

The Enslavement of America

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Proverbs 22:7

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I have been asked to share those things that I have seen as lying ahead in the immediate future of America. Some have asked me to share more precisely what is coming that they might not be unaware of those things this nation will face. The Lord has had these things much upon my heart in recent days, and I have prayed for understanding, and I have known the leading of the Spirit in directing me to various signs in the news that reveal a pattern that is evolving, and the groundwork that is being laid even now for days ahead.

What I will share here will be shocking, and very difficult to receive, yet I believe all to be true, and to have come by way of the Spirit. I wrote most of this yesterday, but I found that even my own mind was having difficulty conceiving these things to be true. I had put the writing aside last night, and began to pray for affirmation, and to know if it should even be sent out. Before I went to bed an email arrived. It was from a sister in Christ, a prayer warrior, and she said that God had laid me upon her heart to pray for me. The email contained a prayer that Yahweh might give me a clearer vision, and the boldness to share those things the Father has revealed, and will continue to reveal to me.

This morning I awoke and I began my day with prayer and Bible reading. The Spirit had directed me to begin reading through Ezekiel about a week ago. It is a book of prophecies concerning judgment on the nations. This morning I came to chapter 33 which speaks of the role and responsibility of the watchmen. Yahweh declared that when a watchman sees the sword coming upon a land he must speak it forth, or the blood of the slain will be upon his head. I sensed that the Lord had ordered my steps in having me read this passage today. Assurance rose up in me that I was to share these words.

Two days ago, as these thoughts were upon my mind, I could not sit down, but found myself pacing through the house and praying. I was asking the Father to confirm what I was understanding, and to give me a greater clarity of understanding that I might be able to understand the days ahead and the character of the work He would call me to. After I prayed, I returned to my room and my eyes were drawn to the devotional calendar sitting next to my

desk. Following was the Scripture at the top of the calendar.

“Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?” Genesis 18:17

These words were uttered by the Lord as He set forth to examine the land of Sodom and Gomorrah to see if the evil report was true that had reached His ears. He determined that these wicked cities should be destroyed for all their wickedness. Yet the Lord revealed what He would do to Abraham. This led Abraham to pray for the righteous who might live in the midst of this land that was to be judged. Abraham knew that his nephew Lot and his family dwelt there, and Lot has received the testimony that he was a righteous man who was vexed by all the evil he saw continually in Sodom. The Lord had mercy upon Lot and brought him, along with his family, out of the path of destruction.

Judgment Demanded

As I read this Scripture I took it to be a message from the Lord that the judgment I had been envisioning was indeed what was coming, and it is coming swiftly. It is this that I wish to convey to you here.

Yahweh has greatly blessed America with tremendous wealth of resources, possessions and liberty. He has also had the message of His salvation proclaimed throughout the land from the time of her founding. Yet America has not brought forth fruit in accordance with all that has been entrusted to her. The people have turned from a love of God to a love of pleasure and wickedness. The church has turned aside from a pure devotion to God and has acted as a harlot in her pursuit of all the pleasures of a decadent society.

America has since 1973 killed tens of millions of babies while they were yet in the wombs of their mothers. God has always avenged the blood of the innocent that is slain. The number of documented abortions stands now at over 48 million since the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade. The blood of 48 million innocents cries out to God for judgment. The cup of iniquity is now full and judgment will not delay.

In her pursuit of more and more material possessions at the lowest possible cost, America has stripped the world of resources and has supported the most oppressive forms of cheap labor. From time to time some cry will rise up against corporations use of sweat shops, child labor, prison labor and other

oppressive practices where the poor of the world are taken advantage of in order to satiate America's lust for possessions. Jobs are taken away from those who receive a living wage and given to people and nations who will supply their labor for poverty wages. The Scriptures declare that God will take up the cause of the poor and oppressed, and this cup of judgment has also become full.

