

Israel, America And The Last Days

Chapter Twenty-Ezekiel's Voice Of Warning To America For The Last Days

On Tuesday, September 11, 2001, the United States of America experienced the first attack on its soil since 1941. While most are crying for revenge and vengeance, the Lord is speaking to His Body to sound a clarion call to the nation to "repent." I firmly believe that we are seeing the signs of the beginnings for more calamities for America; as one journalist wrote, "America is just beginning to mourn." Many of these people who died on Tuesday went out into eternity without God. If we don't corporately and individually REPENT, it will not matter how small or big the enemy is - America will fall! America is not great because of Her military might, America is great because America was founded by God. When we forsake God, we bring judgment on ourselves.

Ezekiel 14:21-23 - For thus says the Lord God; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast? Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it. [23] And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, says the Lord God.

This last chapter of our study guide is taken from a journal we wrote about a week after the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Things in America are trying to get back to normal somewhat as millions try to put their lives back together. With a death toll rapidly approaching 3,000 the families of those loss along with the financial catastrophes related to the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington will take months, if not years to get over if we get over them at all. Our response to these attacks will determine that.

Our country is more than likely headed to war. Our President has vowed to find those who did this and bring them to justice. All fingers seem to be pointing to Osama Bin Laden, an extremist Muslim hiding out in Afghanistan. Bin Laden has been linked to terrorist attacks in America dating back to 1993 when the World Trade Center was first bombed. He also has been linked to the 1998 embassy bombings in Kenya and the October 2000 attack on the U.S. Cole. Bin Laden is a demonically inspired individual. Anyone who can perpetrate such acts as we witnessed last week did not get his inspiration from "Allah," he got his inspiration from Satan.

We have vowed to not only go after Bin Laden, but we have vowed to avenge the loss of life here in America on those countries responsible for hiding

Bin Laden and financing his international terrorist network. Even if Afghanistan turns him over, I feel in my heart we may still attack Afghanistan and other countries like it. As an American citizen I support my President and country. I believe for those who live by the sword, you die by the sword. You perpetrate an evil act of cowardice on a country and kill 3,000 innocent lives; you deserve whatever retribution that comes your way. If you have hidden the enemy, you are just as guilty as the enemy. John McCain probably made the most memorable quote from anyone in my opinion when he said, "God may have mercy on you, but we will not." Many times in Israel's history when her enemies perpetrated similar acts of violence on her, God more than willingly allowed David to take the armies of Israel and bring swift justice and retribution to those nations. Even in New Testament days, God ordains the powers of the governments of nations. Paul wrote in Romans that if "you do well, then do not worry, but if you do evil, FEAR, because they will not bear the sword in vain."

So as I write this third journal relating to these events, I am supportive of whatever action we take as a nation. We live in a world that is very dangerous. I wish, like all of you wish, that terrorism, violence, hate, murder, rape, torture, genocide, were things that didn't exist, but we live in a fallen society. Man outside the parameters of God is demented, deranged and can do some of the dastardliest deeds imaginable. To conceive the thought of using a plane as a guided missile with the express purpose of killing innocent people friend is beyond anything a normal human being would hatch. To slit the throats of innocent women and probably children as a plane crashes sinks even deeper in wickedness. These are the types of individuals who did this.

Yet, as detestable and despicable as we find these actions, we as Christians can never forget one solemn thought - God loved these men. And God did not rejoice in their suicides and destruction they brought on themselves. He loves ALL OF HUMANITY. It's hard to comprehend that right now through our anger but we must get through all that and see God's redemptive plan for not only America, but the entire world. And God is grieved over America as well. We have sinned and been chastened but the Lord is wanting to bring good out of evil.

Idols In Our Hearts And Stumbling Blocks Before Our Faces...Should I Let Them Inquire?

