

**A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME – PART II**

*This is part two of a message preached at My Father's House church, Elma, NY, on September 14, 2008. In Part I we established a number of themes. First, that Jesus Christ Will Likely Return in This Generation. Secondly that God Holds Us Responsible to Know The Time of Our Visitation. And because we know those things we know that:*

**A DAY OF JUDGMENT IS COMING !!!**

**“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”** (Hosea 4:6)

Those words are stark and powerful for the nation that rejects God and His laws. **“Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you.... Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children”**. That day of judgment is appointed for the land that sees fit to ignore God's word. And so we have done. Some will say, ‘It can't happen in America. We're too powerful, too self-reliant, - too modern.’ To some, the notion of divine punishment is even beyond consideration. Yet Israel was God's people. And God turned from them, and allowed the surrounding lands to execute His judgment whenever they strayed from Him into spiritual adultery. What's that? Whenever they put other gods before Him. We too live in a nation and a culture that has rejected God. We have replaced Truth with preference, -and Divine Law with tolerance for the ungodly.

Let's just look at a few examples. According to polls, over half of those claiming to be evangelical born-again Christians believe that Jesus is NOT the only way to the Father. (That's a contradiction of Christ's own words.) According to surveys a significant proportion of clergy from mainline Protestant denominations, - Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians, Baptists, and the like, - reject the main tenets of the Christian Faith. They do not believe that Jesus was God, that He rose from the dead, was born of a virgin, provided atonement for our sins. Tell me what is the purpose of Christianity if these things are not true.

Then there are the over 40 million legal abortions performed since Roe v Wade. Add to that the fact that the American Roman Catholic bishops said that Jews don't really need Jesus to be saved. Other whole denominations have changed, - or set aside, - God's word on homosexuality. They are marrying same-sex couples and have ‘gay’ clergy, and even a sodomite bishop. All in the name of tolerance! Our political leaders are no better. Shortly after 9/11, born-again President George Bush told us that the Allah worshiped by the Muslims is the same as the God of the Bible. Not to be outdone, Senator Barack Obama informed us that *good Jews* and *good Muslims* will all get to heaven. Yet he claims to be a *good Christian*. Yet John 3:18-19 reads: **“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”** Condemnation, - because men loved darkness.

Now because we know the signs and because can expect the imminent return of Christ and because we know that we are responsible to know the time of our visitation: We can know **A DAY IS COMING WHEN EVERYTHING WILL CHANGE!** Biblically we can know that we are on the edge of something that the Scripture calls Jacob's Trouble. We live in the prelude to the Last Days, - the time of birth pangs. In fact, we can set aside Scripture for a moment and realize just by looking at the world situation that we live in a time of extreme danger. First we must understand that we can find historical parallels for the times in which we live. There is an interlocking systemic inevitability about the geopolitical situation today, that rehearses the days that led up to the First World War. Barbara Tuchman's *Guns of August*, reveals how no one really wanted that war. Yet it came, driven by alliance and folly on the part of the world's statesmen. Millions died and our world order was forever changed. The conditions that led to the Second World War showcase another parallel reality that we are living today. Let's flesh it out. During the 1930's we had Germany driving the world toward world war. Today, it is Islamo-Fascism that is playing that role, whether in the form of the terror networks like al-Qaeda, - or in hegemony-seeking Islamic states such as Iran. Both are religious / messianic in nature. Hitler was a messiah figure, putting on pagan spectacles such as the Nuremburg rallies, where torchlight and hate drove and channeled the German nation to a frenzy. Der Fuhrer promised a 1,000 year reign, for his Nazi state which in the course of things, managed to transform even that nation's Christianity into an altered paganized form. As for Islam, they are expecting the Mahdi, or Islamic Messiah to emerge out of chaos to assume control, - in Jerusalem, - of a worldwide caliphate. It will vanquish and slaughter Christians and Jews, - setting up, - that's right, - a 1,000 year reign. While Hitler fueled his socialist revolution with anti-Semitism and hate, - Islam is anti-Israel and thrives on a culture of death. It is a religious duty to war and

slaughter in the name of Islam. [Christ even warned of this as recorded in John 16:2: “...the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service”.] Nazism and radical Islam both use religious motivation to animate their followers to pursue empire. In both cases, they are for the most part, opposed only by a decadent, pleasure-seeking West, - devoid of the will to even maintain their its’ cultural heritage in the face of these religiously motivated zealots. In the 30’s, there was only the voice of Winston Churchill to cry out in the wilderness against the gathering storm. Today, there are a few watchmen sounding the alarm; - and only few are taking heed.

