 15 years. If this occurs, the region would represent about 5 percent of the world's total oil production.

One major problem has yet to be resolved: how to get the region's vast energy resources to the markets where they are needed... Two major infrastructure projects are seeking to meet the need for additional export capacity. One, under the aegis of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium, plans to build a pipeline west from the northern Caspian to the Russian Black Sea port of Novorossiysk. Oil would then go by tanker through the Bosphorus to the Mediterranean and world markets.

The other project is sponsored by the Azerbaijan International Operating Company, a consortium of 11 foreign oil companies, [including four American companies, Unocal, Amoco, Exxon and Pennzoil...](#)

The second option is to build a pipeline south from Central Asia to the Indian Ocean. One obvious route south would cross Iran, but this is foreclosed for

American companies because of U.S. sanctions legislation. The only other possible route is across Afghanistan, which has of course its own unique challenges. The country has been involved in bitter warfare for almost two decades, and is still divided by civil war. [From the outset, we have made it clear that construction of the pipeline we have proposed across Afghanistan could not begin until a recognized government is in place that has the confidence of governments, lenders, and our company...](#)

Last October (1997), the Central Asia Gas Pipeline Consortium, called CentGas, in which Unocal holds an interest, was formed to develop a gas pipeline which will link Turkmenistan's vast Dauletabad gas field with markets in Pakistan and possibly India. The proposed 790-mile pipeline will open up new markets for this gas, traveling from Turkmenistan through Afghanistan to Multan in Pakistan. The proposed extension would move gas on to New Delhi, where it would connect with an existing pipeline. [As with the proposed Central Asia oil pipeline, CentGas can not begin construction until an internationally ecognized Afghanistan Government is in place.](#)

The impact of these resources on U.S. commercial interests and U.S. foreign policy is also significant. Without peaceful settlement of the conflicts in the region, cross-border oil and gas pipelines are not likely to be built. We urge the Administration and the Congress to give strong support to the U.N.-led peace process in Afghanistan. The U.S. Government should use its influence to help find solutions to all of the region's conflicts. U.S. assistance in developing these new economies will be crucial to business success.
(End Quote)

We can now answer why America invaded Afghanistan. Did Unocal attain its goal of seeing a friendly government established in this nation? Consider that Hamid Karzai, the recently elected President of Afghanistan is a former employee of and lobbyist for Unocal.

Why did America invade Iraq?

(Slide - Iraq Oil Fields - Foreign development)

The thirst for Iraqi oil

While U.S. oil firms have stood on the sidelines, Iraq has negotiated contracts or had serious talks with oil companies from many other nations to develop its vast oil reserves. The map shows some of the major fields and the countries involved.



Source - U.S. State Department - American Petroleum Institute

Note that Iraq had sealed billions of dollars in contracts with the following countries: Russia, China, and France. After the U.S. and Great Britain invaded Iraq and set-up a puppet government, they had the contracts with Russia, China and France canceled. Remember that these three countries were opposed to the invasion of Iraq, and with good reason. They stood to lose billions of dollars in oil field development contracts as well as a future supply of oil.

In addition, just months before America invaded Iraq under the premise of destroying Al Qaeda cells and rooting out weapons of mass destruction, neither of which were ever found, Saddam Hussein had been seeking to encourage other Arab countries to place an embargo on oil shipments to the U.S.

Iraq has proven oil reserves of 112 billion barrels, the world's second largest reserves after Saudi Arabia. (Source: BBC)

From an Internet News Site (Date January 7, 2007)

Iraq's massive oil reserves... are about to be thrown open for large-scale exploitation by Western oil companies under a controversial law which is expected to come before the Iraqi parliament within days.

The US government has been involved in drawing up the law, a draft of which has been seen by The Independent on Sunday. It would give big oil companies such as BP, Shell and Exxon 30-year contracts to extract Iraqi crude and allow the first large-scale operation of foreign oil interests in the country since the industry was nationalised in 1972.