***Ezek 14:1-3 - Some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat down in front of me. Then the word of the LORD came to me:
3 "Son of man, these men have set up idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I let them inquire of me at all?***

There has been a constant barrage of slogans that has risen from the ashes of this tragedy over the past week. The song, "God Bless America," has seemed to come to the forefront of our national tone. Millions are realizing now that without God, America is sunk and that is a positive thing coming out of this horrible event. I just pray that we are doing more than lip service to our Creator to seek His help to get us through this only to return right back into our morass of sin and idol worship. Our day is similar to the time of Ezekiel, the prophet. While in captivity, several of Israel's elders (government leaders) came to the prophet of God and sought answers as to why Israel had been struck with a great calamity similar to the one we felt in America September 11, 2001. The Lord spoke to Ezekiel with a resounding message - **"Since these men have set up idols in their hearts and placed wicked stumbling blocks before their faces - should I even listen to them?"** That my friend sends a cold chill up my spine when I read this because I can't help but feel a part of God is saying the same thing to this country at this very moment.

He's confronting us with the fact that we have spent the last 20-30 years blatantly trying to push Him out of our schools, our educational system, our government, our homes, our lives and our daily walk in general. And now as we face the most dangerous threat to our freedom this nation has encountered since it's inception, our tone has all of a sudden changed. But God has not forgotten. ***God has not forgotten the 1.5 million babies a year we have killed in the name of 'pro-choice.' He has not forgotten the blatant perversion of homosexuality we have tolerated and promoted through our government and sadly even through many churches. We have made laws that have brought judgment on us!***

Ezekiel, the son of Buzi, was a prophet of a priestly family carried captive to Babylon in 597 B. C. when he was about 25 years old. His call to the prophetic ministry came five years later. Ezekiel prophesied to the captives who dwelt by the River Chebar at Tel Abib and foretold the destruction of Jerusalem because of her idolatry and sin if she did not repent. Judah, the southern kingdom, had failed to hear God's warning and found themselves captive in Babylon. Assyria was coming to do the same to Israel, the northern kingdom, if she failed to listen as well. He was married to a woman who was "the desire of his eyes" <24:16>. One of the saddest notes of his life was the death of his wife. In <Ezekiel 24:1-2>, the prophet was told that on the very day he received this revelation, his wife would die as the armies of Babylon laid siege against the holy city of Jerusalem. Ezekiel's sadness at the death of his wife was to match ***the grief of God at the sin of Jerusalem.*** The grief many of us felt on September 11, 2001 is the same grief God has felt every day to the tune of 7,000 innocent babies a day. His soul is grieved and wounded. His sorrow needs to become our sorrow. We need to fill our land with tears of true Godly sorrow.

In the early prophecies of the Book of Ezekiel, the author wrote as a captive in Babylon who expected Jerusalem to be destroyed. Chapter 24 of Ezekiel's book describes the beginning of the final siege of the city. This date was so important that the Lord had the prophet write it down as a memorial of the dreaded event:

Ezekiel 24:2 - Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

This was followed by the symbol of the cooking pot with scum rising from the boiling meat, a clear judgment against Judah. On this day also the prophet's beloved wife died. Ezekiel was forbidden to mourn her death as a symbol of God's wrath upon the wayward nation <24:15-24>. Portions of the Book of Ezekiel were written during the long siege of Jerusalem. While Ezekiel and the other captives lived in Babylon, they must have heard of the suffering of their fellow citizens back home. At last they received word that the city had fallen, and Ezekiel translated this event into an unforgettable message for the people <33:21-29>. Such were the perilous times in which Ezekiel prophesied. And such are the perilous times we face ahead of us today. Ezekiel was commanded not to grieve his wife's death; he was to steel himself for this tragedy even as God had prepared Himself for the death of His beloved city <24:15-22>.

Ezekiel 24:15-21 - Also the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, [16] Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shall thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down. [17] Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead, bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men. [18] So I spoke unto the people in the morning: and at even my wife died; and I did in the morning as I was commanded. [19] And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so? [20] Then I answered them, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, [21] Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.