Even as I write this, forces are falling into place that are stoking the fires of inevitable conflict. The United States is putting a fourth carrier group into the Persian Gulf / Mediterranean region. It is there joining British and French naval units. This represents an incredible amount of fire power. They are not there on a Mediterranean cruise. Are they there anticipating an Israeli attack against Iran? I cannot say. Perhaps they are in place to limit the damage from any Iranian reaction to such an attack that would threaten the sea lanes through which pours up to 18% of the world’s oil supply. Rumors have been floating of an Iranian attack scheduled for sometime between the election and the inauguration of the next president. Israel faces a very serious dilemma. If they strike now, they will undoubtedly set off a firestorm, that could spin out of control, possibly even to world war. If they hold back, they will allow an enemy that is committed to their destruction, to gain nuclear warheads for their ample missile arsenal. Here’s the situation in a nutshell. Iran’s president has promised to destroy Israel. Iran is building nuclear weapons, - playing the Saddam game with the nuclear inspectors, - and is likely to get them in the next year or so. At that time they will be well protected by the latest Russian anti-missile technology. In addition, President Ahmadinejad has said that he wants to create the chaos that will bring to power the Mahdi, or Islamic messiah. So to wait could be suicide. But what will Israel do? This is a crisis situation.

At the same time that this is going on, Congress is taking testimony about the very real danger of an EMP, or electro-magnetic pulse weapon. An EMP effect is produced when a nuclear weapon is exploded at an optimum altitude above a target. The result is catastrophic. The pulse could have an effect for hundreds of miles, taking down everything electrical for possibly months on end. It would knock out the power grid, the electricity in your cars, unshielded telecommunication, hospitals, refrigeration. It would destroy our food distribution network. It would knock us back to a 19<sup>th</sup> century technology. And in case anybody thinks that’s not that bad,- remember this: We do not have a 19<sup>th</sup> century infrastructure to support it.

Those are just two dangers among many that are facing our nation at this time. Let’s just review some of the dangers that we face at this present time, the early autumn of 2008. Along with the threats of EMPs and Israeli air strikes on Iran, Russian air and naval units are deployed in the Caribbean, - Russian bombers and submarines are probing the coasts of the US, - in defiance of the international community, North Korea is reactivating its nuclear facilities, - a nuclear Pakistan is in danger of falling to the radical-Islamists, - terrorism is on the rise again, - there have been 1,900 nuclear smuggling incidents into the United States since 1993, nineteen of them involving weapons grade nuclear materials,- and the list goes on. Recall that from a clear reading of the Koran, many Muslims believe that it is their clear religious duty to make war against the West. These are very real dangers, and any of them could move this nation into a scenario that it is not prepared to handle.

So let’s look at what would happen in just one of these scenarios: Suppose we woke up one day to find that Israel had attacked the Iranian nuclear sites. Further suppose that it had been a rather successful strike. What exactly would happen?

First of all, the Iranians would move to shut off the flow of oil through the Gulf of Hormuz. So within hours the price of oil would skyrocket, gold would go up, the dollar would suffer a major fall; - and all of that is just on the news of the strike. Curtailing the flow of oil would quickly lead to supply disruptions and food shortages. Iranian surrogates such as Hezbollah, Hamas, Syria and the like would strike Israel without mercy. Terror cells in this country would likely be set loose to wreak havoc against the American infrastructure as best as they can. If not quickly contained that war in the Middle East could begin to spread, bringing in possibly Pakistan. It would create opportunities for Russia and North Korea to make trouble, - and even for the Chinese to take American ally Taiwan. Once the US faced a major terrorist attack, freight, transport and borders would immediately be shut down. Stocks of basic supplies would be gone within days. As food became scarce, there would be rioting and marauding bands would appear. In response civil liberties would be suspended. Martial Law would be invoked. Even General Tommy Franks, who led the initial successful stage of the Iraqi War, warned that the Constitution would not likely survive the next major terror strike. This is not play. We are facing a very real time, when our world will change. The real question is: Just how will we deal with it? What can we do? Next time, as we consider God’s word and His provision, we’ll look at that very question.