The huge potential prizes for Western firms will give ammunition to critics who say the Iraq war was fought for oil. They point to statements such as one from Vice-President Dick Cheney, who said in 1999, while he was still chief executive of the oil services company Halliburton, that the world would need an additional 50 million barrels of oil a day by 2010. "So where is the oil going to come from?... The Middle East, with two-thirds of the world's oil and the lowest cost, is still where the prize ultimately lies," he said

[Source: oilempire.us]

Another Internet Excerpt

www.alternet.org/waroniraq/43045/

Bush's Petro-Cartel Almost Has Iraq's Oil

By Joshua Holland, AlterNet. Posted October 16, 2006.

Even as Iraq verges on splintering into a sectarian civil war, four big oil companies are on the verge of locking up its massive, profitable reserves, known to everyone in the petroleum industry as "the prize."

It's clear that the U.S.-led invasion had little to do with national security or the events of Sept. 11. Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill revealed that just 11 days after Bush's inauguration in early 2001, regime change in Iraq was "Topic A" among the administration's national security staff, and former Terrorism Tsar Richard Clarke told 60 Minutes that the day after the attacks in New York and Washington occurred, "[Secretary of Defense Donald] Rumsfeld was saying that we needed to bomb Iraq." He added: "We all said ... no, no. Al-Qaeda is in Afghanistan."

On March 7, 2003, two weeks before the United States attacked Iraq, the U.N.'s chief weapons inspector, Hans Blix, told the U.N. Security Council that Saddam Hussein's cooperation with the inspections protocol had improved to the point where it was "active or even proactive," and that the inspectors would be able to certify that Iraq was free of prohibited weapons within a few months' time. That same day, IAEA head Mohammed ElBaradei reported that there was no evidence of a current nuclear program in Iraq and flatly refuted the administration's claim that the infamous aluminum tubes cited by Colin Powell in making his case for war before the Security Council were part of a reconstituted nuclear program. But serious planning for the war had begun in February of 2002, as Bob Woodward revealed in his book, *Plan of Attack*. Planning for the future of Iraq's oil wealth had been under way for longer still.

In February of 2001, just weeks after Bush was sworn in, the same energy executives that had been lobbying for Saddam's ouster gathered at the White House to participate in Dick Cheney's now infamous Energy Task Force. Although Cheney would go all the way to the Supreme Court to keep what happened at those meetings a secret, we do know a few things, thanks to documents obtained by the conservative legal group JudicialWatch. As Mark Levine wrote in *The Nation*(\$\$):

... a map of Iraq and an accompanying list of "Iraq oil foreign suitors" were the center of discussion. The map erased all features of the country save the location of its main oil deposits, divided into nine exploration blocks. The accompanying list of suitors revealed that dozens of companies from 30 countries -- but not the United States -- were either in discussions over or in direct negotiations for rights to some of the best remaining oilfields on earth.

You may not remember that the opposition to America invading Iraq, for most of the foreign opposition was ignored by the media. To find the truth you had to look to sources outside the United States, such as Internet websites. But you may remember that France was vilified for her outspoken opposition to this war. People were even renaming "french fries" as "freedom fries" for a while, and there was opposition to everything French. The truth was that the war was never about terrorism, or weapons of mass destruction. It was all about control of the last great undeveloped oil reserves in the Middle East and the massive profits to be made by them.

However, you can now understand that those nations that lost out by America and great Britain invading Iraq are very angry over their losses. Wars are fought over such things, and in 2004 there was a testimony given through the Hurricanes that struck the U.S. about what is to come.

What you need to know to understand the day that we live in is that all things are coming to maturity, both in the Kingdom of God and the kingdoms of this world. Even as God is bringing a firstfruits, barley group of overcomers to maturity, so the world is coming to a great climax in the exercise of her power.