Debtor Nation

In a blind pursuit of pleasure and a desire to maintain a lifestyle of ease and comfort, Americans by the millions have depended upon ever increasing burdens of debt in order to continue. Few have considered that they should live within their means. A cadre of ruling elite have used the lack of discipline by Americans to ensnare them. For the past decade or more the price of real estate has been artificially elevated year after year, and loan rates have been lowered. All impediments have been removed in order to entice the population to go into deeper and deeper debt. Down payments have been eliminated. Closing costs have been rolled into the total of the loan. Bad credit ratings have been ignored, and the illusion that home values would always be ascending enticed millions to take on financial burdens that were staggering. Those doing so thought little about the amount they owed. They only looked at the monthly payment and they considered that they would be able to get by.

Men and women by the millions have bought houses far larger than they needed, equipped with expensive luxuries that were added to the home mortgage. As the appraised value of their homes increased by double digits year after year they were enticed to take out equity loans that they might purchase SUVs and other luxuries. Second and third mortgages became common as Americans sought to cash in on this easy money that was not earned, little considering that they were selling themselves into slavery as they did so.

In 2007 household debt in America stood at \$13.8 trillion, including \$10.5 trillion in mortgage debt and \$2.6 trillion in credit debt. The debt ratio per household has tripled since 1985 and in 2007 the amount of debt as a ratio compared to total American income stood at 123%. The debt per person in America based upon a population of 300 million stands at \$46,000 for every man woman and child in America. This figure only includes personal household debt. It does not take into account corporate and business debt, or government debt.

[Statistics from: <http://mwhodges.home.att.net/nat-debt/debt-nat-a.htm>]

When the time was right, and a majority of Americans were thus indebted those in positions of influence began to build the walls of the trap around the citizens of America. In 2005 the government of George W. Bush made sweeping changes to the bankruptcy laws. No longer were citizens able to freely choose to file for chapter 7 bankruptcy where they would simply give up their property to the banks and all debt would be wiped out. Now in many cases debts have to be repaid, setting up long term repayment plans for people even when they no longer are in possession of the property for which the debt was incurred.

For a number of years now I have been urging Believers to get out of debt. In 1999 the Lord delivered me from all debt, and I was sternly warned by God to not incur any more debt. God's chastisement upon me was severe, for I knew I had been walking in covetousness. Since then I have lived very simply. I do not own a house, or even any furnishings. I rent a small furnished apartment and my automobile is twenty years old and I paid for it with cash. I have had no debt for the last eight years, and I will never again be indebted.

Americans, even American Christians, have taken too lightly the commands and warnings of Scripture. They have never known of debtor prisons, and debt has never seemed to them to be an enslaving thing. Yet the Spirit is testifying to me that all those in debt in coming days will become slaves of the lender. As difficult as it is to imagine, America is soon to become a land of indentured servants who are enslaved to the government. The steps have been taken one by one in order to fulfill this. This correlates with a Biblical pattern seen in the life of Joseph that will be carried out in days ahead.

Removing Constitutional Protection

Any person who has been watching the trends in the changes made to the constitution and laws of America in recent years should be alarmed. The changes to the bankruptcy laws were only one of many ominous changes. The Military Commissions Act of 2006 was another step toward establishing draconian rule over the citizens of America. This act, which the President assured Americans would never be used against citizens, strips away all constitutional protections from those who are declared to be enemies of the government, or those who aid and abet these enemies in any way.

The Military Commissions Act of 2006 was passed for the following stated purpose. "To authorize trial by military commission for violations of the law of war, *and for other purposes.*" The Act uses the term 'unlawful enemy combatant' which it defines as "a person who has engaged in hostilities or who has purposefully and materially supported hostilities against the United States..." Although the President assured Americans it would never be used against citizens, Congress has since ruled that the measures apply to all who are defined as 'unlawful enemy combatants,' and this includes citizens as well as aliens.