Perhaps no other event in the lives of the Old Testament prophets is as touching as this. ***The harshness of God's command to His prophet emphasizes the Lord's grief over the fate and sufferings of His rebellious people.*** When God's people suffer, God suffers. He does not gloat in the death of the wicked. He mourns. He weeps. He hurts for our rebellion. But His holiness demands retribution for unrighteousness. He wouldn't be God if it didn't. ***The warnings of Ezekiel shows us just how ugly and serious our sin is.*** Our

rebellion brings grief and hurt to God, against whom our sin is directed. This is why God acted so dramatically in dealing with the human condition-- by sending His Son Jesus to die in our place and set us free from the bondage of sin. Sin separated man from God's love and it was so necessary to restore that broken fellowship that God bankrupted heaven and spared no cost or expense in redeeming man from His sin. Glory to God.

As the songwriter wrote, "***I will GLORY in the CROSS, in the CROSS, in the CROSS, lest His sufferings, all be in vain.***" America needs to come back to the cross. The church needs to come back to the cross. I need to come back to the cross. YOU need to come back to the cross. Our families need to come back to the cross. Husbands need to come back to the cross. Wives need to come back to the cross. Young people need to come back to the cross. Glory to God. America, America, come back to the cross and be set free by the blood-stained hands and wounds of the ONE who died 2000 years ago and set man free from sin and paved the ONLY PATH between Man and God with blood - THE LORD JESUS CHRIST! HE IS THE WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE - NO MAN and I repeat NO MAN can come to the FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH HIM! Not Buddha. Not Mohammed. Not Confucius. Not Joseph Smith. NO OTHER WAY but JESUS! No other name but Jesus. NO other name given among men whereby we must be saved except the matchless name of the world's redeemer and Savior - JESUS CHRIST.

The Pride In Our "Strength" Came To An End On September 11, 2001

Ezek 33:21-29 - In the twelfth year of our exile, in the tenth month on the fifth day, a man who had escaped from Jerusalem came to me and said, "The city has fallen!" Now the evening before the man arrived, the hand of the LORD was upon me, and he opened my mouth before the man came to me in the morning. So my mouth was opened and I was no longer silent. Then the word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, the people living in those ruins in the land of Israel are saying, 'Abraham was only one man, yet he possessed the land. But we are many; surely the land has been given to us as our possession.' Therefore say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Since you eat meat with the blood still in it and look to your idols and shed blood, should you then possess the land? You rely on your sword, you do detestable things, and each of you defiles his neighbor's wife. Should you then possess the land?' "Say this to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: As surely as I live, those who are left in the ruins will fall by the sword, those out in the country I will give to the wild animals to be devoured, and those in strongholds and caves will die of a plague. I will make the land a desolate waste, and her proud strength will come to an end, and the mountains of Israel will become

desolate so that no one will cross them. Then they will know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a desolate waste because of all the detestable things they have done." (NIV)

After months of not speaking, the Lord opened Ezekiel's mouth and he was no longer silent. God help us in the church to open our mouths in this hour we live in and speak up. People are searching for answers. If the church of the living God remains quiet, then those searching will find those answers elsewhere. The world's remedy is not bombs and bullets. The world's answer is found in Jesus Christ. ***The world's answer is not the Islamic faith.*** The world's answer is Jesus Christ. Everyone in the news media has criticized those in the country who as they put it make "divisive" statements such as this. FRIEND millions are in hell wishing someone had made divisive statements and told them the truth. Without Christ, there is no heaven! Without Christ, there is no salvation! Without JESUS, there is no forgiveness of sin. Without HIM there is no LIGHT and we will wonder in darkness. America needs to come back to this reality. Jesus didn't come to bring peace on the earth in relation to our choice for eternity - He came to bring a sword. That choice will cut and sever father and sons. It will cut and sever daughters and mothers. It will cut and sever husbands and wives, friends and foes, employer and employee. The way to God is not a broad way that has several options. It's a straight and narrow way that only comes through one source - JESUS CHRIST. We blaspheme God when we allow Him to be placed in the same category as the god of Mohammed. I respect the Muslims living in America and believe they have a right to worship who they wish - but their faith is in a lie! And without the glorious gospel of Jesus being given to them they will perish and go out into eternity without God.