Never before have there been such powerful militaries throughout the world with the capacity to destroy all life many times over. Never before has the industry of mankind been at such a peak to the point that world resources are being consumed and depleted. Oil is perhaps the most volatile of all of the world's resources, the one most likely to lead to global conflict and tremendous wars. It has been estimated that by 2030 that the oil resources of the world will be so depleted and further exploration and recovery so difficult that the amount of oil supplied by the world will begin falling every year after that.

Yet we live in a time of unprecedented growth in consumption of oil. The economies of China and India are experiencing tremendous growth, and their consumption is rising tremendously. Yet there are few areas where more oil can be supplied, and that is why we see the U.S. being willing to invade nations to insure that she has a continued supply of oil to satisfy the needs of a nation that wants to maintain superpower status. Yet China and other nations are not going to sit on the sidelines when their economies are stagnated because they are running out of fuel to power their nations.

The obvious result of this rising global crisis is war. This is also in keeping with the Scripture's description of the last days before the Lord's return, for in the Gospel of Matthew we read:

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Matthew 24:6-7

“And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom...”

Just since George W. Bush has been in office we have seen America go to war with Afghanistan and Iraq. Nation rising against nation. And more wars are sure to come.

What does God think about all of this? When a nation uses its power to steal the resources of another nation, and to depose their government under false pretenses, as happened in Iraq where our leaders said they were looking for weapons of mass destruction and for Al Qaeda cells, neither of which were ever found, and when we imprison the citizens of that nation that are defending their land and we put them in captivity without any trial, and hold them indefinitely while committing atrocities against them such as the torture and humiliation of the Iraqi citizens held at Abhu Ghraib, then that nation is acting in an immoral manner that will call forth the judgment of God.

When a nation invades another country to take possession of her natural resources, and in the process nullifies contracts legitimately made with other countries, then God will judge just as He would judge if you entered your neighbor's house and stole his goods. It is written in the ten commandments, “You shall not steal,” and also “You shall not cover your neighbor's possessions.” If a nation covets that which another sovereign nation has, and uses force of arms to take that which it wants, then God will judge.

America already consumes 25.5% of the world's oil, 26.9% of natural gas, and 25.5% of the world's coal while only having 4.6% of the world's population. According to 2004 statistics the U.S. daily consumption of oil is 20.75 million barrels a day, of which 13.15 million barrels are imported. Moral government would set the United States on a path of conservation of resources, lowering

the population's consumption of oil rather than encouraging America's oil addiction.

In comparison, China which has 20% of the world's population consumed only 6.3 million barrels a day. On average each American consumes 68.81 barrels of oil per person each year while in China the rate is 4.96 barrels per person per year. You can understand then why nation's such as China will react strongly when their supply of oil is threatened while America consumes such a disproportionate percentage of the world's oil. When the U.S. invaded Iraq to secure the vast oil reserves there for her personal use, and canceled the contracts of China, Russia and France she risked the anger of those nations.

The Hurricane season of 2004, I believe, gives us a prophetic warning of the coming crisis over oil that will lead to more conflict between nations.

(Slide - Hurricane Charley)



Charley lasted from August 9 to August 15, peaking as a 150 mph (240 km/h) Category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. The hurricane made landfall in southwestern Florida at peak intensity, the strongest hurricane to hit the United States since Hurricane Andrew twelve years prior.

Charley is a name associated with the Chinese, and to an extent, various other Asian people. It was first popularized in this association with the appearance of Charlie Chan as a fictional Chinese detective in numerous books and dozens of movies. The Viet Cong in the Viet Nam war were also referred to as Charlie due to the phonetic representation "Victor Charlie" for VC. However, I believe that the prophetic symbolism of this message is a reference to China striking America even as Charlie struck America as a category 4 hurricane.

(Slide - Hurricane Frances)



Hurricane Frances was the sixth named storm, the fourth hurricane, and the third major hurricane of the 2004 Atlantic hurricane season. The storm's maximum sustained wind speeds were 145 mph (230 km/h), giving it a strength of category 4 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale. Frances passed over the central sections of the state of Florida in the U.S., moved briefly over the Gulf of Mexico on the other side of Florida, and made a second landfall at the Florida Panhandle. Frances affected the central regions of Florida just three weeks after Hurricane Charley, before it moved northward into Georgia as a tropical depression.