The Military Commissions Act denies the right of habeas corpus to all who are thus designated. This means that a person can be held indefinitely without charges, and without trial. This is currently being done in American military prisons such as the one at Guantanamo where many Iraqis and some foreign nationals have been held for years. Of all those held, some for as long as five years, only a few have received trials. Jose Padilla was an American citizen who was held in this fashion for three years before he was brought to trial. Padilla contends that during this time he was subjected to sensory deprivation, sleep deprivation and stress positions, all of which would never be permitted to occur to an American citizen under imprisonment carried forth with constitutional protections.

In 2007 the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act included a section titled "Use of Armed Forces in Major Public Emergencies." This act provides for the use of United States Armed Forces to be used on American soil against American citizens. According to Wikipedia, this act declares the following:

The President may employ the armed forces to restore public order in any State of the United States the President determines hinders the execution of laws or deprives people of a right, privilege, immunity, or protection named in the Constitution and secured by law or opposes or obstructs the execution of the laws of the United States or impedes the course of justice under those laws.

[Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Posse_Comitatus_Act]

This recent act lays aside the Posse Comitatus Act which forbid the use of the military in actions against U.S. citizens. Posse Comitatus had been the Law in the United States since 1878. Prior to this law change it required an act of Congress in order for such military use, but now this power has been granted

to the President.

Just after the events of 911 (September 11, 2001), the Patriot Act was rushed through Congress. This dramatically eroded the protections of citizens from being spied upon by the U.S. government. In each case, these acts have been rushed through speedily, often without the members of Congress even having taken time to read them. The justification given each time has been that these powers are needed in order for the President to protect American citizens from terrorists. This constant fearmongering has been the ruse utilized to change the laws of the nation in preparation for actions which will be taken in days soon approaching.

Profiting on Prisoners

In order to understand more what is coming I will also mention a trend that has been occurring in the penal system, which has been gaining great momentum in recent years. This is the privatization of prisons, putting them into the hands of private corporations. Halliburton Corporation, which is the company that Dick Cheney directed before his election to the Vice Presidency, is one of the key players in these actions.

Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown and Root has been awarded contracts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars to build detention and processing facilities across the United States. KBR also provides police and military services to the Department of Homeland Security. This information was reported in the New York Times. The explanations given for these actions all sound innocuous. It is only when one begins to see a trend developing that things seem other than as they are reported.

[Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/02/04/national/04halliburton.html>]

After a couple of generations of non-existence, private prisons run by corporations are making a comeback. Private prisons had largely been abandoned in the United States in the 1900's due to many abuses that occurred in them. According to an article published in 2000 the cycle is starting over again.

A hundred years ago private prisons were a familiar feature of American life, with disastrous consequences. Prisoners were farmed out as slave labor. They were routinely beaten and abused, fed slop and kept in horribly overcrowded cells. Conditions were so wretched that by the end of the

nineteenth century private prisons were outlawed in most states.

During the past decade, private prisons have made a comeback. Already 28 states have passed legislation making it legal for private contractors to run correctional facilities and many more states are expected to follow suit...

Private companies also try to nickel and dime prisoners in the effort to boost revenue. "Canteen prices are outrageous," wrote a prisoner at the Gadsden facility in Florida. "(We) pay more for a pack of cigarettes than in the free world." Neither do private firms provide prisoners with soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes or writing paper. One female prisoner at a CCA prison in New Mexico said: "The state gives five free postage paid envelopes per month to prisoners, nothing at CCA. State provides new coats, jeans, shirts, and underwear and replaces them as needed. CCA rarely buys new clothing and inmates are often issued tattered and stained clothing. Same goes of linens. Also ration toilet paper and paper towels. If you run out, too bad -- 3 rolls every two weeks..."

For now the situation is a bit more benign than it was back in the nineteenth century but I'm not sure it will stay that way for long."

[Source: <http://www.corpwatch.org/article.php?id=867>]

Another article posted recently details the sweeping changes that have been occurring.