The men who perpetrated this was expecting eternal life with a harem of 72 virgins for committing suicide and killing "infidels" (*a popular belief of Islam is that if a man dies while in jihad they will be given a harem of 72 virgins. If they die other than as a martyr salvation is just a 50-50 proposition*) but they found out they had placed their belief in a lie. They opened their eyes up in hell. They will not spend eternity without God. The sad thing is not they spent all this time in America hidden from the government. The sad thing is that they spent all of this time in America and NEVER HEARD ENOUGH GOSPEL TO SHOW THEM THE LIGHT!!!!

There is a lot of talk going on right now. A lot of it sounds really good and patriotic and bold. As much as I respect President Bush, I fear he boasts of things he really has little power over. Outside of national repentance all the bombs and bullets in America's military will not save us from the collision course we're on with God. NOTHING could save Israel from God's decreed wrath and judgment and NOTHING will save us from it as well if we don't repent. Just as Israel of old, we have idols in our hearts and stumbling blocks in our way. America has forsaken God. America serves MAMMON. Our entire world here in

America is centered around the almighty dollar bill. It controls us. It consumes our daily pursuits. It makes us work 20 hours a day to get more of it. But in one rapid, sudden and unannounced strike - the economy of this nation suffered a loss that many feel may top \$100 billion when all is figured and tallied up.

God point blankly asked Israel and Judah, "***Should you then possess the land?***" He may very well be on the verge of asking us the same thing. Maybe Tuesday's attack was God's way of asking this to us. He's saying the same things today to America He said so long ago to Israel through Ezekiel. He told them, ***you rely on the sword; you do detestable things; each of you defiles his neighbor's wife.*** Violence, immorality, homosexuality, sodomy, rape, adultery, fornication, abortion, corruption, pornography and the such are things that brings God's wrath upon a nation or an individual, not HIS FAVOR. Yes, His mercy is great and His grace deep. But His mercy is granted not for the purpose for us to keep on sinning. It's His love call to us to repent before He has no other choice but to pass judgment.

When the last days Church is taken out and winds up before the throne of God, the intercessory prayers of the saints are laced with an eternal request for God to pass judgment on this world for the blood of saints that have been slain as a result of persecution. Friend that time is rapidly approaching. We have a chance NOW to intercede for this nation to AVERT that judgment. But if we continue down this path, Tuesday's attack PALES in comparison to what is coming later. The Lord said when He brings judgment and desolation - WE WILL KNOW that it was HIM who made the land desolate waste because of the ACTS, which we have committed. He lists four things in this passage - the **sword, beasts, pestilences and famine** as part of His judgment. It's these same four things He had already promised to send on Israel and Judah earlier to Ezekiel BEFORE judgment fell. Israel and Judah both ignored the warnings and Israel and Judah both suffered captivity and destruction.

As Israel Of Old, America Must Take Responsibility For Her Actions And Deeds

One of the greatest insights of the Book of Ezekiel is its teaching of individual responsibility. This prophet proclaimed the truth that every person is responsible for his own sin as he stands exposed before God. In Ezekiel's time the Jewish people had such a strong sense of group identity as God's Covenant People that they tended to gloss over their need as individuals to follow God and His will. Some even believed that future generations were held accountable for the sins of their ancestors. But Ezekiel declared: ***"The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself"*** <18:20>. This underscores the need for every person to make his own decision to follow the Lord. No person

can depend on the faith of any ancestors to gain entrance into God's kingdom. And that holds true even today.

THIS generation is accountable for what is going on NOW. We can't blame the 1960s or the 1970s hippie culture for bringing these idols and sins on our nation. America was sinning before the 1960s and the 1970s. The only change in our society from then to now be our sin has become more blatantly open and rebellious. It seems the more we think we can get away with we do it. I'm not for censorship in any form. A free society is one where we as citizens and people are free to express our views and opinions. Freedom brings with it through an awesome responsibility. To be free does not give an individual or a nation a license to sin against God and do it so openly. What God uttered through Ezekiel so long ago applies today - ***The SOUL (or nation) who sins shall DIE.***"