Meaning of the name:

From the Late Latin name Franciscus which meant "Frenchman."
[Source - www.behindthename.com]

(Slide - Hurricane Jeanne)



Hurricane Jeanne was the fourth named storm of the season to landfall in Florida. At 11:50 p.m. EDT September 25, Jeanne made landfall on Hutchinson Island, just east of Stuart, Florida and Port Saint Lucie, Florida, at Category 3 strength. This is only about two miles (3 km) from Sewall's Point, where Hurricane Frances struck Florida three weeks earlier.

Jeanne was the first major (Category 3 or higher) storm to make landfall on the east coast north of Palm Beach, Florida and south of the mouth of the Savannah River since 1899. Millions in Florida were left without electricity, some for the third time in a month.

Loss of power was a noted impact of all of these storms. This is also prophetic as all of these nations are angered by America's actions as she has acted to secure a future source of power, black oil, through her invasion of Iraq.

Meaning of the name:

Modern French form of Jehanne, an Old French feminine form of John.
[Source - www.behindthename.com]

(Slide - Hurricane Ivan)



Hurricane Ivan was the strongest hurricane of the 2004 Atlantic hurricane season. Ivan reached Category 5 strength on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale, the highest possible category, and it became the sixth (now ninth) most intense Atlantic hurricane on record, as well as the only Category 5 storm of the season.

After peaking in strength, it moved north-northwest across the Gulf of Mexico to make landfall as a strong Category 3 storm in Orange Beach, Alabama, causing very heavy damage there. Ivan dropped heavy rains on the Southeastern United States as it looped across Florida and back into the Gulf of Mexico. Ivan caused an estimated \$13 billion worth of damage in the United States, making it the fifth costliest hurricane to ever strike the United States.

Meaning of name:

Cognate of JOHN. This was the name of several rulers of Moscow, including Ivan the Great and Ivan the Terrible, the first czar of Russia.

[Source: www.behindthename.com]

(Slide - Ivan Damage)



Medusa Spar Rig

(Slide - Ivan Damage 2)



Ensc0 64 Rig

Hurricane Ivan reportedly resulted in the loss of nearly 44 million barrels of oil production between September 2004 and February 2005. It caused extensive damage to offshore oil rigs, as well as oil pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico. The tally was seven platforms destroyed and six with major damage; five drilling rigs with major damage.

THE PETRONIUS OIL PLATFORM, Gulf of Mexico - Standing 60 feet above sea level on this oil platform 130 miles southeast of New Orleans, Rab Bruce pointed to where the huge wave slammed into a tangle of grated steel and colored pipes.

"I was just in shock at the damage," said Bruce, a longtime coordinator on Chevron's Petronius deep-water platform hit by a 90-foot wave during Hurricane Ivan in September 2004. "I had never seen anything like this. Everything was busted, dangling and messed up," he said.

These four land falling Hurricanes have names that are related to the same nations that the U.S. deprived of their oil contracts in Iraq: China, France and Russia. That each of these Hurricanes damaged America's oil production facilities is a sign of judgment for the nation's unrighteous pursuit of the control of the oil of foreign nations.

I believe that the hurricanes are also prophetic signs of conflicts to come with these same nations.

Prophetic Signs of Judgment Continue in 2006

(Slide - Hurricane Dennis)



Hurricane Dennis was an early-forming major hurricane in the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico during the 2005 Atlantic hurricane season. Dennis was the first major hurricane of the season. In July, the hurricane set several records for early season hurricane activity, becoming the strongest Atlantic hurricane ever to form before August, according to available records.

Dennis hit Cuba twice as a Category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale, and made landfall on the Florida Panhandle in the United States as a Category 3 storm less than a year after Hurricane Ivan did so.