Human rights organizations, as well as political and social ones, are condemning what they are calling a new form of inhumane exploitation in the United States, where they say a prison population of up to 2 million - mostly Black and Hispanic - are working for various industries for a pittance. For the tycoons who have invested in the prison industry, it has been like finding a pot of gold. They don't have to worry about strikes or paying unemployment insurance, vacations or comp time. All of their workers are full-time, and never arrive late or are absent because of family problems; moreover, if they don't like the pay of 25 cents an hour and refuse to work, they are locked up in isolation cells.

There are approximately 2 million inmates in state, federal and private prisons throughout the country. According to California Prison Focus, "no other society in human history has imprisoned so many of its own citizens." The figures show that the United States has locked up more people than any

other country: a half million more than China, which has a population five times greater than the U.S. Statistics reveal that the United States holds 25% of the world's prison population, but only 5% of the world's people. From less than 300,000 inmates in 1972, the jail population grew to 2 million by the year 2000. In 1990 it was one million. Ten years ago there were only five private prisons in the country, with a population of 2,000 inmates; now, there are 100, with 62,000 inmates. It is expected that by the coming decade, the number will hit 360,000, according to reports.

What has happened over the last 10 years? Why are there so many prisoners?

"The private contracting of prisoners for work fosters incentives to lock people up. Prisons depend on this income. Corporate stockholders who make money off prisoners' work lobby for longer sentences, in order to expand their workforce. The system feeds itself," says a study by the Progressive Labor Party, which accuses the prison industry of being "an imitation of Nazi Germany with respect to forced slave labor and concentration camps."

The prison industry complex is one of the fastest-growing industries in the United States and its investors are on Wall Street...

Who is investing? At least 37 states have legalized the contracting of prison labor by private corporations that mount their operations inside state prisons. The list of such companies contains the cream of U.S. corporate society: IBM, Boeing, Motorola, Microsoft, AT&T Wireless, Texas Instruments, Dell, Compaq, Honeywell, Hewlett-Packard, Nortel, Lucent Technologies, 3Com, Intel, Northern Telecom, TWA, Nordstrom's, Revlon, Macy's, Pierre Cardin, Target Stores, and many more. All of these businesses are excited about the economic boon generated by prison labor. Just between 1980 and 1994, profits went up from \$392 million to \$1.31 billion. Inmates in state penitentiaries generally receive the minimum wage for their work, but not all; in Colorado, they get about \$2 per hour, well under the minimum. And in privately-run prisons, they receive as little as 17 cents per hour for a maximum of six hours a day, the equivalent of \$20 per month. The highest-paying private prison is CCA in Tennessee, where prisoners receive 50 cents per hour for what they call "highly skilled positions." At those rates, it is no surprise that inmates find the pay in federal prisons to be very generous. There, they can earn \$1.25 an hour and work eight hours a day, and sometimes overtime. They can send home \$200-\$300 per month.

Thanks to prison labor, the United States is once again an attractive location for investment in work that was designed for Third World labor markets. A company that operated a maquiladora (assembly plant in Mexico near the border) closed down its operations there and relocated to San Quentin State Prison in California. In Texas, a factory fired its 150 workers and contracted the services of prisoner-workers from the private Lockhart Texas prison, where circuit boards are assembled for companies like IBM and Compaq.

[Former] Oregon State Representative Kevin Mannix recently urged Nike to cut its production in Indonesia and bring it to his state, telling the shoe manufacturer that "there won't be any transportation costs; we're offering you competitive prison labor (here)..."

In these prisons, inmates may get their sentences reduced for "good behavior," but for any infraction, they get 30 days added - which means more profits for CCA. According to a study of New Mexico prisons, it was found that CCA inmates lost "good behavior time" at a rate eight times higher than those in state prisons.

[Source: <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=8289>]

Now I don't believe that the majority of people in the United States are going to end up inside prisons. I share these articles because it is helpful to understand that there are great benefits to be reaped by governments and multi-national corporations through having an indentured citizenry. I do believe that many who protest the government's actions in coming days will end up in prisons, and they will be held indefinitely without trial. However, most of the citizenry of America will simply become indentured servants of the government. They will be told where to work and where to live. Their wages will be dictated to them, and they will barely be enough for an impoverished subsistence.