## A CRISIS MADE TO ORDER

Some economists would have us believe that what we are facing is little more than a blip on the screen, - a market correction, - a major storm, frightening, - but in the end not very significant. Others are pronouncing that the very sky is falling. Whatever it is right now, the current financial crisis has the potential to devolve into something that could change the very way we live. To set the stage, animated by a greed that drove them to search for ever larger returns, giant financial institutions are falling. They've been hoisted on their own petard of lending money that they never should have loaned to individuals that could never realistically be expected to pay them back. Now, we the taxpayers are being asked to assume those same bad risks. That's taking the risk out of Capitalism; - which is not capitalism at all. It is in the assumption of risk wherein capitalists 'earn' their money. The government now seeks to spread the risk across society while the profits would remain with the businessmen who made those bad choices in the first place. Some Republican congressmen are dubbing this "financial socialism". One senator opined, "Not even Stalin was ever given so much power".<sup>1 2</sup>

Still, in some sense the danger is very real. It's all about confidence. If the markets plunge, - it is argued, - and regular Americans lose their 401-Ks and retirement savings, - and the foreign investors believe US Treasury Bills are no longer a good investment, - then the money will dry up. On the domestic front this will affect the day to day borrowing of business trying to make pay roll, as money becomes both expensive and scarce. This will hit Main Street very hard, pumping up the unemployment figures. As for the foreign investors, well they'll just put their funds into safer investments and move on, endangering the ability of the US government to pay the interest on the debt. As one British paper headlined: "*A default by the US government is no longer unthinkable*". In some ways the US is already acting with desperation. The Fed has been working with central banks in Japan, Europe and the UK, - offering \$125 billion in liquidity.<sup>3</sup> Thirty billion was sent to Australia, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.<sup>4</sup> Another 630 billion was tossed into the market on Monday. By its actions, the Fed seems to confirm the views of Nouriel Roubini who sees a this financial crisis sliding into a severe economic recession in the US with the effects not sparing the heavily involved Europeans.<sup>5</sup> Then there's the very real danger that the FDIC, the agency that insures the deposits of the average investor will require up to \$150 billion to meet contingencies of failing banks, - 117 of which are on a watch list because they are in danger. An additional \$400 billion could be needed in addition to the \$700 billion requested by Wall Street.<sup>6</sup>

The question then becomes; are we to turn over these unfathomable amounts of money to the very people that caused the problem in the first place? The alternative is to let the market operate and adjust. Yet that could bring with it the collapse of credit that drives the entire beast. You see, we have funded the American standard of living on "an endless issuance of debt securities".<sup>7</sup> America has mortgaged its future. It seems crazy to reward the trans-national banker types for, in effect breaking the bank. For on the other hand the dangerous they warn of are very real. For to a great degree, what is happening is a crisis of confidence; confidence in our financial institutions, in government, in the future value of the dollar, in the stock market. It was the announcement of the bailout plan in the first place that rallied Wall Street, and it was the collapse at the end of last week that sent things south again. While the politicians dithered, robber-baron Illuminati types let events make their case. The collapse of Washington Mutual and its subsequent takeover by JP Morgan Chase represents the biggest bank failure in US history.<sup>8</sup> Recognizing the obvious volatility and in fear that the Administration bailout plan would not 'get done', the money markets reacted, with banks raising the rates at which they lend money to each other. One analyst described the credit market reaction as being "frozen with fear".<sup>9</sup>

### What Follows

The ramifications of the current financial crisis are both broad and deep. Here's what's at stake. For one thing it might complete the process of shifting the world's economic capital from New York and America to, say, London, whose been competing for the honor for the last several years anyway. London's Telegraph put it this way, "the economic landscape has undoubtedly changed forever". The biggest question may be what will China do? Will it continue to prop up an American economy driven by debt or will they sell off a significant portion of their dollar-denominated investments. It's much like when Britain surrendered its primacy to the US in the 1930's, the current situation could lead to "a permanent transfer of economic and political power from Europe and America" to the emerging economies of China and the East. It's too early to tell, however even the smell of the bailout plan sent the price of oil on its largest one-day rise ever as the dollar spiraled down. Already it is being asked if the dollar will survive as the world's premiere currency.<sup>10 11</sup> It's the massive cost of the bailout that has foreign investors spooked about owning dollars.