Meaning of the name:

Medieval form of DIONYSIUS. Saint Denis was a 3rd-century missionary to Gaul who was beheaded in Paris. He is the patron saint of France.
[Source: www.behindthename.com]

(Slide - Damage by Dennis)



When Hurricane Dennis barreled right up the middle of the Gulf of Mexico, it tore the legs out from under British Petroleum's Thunder Horse platform, the largest platform in the world.
[Source: www.moneyandmarkets.com]

This oil platform cost one billion dollars to build. It is owned by British Petroleum.

Great Britain is America's main ally in the war in Iraq. France has long been a rival with England, and they have a history of warfare and competition with one another.

(Slide - Hurricane Emily)



Hurricane Emily was the fifth named storm, third hurricane, second major hurricane and first Category 5 of the record-breaking 2005 Atlantic hurricane season. When its central pressure fell to 929 mbar and its sustained winds reached to 160 mph (260 km/h) on July 16, Emily became the strongest hurricane ever to form before August, breaking a record set by Hurricane Dennis just six days before. It was also the earliest Category 5 hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic basin (beating Hurricane Allen's old record by nearly three weeks) and the only Category 5 hurricane ever recorded before August.

Gulf of Mexico oil rigs and pipelines were shut down. Some 15,000 oil rig workers were pulled out ahead of the storm.

Meaning of the name:

From the Roman family name Aemilius, which was derived from Latin *aemulus* meaning "rival".

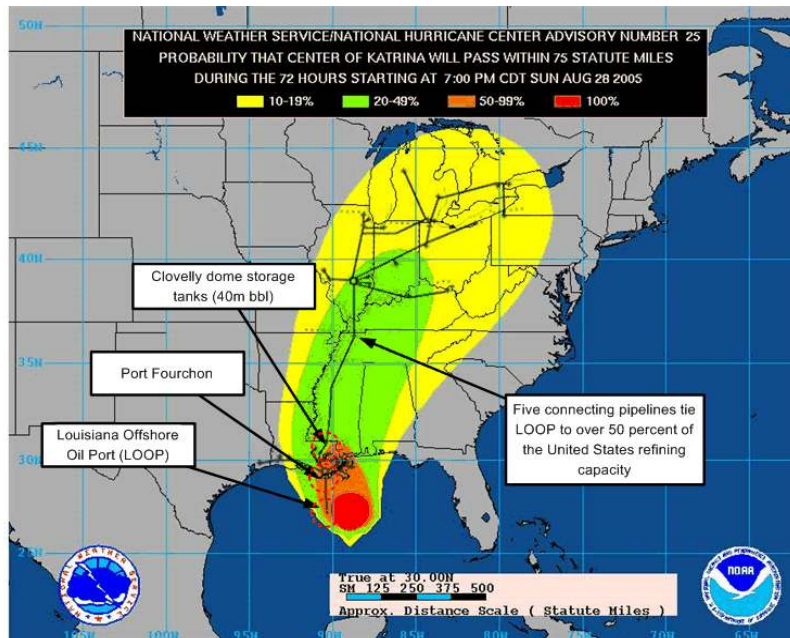
[Source: www.behindthename.com]

Interestingly, the track of this hurricane is almost identical to the track of Hurricane Dean that struck last week (as of this writing). Both hurricanes caused Pemex, the Mexican National oil company to withdraw all of its oil workers from the area, a number ranging between 14,000 and 20,000 workers. It is estimated that an average of 2.7 million barrels of oil production a day was lost while the oil fields were shut down. Most of this oil is sold to the U.S..

Hurricane Katrina

Katrina struck in late August of 2005. By September 7, Gulf oil production had returned to 42% of normal. Of 10 refineries that were shut down by Katrina, four were expected to be back at full capacity within a week, however another four could be out of commission for months.