How will this be brought about? It is already happening. The majority of Americans are in debt. These debts can no longer simply be written off by filing chapter 7 bankruptcy. Even when property has been relinquished, the debts still remain. Millions of young Americans are in debt through government sponsored educational loans. These debts also must be paid.

Until now, debts have been largely held by banks and other financial institutions. All this is changing, however. When the Federal Reserve recently provided billions of dollars as a loan to J.P. Morgan Chase Bank that they

might buy out the failing Bear Stearns Bank, the Federal Reserve took possession of the assets of Bear Stearns, including a large real estate mortgage portfolio. In effect, the Federal Reserve now owns the mortgages on millions of Americans homes.

The Federal Reserve also opened up a new lending mechanism to lend directly to the other Wall Street brokerage houses, such as Lehman Brothers. They will certainly require the same collateral and will end up owning the debt obligations of the American people. It is not hard to imagine a day coming when the banks of America will all be nationalized (there is already talk of doing so), and then the American citizens will not be indebted to banks, but to their own government and the banking elite behind the Federal Reserve.

A recent article dated March 12, 2008 that appeared in the New York Sun included the following comments.

Are America's Banks Being Nationalized by the Fed?

By JULIE SATOW
Staff Reporter of the Sun
March 12, 2008

While investors rejoiced yesterday at the news the Federal Reserve would flood the market with \$200 billion in liquidity, a throng of economists and market commentators is fretting that the Fed's latest approach will accelerate inflation and weaken its own balance sheet.

There is also a growing concern that the Fed's strategy of infusing the markets with liquidity is precariously similar to an equity investment, which could translate into the nationalization of America's banks.

"What we are witnessing is an incremental, partial nationalization of the U.S. banking system," a Ph.D. candidate in finance at the University of Kentucky, Steven Randy Waldman, wrote in a Web log post that has generated much discussion on the Internet. "Northern Rock in the UK is peanuts compared to what the New York Fed is up to."

Yesterday, the Fed said it would lend \$200 billion worth of Treasuries to a wide range of banks for 28 days in return for debt, including triple-A-rated mortgage bonds. This will allow banks to get rid of the illiquid securities that

are dragging down their balance sheets in exchange for very liquid Treasuries that can be traded in for cash...

Also on Friday, the Fed announced a new type of repurchasing program, whereby it will lend banks \$100 billion for 28 days at attractive rates in exchange for a broad range of collateral, including riskier mortgage securities...

There is also concern that what the Fed is really doing is nationalizing the banks. The Fed's new programs will continue "for as long as necessary to address elevated pressures in short-term funding markets," the Fed said in a statement. By not retiring these loans, and constantly allowing the banks to roll them over, they are strikingly similar to equity investments, experts say...

"So many of the banks' assets are going to end up on the Fed's balance sheet, it is like a covert nationalization," the blogger behind Naked Capitalism, Yves Smith, said.

[Source: <http://www.nysun.com/article/72721>]

Some have suggested that the Federal Reserve is acting insanely in dispensing cash and treasuries in trade for mortgage loans, many of which will end up in default. Yet the goal of the Federal Reserve is not profit, but control. The Federal Reserve as it acquires the debt of America becomes the master of those who obligated themselves to pay the debt. Americans are being set-up for a future of indentured servitude.

II Peter 2:3

And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you...

What the Spirit has been testifying to many more people than just myself is that in days that are swiftly approaching, the economy of America will be shattered as surely as the World Trade Centers collapsed in New York City. In a recent article I sent out I commented that billionaire investor Jim Rogers has declared that the Fed's policies are insane, for they are leading to the devaluation of the dollar. As the dollar falls, the nations of the world will seek to dump all of their dollar denominated assets. America will be awash in worthless money that no one desires. This trend has already started. When the economy collapses, tens of millions of more Americans will be forced to

default on their loans, and en masse, almost the entire nation will find themselves owing money to the Federal Reserve. The subjugation of America's citizens will then be assured.