There are a set of dominoes that would necessarily, - and probably rather quickly follow a default by the United States. If folks just wouldn't spend their yen and pounds on our T-Bills, we may just default, meaning America would "lose its credibility", in a very literal sense. The dollar would plunge, as only the printing press could meet our debts, - further depressing the value of the currency. American's real buying power would plunge. Therefore imports, - including the massive amounts of oil needed to maintain our domestic economy could not be sustained. That in turn would lead to all sorts of shortages in the likes of food and

other necessary goods. From that strictly economic sequence would flow the civil disorder of a nation in disarray. The days of the American Empire would effectively be over. Just as the chaos of the Crash of 1929 made Hitler possible, so would an engulfing chaos make way for the creation of a new generation of dictatorships. Without the foreign money that has been supporting our military, the US would quickly have to pull back its troops from many points over seas. US withdrawal from the Middle East would leave Iran “unchallenged as the dominant regional power”. China and North Korea would be emboldened toward adventurism threatening Taiwan and South Korea and possibly Japan. Russia could more easily assert its primacy in regions where their interests are at stake such as the former Soviet Republics and Eastern Europe. Writing in London’s Daily Mail, Peter Osborne puts it thus, “The world that will emerge from the Great Crash of 2008, therefore will be dark and unpredictable”.<sup>12 13</sup>

### **A Personal Note**

I must confess to you that even 8 or 9 years ago I would not have been able to write many of the things, - draw many of the connections that I do on the pages of these newsletters. I would have laughed at people that made such claims. God has taken me down a long, slow road to get here. Always being one who requires evidence and logic, perhaps it could have happened no other way. What is most apparent today is the emptiness of our political institutions and national discourse. It is to be laughed at, what we Americans find important. And we have ignored the most important thing, the wishes of the God of the Universe. He remains the God who judges evil and the God who watches over His people Israel. In the past, this letter has shown the correlation between actions by the US in trying to force Israel to give away God’s Promised Land to the Palestinians in exchange for peace, - and disasters that befell our country. Well here’s one I missed, - and it, probably the most significant of all. On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001, the US and the Saudis completed an agreement to divide the Land of Israel. The very next day was 9/11, with 19 Saudi terrorists wreaking havoc on this nation. (The announcement of the agreement was postponed until June of the next year – for obvious reasons.) That correlation could not have been plainer. So I tell you solemnly, whether this is *the* crisis or not, one is soon coming that will take us down. Chaos will come. A revolution of world order is inevitable. What will be the final blow that will send us over the precipice I cannot say. But financial collapse would do nicely in making it all possible. It is a crisis made to order.

### **ON THE TERROR SCENE**

Several separate but interrelated signs of possibly imminent terror attacks have emerged that paint a picture of a very dangerous time in the next several weeks. In Israel the IDF went on high alert after an airline bomb scare. The cabinet met and was briefed on uncovered plans for an imminent attack by elements of al-Qaeda or Hezbollah “over the next few weeks”. Israeli security was watching for an attempt to hijack an airliner and crash it into a residential area as well as kidnapping plots.<sup>14</sup> Meanwhile in the US, internet communications have been intercepted that seem to be providing somewhat detailed instructions on actions to be taken by Muslim, just “before, during & after an attack”. The timing of the attack was given as October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Tuesday after the end of Ramadan. Muslim children were to be spirited to “the safety of training camps” before that date. References were made to New York and Washington again as the target cities. Those addressed included Muslim students, as well as members of specific movements and sleeper cells. It also gave word for a general worldwide jihad to follow the attacks on America on specifically named maritime supply routes, mentioning the Philippines, Indonesia, Yemen and Somalia among others.<sup>15</sup> This and the capture and interrogation of Aafia Siddiqui, an al-Qaeda “fixer” picked up in Afghanistan recently has led the FBI to set up a nationwide dragnet looking for what is believed to be hundreds of Pakistani trained operatives preparing for an ‘October surprise’ strike to disrupt the American elections. A federal indictment revealed that Siddiqui was found with “handwritten notes that referred to a ‘mass casualty attack’ on such targets as Wall Street, the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty etc. Computer files revealed e-mails referencing specific terror cells along with their specifically planned attacks. Feeling they are racing against time, the FBI has authorized its agents to spy on Muslims, - even citizens, who have recently traveled to Pakistan.<sup>16</sup>

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### **WE NEED HELP!**

This ministry is embarking on several projects that we hope to unveil in the immediate future. We are in need of seed money to get a book project completed and sent to the printer. A old lap top and projector would be greatly appreciated. A website is being designed and needs money to complete and launch. That’s where you can come in. We need people to partner with us in getting the word out. If you can help us please make checks payable to My Father’s House and indicate it’s for Zew’s News Review & send to:

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Thank you for your contributions and thank you especially for your prayers. May God bless you.

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