In the next few weeks many will blame these acts of terrorism as the reasons so many Americans are depressed and have worry. A recent poll showed that 7 out of 10 are depressed because of these attacks. Two out of every three Americans are having trouble sleeping. Five out of ten are worried about the future and possible further attacks. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO US WHEN WE DON'T LISTEN TO GOD. THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO A SOCIETY when it stops taking responsibility for its actions and lives for itself. When calamity comes, it finds itself vulnerable without hope of protection. By nature most in America started calling for prayer. Where was this same outcry for prayer in 1963 when liberal, sinful legislators, Supreme Court Justices and State and U.S. Congressmen pushed hard to keep as much of God out of our society as they possibly could by banning prayers from school? Where was this outcry for national unity this past decade when our country was so split down the middle by political parties we couldn't even get a bill passed to pay attention? God is concerned about America's situation now, but HE HAS BEEN JUST AS CONCERNED ABOUT AMERICA before the events of September 11, 2001. God loves this country. He founded this country as a beacon of light and a bastion of freedom. I firmly believe God created this land to be a vehicle for the last days harvest AND as the protector of Israel among a world of wicked enemies who would love to see Israel destroyed.

But when we stop making the gospel our greatest export and defending Israel while betraying her for nothing more than cheaper barrels of Arab oil and by doing so disobeying God - ALL BETS ARE OFF friend! Some people were right when they said that this was brought on by our treatment and policy toward Israel - IT WAS. WE HAVE BETRAYED HER. And when we bless Israel we will be blessed. When we CURSE Israel we will be cursed.

Genesis 12:1-3 - Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: [2] And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: [3] And I will

bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

...I Will Do This To Recapture The Hearts Of The People

Ezekiel 14:4-6 - Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: When any Israelite sets up idols in his heart and puts a wicked stumbling block before his face and then goes to a prophet, I the LORD will answer him myself in keeping with his great idolatry. I will do this to recapture the hearts of the people of Israel, who have all deserted me for their idols.' "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your detestable practices!

The Lord told Ezekiel that Judah was on a collision course with Him because of their sin and idolatry. He promised them calamity was coming and through these calamities the LORD WOULD ANSWER THAT NATION HIMSELF. Many, the Lord promised, would seek prophets to find answers, but the Lord was going to DIRECTLY DEAL WITH ISRAEL AND JUDAH!

Many are seeking answers as we speak. Many are looking for "prophets" to hear what the Lord is saying about this. But the Lord spoke directly to this nation on September 11, 2001. He told us His hand of protection and blessing was now off of us. **He's doing it to recapture our HEARTS.** He's doing it to bring the mightiest nation on the face of the earth back to the GOD who established it in the beginning because America's purpose in the last days is not to be the greatest financial example to Europe.

America's destiny will be to once again become a beacon of light to a lost and dying world that JESUS SAVES, JESUS HEALS, JESUS BAPTIZES IN THE HOLY GHOST AND JESUS IS COMING AGAIN. HEAR ME those of us in the AMERICAN CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD - if this nation perishes its blood will be placed on OUR HANDS. WE are the representatives of God in this hour who are to be vessels of intercession. We need to stop worrying about the color of our teams' softball uniforms or whose going to perform at the next concert - we need to get a hold of the God of Abraham and plead for clemency for this great nation whose banner reads, "IN GOD WE TRUST." HEAR ME CHURCH. Hear me preacher - it's not about how many bombs we'll have to exact revenge- it's about how much we turn from our corporate national sin and come back to GOD! The church is playing games and our country is going to hell. The church is arguing over theology and our country is going to hell. The church is pointing fingers still at each other and our country is going to hell.

There are churches with 10 or less people that cannot even come to church each Sunday without bickering and fighting and backbiting while our country is headed to hell.

WAKE UP CHURCH. WAKE UP CHURCH. The sleeping giant isn't America, it's the church. It's the blood-washed group of the redeemed - the FIRSTBORN from God - and we have the greatest power on the face of the earth living inside of us. The HOLY GHOST IS BIGGER THAN ISLAM! THE HOLY GHOST IS BIGGER THAN MOHAMMED> THE HOLY GHOST IS BIGGER THAN OSAMA BIN LADEN THE HOLY GHOST IS BIGGER THAN AFGHANISTAN, IRAN, IRAQ< SAUDI ARABIA and the entire Arab world put together. But He must be invited back in our midsts if we are going to experience revival and see God's judgment averted on this country. Do we care about that? Do we really care about that? Are we truly concerned what is going to happen about the lost here in America if eternity calls at a sudden burst of further terrorism? Does our heart burn for the lost like Jesus' heart burns for the lost?