Proverbs 22:7

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The Laws of America have already been changed to prepare for this day. The President can suspend the constitution as he declares a national crisis. The military can then be used to put down rioting and to arrest those who resist. Those who would urge a revolt against the tyranny to come will be arrested as 'unlawful enemy combatants' and will be held indefinitely without ever being allowed to stand trial.

The Evil of Man and the Judgment of God

Although all these things are already being set in place, and will soon be carried out to their full completion by evil men, these things actually constitute the judgment of God upon America, and particularly upon the church in America. The Scriptures declare:

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

American Christians have attempted to do the very thing that Christ said was impossible. No one can serve God and mammon. (Mammon is the material system of this world.) Yet millions of professing Christians have run headlong after a pursuit of the materialism of the world. They have taken on debt in College to gain jobs that would pay enough to satisfy their enormous appetite for worldly pleasure and possessions. They have devoted themselves to jobs that would pay them the best return, even if the job was immoral, or took advantage of others (refusing to even consider that the Lord might have other plans for their lives). Their actions and their judgment is described in the epistle of James.

James 5:1-

Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold

and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter.

America has exploited the poor of the world to satiate her desires. She has set up her factories in the most destitute regions of the world, not to help the poor, but to take advantage of their poverty. Hundreds of millions around the world have labored for pennies a day to increase the corporate bottom line, and Americans never asked "Is this right?" As long as they were able to acquire their heart's desire for a pittance, they refused to consider the morality of it all.

The Scriptures declare:

Matthew 7:2

For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

God's judgment upon America is to pay her back even as she has paid others. A nation that became exalted upon the poverty of others will herself become impoverished. America will become a third world nation, and her citizens indentured servants of the global corporations. She will know hunger and not be satisfied. She will know sickness and have no healthcare system. She will cry out for her hard labor and no one will hear.

Revelation 18:5-8

For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her. In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' Therefore her plagues will come in one day--death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

The above Scripture speaks of the judgment to come upon Babylon. In many writings I have revealed that America is the seat of spiritual Babylon in this

hour. America even rules over Iraq, where the city of ancient Babylon lies in ruins. Babylon was formerly Babel, the last place where the earth was united as one people before God confused the language of man. America is the seat of the United Nations, an attempt to bring the world back together into one group under a single government. There are many signs of America being Babylon today.

See the writing *Freemasonry, the Spirit of Babylon*:

There is one trait of Babylon that I have not written of, and it too calls for the judgment of this nation. In Isaiah chapter 14 the prophet takes up a lamentation over the king of Babylon. This king is typical of all those who have manifested the spirit of Babylon throughout the ages. Of this king Isaiah states:

Isaiah 14:16-17

'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness and overthrew its cities, who did not allow his prisoners to go home?'

America has become an object of derision during George Bush's Presidency because she has imprisoned people without recourse of law. Men are held indefinitely without trial, separated from home and family. They know only the presence of their captors, and many are subjected to abuse. The President has refused to apply the codes of the Geneva Convention for the treatment of prisoners to those he holds captive. He has said that he is above this international law which has served to protect America's own sons and daughters when they have gone to war. He has even refused to cease using torture upon these prisoners. He has said that he needs to retain the right to use waterboarding (virtually drowning a living human being repeatedly) and the church has not raised her voice against this practice. The church has not prayed for those being so mistreated, as she has preferred to focus upon her own pursuit of indulgence. Many have even concluded, tacitly, that these measures are necessary if it will insure their continued prosperity.

And by the judgment we have judged others, we will be judged. As Americans remained silent as these things were done by her leaders, so will the rest of the world be silent when similar judgments come upon her.

Proverbs 21:13

He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be answered.