(Slide - Port Fourchon)



Ted Falgout, Port Director of Port Fourchon, Louisiana, a key oil and gas hub 60 mi (100 km) south of New Orleans on the Gulf of Mexico, reported that the port had taken a direct hit from the hurricane. The port services approximately 16% of the nation's supply of crude oil and natural gas.[7] According to Falgout, Hurricane Katrina, "will impact oil and gas infrastructure, not just short term but long term as well. The impact of the storm — the Gulf is shut down; all of the area of the storm is shut down; a half billion dollars a day of oil and gas is unavailable."

(Slide - Hurricane Rita)



Combined damage of Katrina and Rita: (Source - [Www.mms.gov](http://www.mms.gov))
Both hurricanes registered as category-5 storms with maximum sustained winds of 175 mph, peak wind gusts up to 235 mph and central pressure as low as 902 mbar. MMS estimates that 3,050 of the Gulf's 4,000 platforms and 22,000 of the 33,000 miles of Gulf pipelines were in the direct path of either Hurricane Katrina or Rita resulting in the destruction of 115 platforms, damaged to 52 others, damage of 535 pipeline segments, and near total shut-down of the Gulf's offshore oil and gas production...

(Slide - BHP Billiton Typhoon - Chevron Oil Platform)



Another important measurement is the hurricanes' impacts longevity. Over nine months later, 22% of federal oil production and 13% of gas production remained shut-in resulting in the loss of 150 million barrels of oil and 730 billion cubic feet of gas from domestic supplies. [End quote]

The years 2004 and 2005 produced an unprecedented number of major hurricanes that did historic damage to America's oil production facilities. God was surely sending America a warning that if she continues down this path of unrighteousness and deception that far greater judgments will come to her.

The cost of America's unrighteous campaign for oil resources has also cost the lives of 3,706 soldiers, both men and women in Iraq. In addition there have been 27,409 Americans injured in battle, many severely. Would Americans support the war if they understood that it was being fought not to suppress terrorism, or to establish democracy, but to grab more of the world's limited oil supply for American consumption and the profits of major oil companies? Would America's citizens consider it a fair trade that so many of her children have been killed and wounded to keep a cheap source of petroleum flowing to her borders? And what does God think when the leaders of a nation deceive their citizens and rally their support through fear-mongering?

Yet America's leaders have committed other immoral acts in their pursuit of the oil that maintains her superpower status. God is jealous as He watches over the nation of Israel. He will not sit back while other nations extend their hand to touch His chosen people. Yet America has applied constant and unrelenting pressure to Israel to give up the land that God gave to Abraham and his descendants. They have done so to appease the Arab nations whose oil they covet. Although the Arabs hold over 99% of the land in the Middle East, Israel has been pressured again and again to give up what little land she has that a Palestinian State might be created.

However, there have been so many signs of God's displeasure over America's actions as they relate to Israel that I cannot speak of them now, but will address this matter in the next presentation "Touch Not My Anointed!"

In closing, I have shared these things with you that you might better understand the days that we live in. I have shared them that you might understand the judgments that have been coming upon America, and the anger of the nations. Our media is highly controlled, and they act as the propaganda machine for the government of the United States.

There was a brief time this past year when it was revealed that the government is paying reporters to write stories that it wants in the news. I think we would all be amazed at how much control there is being exerted over the news that Americans are presented with on the major news outlets.

The things I have shared with you tonight go behind the events to understand why things are occurring, and what a nation must do if they want to avoid God's judgment. America is doing profoundly evil things that invite God's judgment.

America boasts that she is the world's last superpower, and her actions and words toward the nations have become very arrogant. God has said that He will abase those who are proud and lofty, but He will show grace to the humble. America and her people need to humble themselves before God, and walk in a holy fear of His judgment. America needs to become a nation that loves God, rather than loving her pleasures. God has given her time to repent, and thus far she has shown that she does not want to repent.

(Slide - Key Scripture)

Proverbs 29:1

He who, being often reproved, hardens his neck shall suddenly be destroyed--and that without remedy.

[Amplified Bible]