It's time to stop playing church! Our leisurely game playing and sermonettes on Sunday have provoked God's anger on this nation. Preacher, your congregation will fare much better listening to a mule bray at midnight than to hear your 30-minute lecture about how God doesn't heal today. They will fare much better listening to a donkey make his sounds at midnight than to hear your 30-minute reading of the latest fads around Christendom. There is only one hope for America and it's found in the blood-stained hands of the world's redeemer Jesus Christ who died 2,000 years ago that men be truly FREE not from the tyranny of terrorism but from the tyranny of the devil who is the author of terrorism. Our cold, dead churches are a testimony to the fact America has left God and God's judgment is coming to us soon! We need to repent! We need to repent!

I think it is worth noting that the Lord said of people of Israel that they **"HAVE ALL"** deserted Him for their idols. Certainly there were some in that nation who had not forsaken the Lord such as Ezekiel but the Lord saw the nation as ONE. That should give us some pause here. I'm sure there were Christians in that World Trade Center tower. I understand that 62 countries had people from their respective cultures who died there too. But just because there were Christians in the WTC did not save the World Trade Center from being destroyed. When wicked things like this are allowed to happen in a fallen world, innocent (and yes even Christian) people sometimes die.

But the larger picture is being painted here that tells us that our idolatry and sin opened the door. And our dead church religion that strangles the masses is more to blame for this than even the nation's sins. WE AS THE CHURCH ARE THE WATCHMEN for the nation of America just as the priests were for Israel. Sin didn't start in the nation, it started in the church and before we can judge the

nation and tell it to repent, WE AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE MUST REPENT FIRST!

Daniel 9:10-22 - Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. [11] Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. [12] And he hath confirmed his words, which he spoke against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. [13] As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. [14] Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. [15] And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. [16] O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to all that are about us. [17] Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. [18] O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. [19] O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name. [20] And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain of my God;

Daniel was a man of God. He prayed to God for mercy for Israel. He was like Ezekiel a prophet. Before he confessed the sin of the nation, he confessed HIS OWN SIN!

America has not listened to her prophets. THE CHURCH HAS NOT LISTENED EITHER. The prophetic ministry is one of the most attacked ministries in the body today but it is through whom God is speaking in this hour. The sure word of prophecy is the scriptures and whenever a prophet speaks from heaven his words will line up with the word of God. If a prophet comes prophesying peace to you friend he is a liar and has the spirit of antichrist upon him. Peace is not coming to America unless we turn from sin.

If These Three Men...Noah, Daniel, Job...They Alone Would Be Saved But The Land Would Be Desolate

Ezekiel 14:12-20 - The word of the LORD came to me: "Son of man, if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its men and their animals, even if these three men-- Noah, Daniel and Job-- were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD. 15 "Or if I send wild beasts through that country and they leave it childless and it becomes desolate so that no one can pass through it because of the beasts, as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, even if these three men were in it, they could not save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved, but the land would be desolate. "Or if I bring a sword against that country and say, 'Let the sword pass throughout the land,' and I kill its men and their animals, as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, even if these three men were in it, they could not save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved. "Or if I send a plague into that land and pour out my wrath upon it through bloodshed, killing its men and their animals, as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, even if Noah, Daniel and Job were in it, they could save neither son nor daughter. They would save only themselves by their righteousness. "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem my four dreadful judgments-- sword and famine and wild beasts and plague-- to kill its men and their animals!

The Lord continues His solemn discourse with Ezekiel by telling him that if a country SINS against Him by being unfaithful that when He finally does judge it - that if these three men - Noah, Daniel and Job - were in that country - they and they only could save themselves by THEIR righteousness. Let that sink in. Noah preached righteousness for nearly 120 years and only had 8 converts. Out of millions of people perhaps on planet Earth, only Noah and the eight people of his family found grace in the sight of God before God's judgment swept away the sinful Earth with a massive flood.