Isaiah 58:6-7, 9

“Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free, and break every yoke? Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?... Then you will call, and Yahweh will answer; you will cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'

Yes the things coming upon America will arrive at the hands of evil men, but they are also the judgments of God. You may ask, “How can it be both?” The scriptures declare that this has ever been the way that God judges a people. He gives them into the hands of the wicked.

The Destruction of America

In the days since 911 I have written many things concerning the judgment coming upon America. In these writings I have shared both the nature of the judgments and the reasons for them. I have also sent out to my mailing list the prophecies and words of warning that have been coming from numerous other Believers including David Wilkerson, Michael Boldea, Jerry Golden, Charles Colson, and Dumitru Duduman. There has been no lack of warning given, yet American Christians have continued to serve mammon. They have continued lives of indebtedness. They have not chosen to surrender all to God and to live simply, content with basic necessities and intent upon seeking the building up of the Kingdom of God.

The admonition of Paul has fallen upon deaf ears, and many Christians act as if they were written only for a specific few who lived many years ago.

I Timothy 6:6-8

Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

How vastly different would be the state of the church if she lived out this instruction! There would be no accumulation of debt, for the church would

obey the command of Christ spoken through the apostle Paul.

Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything except to love one another...

Today Christians owe much to many different men, but they have not fulfilled the command to love. In the many dreams, visions and prophecies that have been proclaimed in recent years the character of the days to come can be seen. There will certainly be a complete economic collapse in America. There will also be unprecedented natural disasters, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, droughts and famine. There will be terrorist attacks that dwarf the events of 911. There will be rioting, and destruction of the American infrastructure as society descends into chaos. There will be martial law, and the presence of tanks and military rolling through the cities of America. David Wilkerson received a vision of this almost twenty years ago, and it has been affirmed by many.

America, who was the pride of the whole earth and whose glory ascended to the heavens, will be brought very low. The one who was the head will become the tail. People will stand aghast as they hear of the judgment that has befallen her. She will become a byword and a sign of destruction even as Sodom in days of old. There will be loss of much life, even into the millions, and she will never ascend to a place of prominence among the nations again.

When will these things take place? I believe it will be soon. The time for fulfillment will not be measured now in years, but in weeks and months. What is coming will come swiftly and it will arrive suddenly. Some are anticipating these things before 2008 is out. Some have suggested no later than September of this year. I personally have not been told the time, but I have been told that it is coming soon, and we are to be preparing now.

A Christian Response

What should be the response of the Christian, since this will be the character of the days to come? Lay aside your pursuit of the world. Commit yourself to God, to live as one purely devoted to Him. Ask God to judge you now by His hand that you will not be judged by the hand of man.

II Samuel 24:14

And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand

of Yahweh, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

There is but a brief window left to lay aside a pursuit of mammon and to get out of debt. All who are indebted in coming days will be slaves to the lender. Ask God to reveal if there is any way that you might be spared and be freed from debt now. Be willing to do anything He requires, even to the casting off of your very last possession. It will be better to be a poor free man, than a slave who was once wealthy.

Take off your jewelry and sensual clothes. Clothe yourself in humility before God. Put aside all evil pursuits. Put no unclean thing before your eyes. Get rid of the impure movies and cease watching the wickedness on the television. Pray and fast and ask God to establish you in righteousness and holiness that He would not have to judge you.

Zephaniah 2:3

Seek Yahweh, all you humble of the earth who have carried out His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden in the day of the Lord's anger.

Exodus 33:5-6

For Yahweh had said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.' " So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb.

The stripping of ornaments is symbolic of laying aside a pursuit of pleasure. The hour is late. It is time to seek God with a whole heart, with fear and trembling. It is a time to be sober. It is not a time to be running after endless entertainment.

When the Calamity Comes

The steps are all being carried forth now for the fall of America and the subjugation of her people. When the day arrives let no one counsel you to rebel against the government, or to resist the judgments of God. The true prophet of God would counsel you as Jeremiah counseled the people of Israel.