2 Peter 2:5 - And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

1 Peter 3:18-20 - For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: [19] By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; [20] Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a

preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Daniel was a man of prayer and conviction also. His faith and trust in God stopped the mouths of lions and gave revelations of coming events that even the most liberal Bible scholars have to do nothing but agree to the accuracy of his words. Job was a man "who was upright and BLAMELESS," in the land of Uz. Despite losing everything he had, Job found favor with God.

Job 1:1-5 - There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. [2] And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. [3] His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. [4] And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. [5] And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, *It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.*

Job, Noah and Daniel FEARED GOD and HATED EVIL. That's the FEAR OF THE LORD and that's the only thing that will protect us when judgment comes. As deep as God's mercy and love is He will finally reach a point where He will punish a nation for its sin. Once He decrees judgment upon a land - especially judgment against a nation like America who has been given so much light- the only ones who would survive such an outpouring of His wrath would be people with the same type righteousness as Noah, Daniel and Job. If they had been living in Ezekiel's day when Babylon destroyed Judah - they could only save THEMSELVES. Their righteousness alone was not going to be able to save the city or the land. Without blinking an eye, God says, "**they could not even save their sons and daughters**"..." **they alone would be saved.**" That gives us a somber picture of the wrath of God. He's saying that when a country reaches a depth of unfaithfulness as Israel had God had the power to send such a judgment that only THREE MEN would be saved alive PERIOD. He then asks Ezekiel, "**how much worse will it be when I send against JERUSALEM His four dreadful judgments - sword and famine and wild beasts and plagues...to kill its men and their animals?**"

The Sword Is Coming To America

War is on the horizon friend. As I write this the days are clicking by rapidly to a confrontation of some sorts between our country and one if not more of the

countries who we believed sponsored Bin Laden and his terrorist networks. The Islamic world in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq have declared that if we attack Afghanistan they will in turn declare a "holy war," against the United States. Let me give that to you in child-like terminology. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE. PEOPLE here in the United States will more than likely suffer further calamity at the hands of isolated if not widespread terrorist attacks which will be unleashed against us as a result. If we didn't stop what happened on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 friend, we won't stop them the next go around. Next time it may not be planes. It may be a biological weapon that doesn't just kill thousands - but millions. War is coming. When a nation is at war it's a sign that the sword is being brought upon the land.

Jesus said that this is sign we are entering the "beginning of sorrows." America's fight is not the only conflict around the world right now. The Israeli-PLO conflict continues to simmer with a serious threat of nuclear exchanges existing every day. Pakistan and India could destroy each other at any second. An old enemy of America, Iraq, has not went away and now IRAN has entered into the group of voices condemning America for her actions in the Middle East. Syria was elected to the 15-member security council of the United Nations recently. Syria is a haven for more terrorist organizations than Afghanistan yet now this heathen nation sits in a place where she can make "security" decisions around the world. We are living in the last days my friend. Jesus foretold this would come.

Matthew 24:3-10 - And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? [4] And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. [5] For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. [6] And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. [7] For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. [8] All these are the beginning of sorrows. [9] Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. [10] And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

Famine Is Coming To America

I sense the Lord saying that as a result of the sword, famine will soon follow. Most American citizens currently eat in luxury and have want for nothing. That too is coming to an end if we don't repent. Massive droughts and famines have already hit parts of our country in the last 5-10 years and more are on the way.

God's warning judgments are clear that if we as a nation do not cease shedding innocent blood through abortion and promoting homosexuality - His wrath will fall. Part of the coming judgments upon America in the short term and the global community in the long-term will be a famine. Jesus spoke of famines, which would come to planet Earth prior to His coming. We are facing those prospects right now. It's time to be ready to meet JESUS friend.