Jeremiah 27:12-15

I also spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, "Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live! Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Yahweh has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? Therefore do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon,' for they prophesy a lie to you; for I have not sent them," says Yahweh, "yet they prophesy a lie in My name, that I may drive you out, and that you may perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you."

America has loved the idols of Babylon, so now she will be given into the hands of the king of Babylon. This is her judgment. To resist God's judgment will result in a worse judgment. In that hour, all who rebel will suffer for their rebellion. The judgment of sin will not be removed by acts of rebellion. The only recourse is to humble oneself in that day, and accept the judgment of God that He might perhaps show you mercy.

The Days of Joseph

For many years now the Lord has been testifying to me that the days of Joseph are about to return. The Lord will raise up a Joseph company of righteous servants. These ones have been outside the mainstream of Christianity, having been rejected by their brothers, even as Joseph was rejected by his. These men and women have been suffering many things while the church has been enjoying wealth and comfort and pleasure. Yet this Joseph company will arise in this day, and the brothers that rejected them will bow before them.

The day came when Joseph was taken from the prison and made second ruler over the land of Egypt. During seven years of plenty Joseph stored up grain for the people against the days of famine to come. During these days of plenty, although Joseph had much grain with which to feed the people, none came to him for food, for they were satisfied with that which they had. In the same way this Joseph company has been storing up grain, even the precious Word of God, His revelation and His knowledge, against the days of famine that are to come. Although this Joseph company has had much food, none have come to them to receive that which they had, but the day is coming. A day of great distress, when these people, even the brothers of Joseph who rejected him, will seek him out and ask to be fed. Then this Joseph company will open the storehouses of God's wisdom and feed the people.

During this same time that Joseph was feeding the people, the people were also becoming enslaved to Pharaoh. First the people gave their money in exchange for the grain of Egypt. Then they gave their cattle. When these were gone they gave their lands. When all this was gone, they gave themselves as slaves to Pharaoh. It will be in a similar day when the people are once more enslaved to the rulers of the land that they will receive the spiritual food stored up by the Joseph company.

The spiritual and the natural type will run side by side. In that day when the people are under the judgment of God and are made slaves of the ruler of the land, they will also become servants of God of whom Pharaoh stands as a type. The people will learn to surrender themselves in their entirety to God. They will surrender to God all their money, all their possessions, all their land, and finally their very lives. What the church refused to learn as free men they will learn in slavery.

I Corinthians 7:20-22

Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called. Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it. For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave.

Many in America were called to God while they were free, yet they refused to make themselves slaves unto God. Therefore He will take away their freedom that they might learn to submit to His lordship. Any who refuse, choosing to rebel against the servitude of man, and the servitude of God, will be broken completely.

The Joseph company in days ahead will be like unto Joseph in the days of old. Joseph was not rebellious to the authority of man. He humbled himself, and he urged others to do the same.

A brother in Christ, David Weber, has brought forth this same message using another illustration from the Bible. This is the contrast between Yahshua (Jesus) and Barabbas. Barabbas was a Jew who rebelled against the government of Rome, while the Son of God submitted Himself to the judgment of the government. Even when Yahshua was led to a cross, He did not refuse it, but was like a lamb led to the slaughter. This is to be the response of those in coming days who would walk as God would have them to walk. We must entrust our lives to the care of the Father. If He should spare us then that

is well. If He should choose for us to suffer, then that is well also.

It has been a refusal to submit to the will and pleasure of God that has led to the decision to judge America and the church in her. None will escape by continuing in the same mindset. Only a determined acceptance of the will of God will be found pleasing to Him in that hour. Let none be as Barabbas, who rebelled against authority, but let all imitate the pattern of the Son of God.

Revelation 14:12-13

Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Yahshua. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Judgment has been determined. It will not turn back. Let the saint of God entrust themselves to their Father who is merciful and ever seeks their welfare.