Matthew 24:7-8 - For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. [8] All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Plagues Are Coming

If AIDS has not taught us the lesson yet, America still accepts homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle. The wages of SIN is death. We can't escape that reality. We can't escape the fact that the plagues and pestilences we are facing are a direct result of our sin. Most believe that AIDS will have killed nearly 1 million people by the end of this decade since the disease was first diagnosed in 1982. More plagues and pestilences are coming. Jesus is the only answer friend.

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Wild Beasts Are Coming To America

The judgment we face if we don't repent will be of such cataclysmic proportions that nature itself will turn on us. The land will literally vomit itself on us like God warned Israel it would do under the Old Covenant.

I love studying weather history. I'm an avid storm chaser and keep up with outbreaks of tornadoes and hurricanes. As part of my study I recently read of an unusual hurricane that hit near Louisiana and Mississippi in the late 1960s that caused nature to go crazy. The storm's tidal surge drove numerous venomous snakes inland from fresh water lakes. As a result of the salt water from the ocean something happened to the snakes' nervous systems and they went on a frenzy of killing throughout small towns where they would bite people without ceasing. One account told of a young boy who was found dead - the result of seven venomous snakebites. That is a microcosm of what is coming to America if we don't turn around. Nature will go wild. We must repent and turn quickly if we are to avert this type calamity.

These type calamities are going to be heard of more and more. Nature itself wants redemption from above. It too cannot stand the sin we tolerate in America.

And all these things are just the beginning of sorrows. The worst is yet to come if we don't repent!

After Judgment, Consolation

Ezekiel 14:22 Yet there will be some survivors-- sons and daughters who will be brought out of it. They will come to you, and when you see their conduct and their actions, you will be consoled regarding the disaster I have brought upon Jerusalem-- every disaster I have brought upon it. 23 You will be consoled when you see their conduct and their actions, for you will know that I have done nothing in it without cause, declares the Sovereign LORD." (NIV)

The Lord comforts Ezekiel saying that when the judgment is passed, there will be survivors - sons and daughters who will be brought out of it. When they come out they will come to Ezekiel, the Lord says, and when Ezekiel hears their stories, he will be consoled. How will he be consoled? ***By knowing that NOTHING the Lord did in His judgments was done without a cause.*** Let that sink in friend. NOTHING that God allows or directly does Himself is done without a CAUSE. And further more, whenever God brings judgment on a land, He always sends warning to His people. He was warning Ezekiel of pending judgment upon Jerusalem. God warned America these events would come through prophets and others in the church as early as 1998. Many even went to New York City itself and stood in pulpits to warn New Yorkers that judgment was coming. Many were laughed and lampooned. Many were rejected as heretics. Many were alienated from the Body of Christ. WE IGNORED GOD but He gave us warnings through His prophets!

I do believe even if America experiences cataclysmic judgment revival is still coming. It may take an act of God's chastisement that takes out 7 million to finally get this nation in a place of repentance but God will be glorified once again in the good old United States of America! God will be exalted and His Son Jesus Christ recognized as the SON OF GOD and as the MESSIAH of all creation before it's over. Consolation will come after judgment. Glory and trouble are on the way!

Friend, it's getting late. I say that often at the end of these journals these days. But I will say it again - it's getting late. I am not one of those 7 in 10 who is depressed or one of those 5 out of 10 who are worried about the future. I've settled it in my heart that no matter the judgments that fall on this country I belong to God and I am going to serve Him with every ounce of strength I have for the rest of my days. I may stumble and fall flat on my face at times. I may wind up in temptation and at times take a beating spiritually. But I know I love the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart and He loves me. I am not ashamed to write and preach this gospel - even if it's in these humble journals I write every day as the Lord deals with my heart about things. I've been able to sleep fine the last

week or so. I know that whatever the Lord is doing in our country He is in charge and He is not doing it without a cause.

It's getting late neighbor. We may not have time to save America from what has been decreed upon her. But YOU as an individual can find peace with God in the midst of these troubled days by accepting the forgiveness and love of His Son Jesus Christ. He wants to SAVE you from your sins and give you eternal life. Can I guarantee a tomorrow for any of us? NO. And neither can you guarantee it either. Any one of us can die in an instant - be it from a terrorist attack or a number of other things. But the most important issue is **"are you ready to meet Jesus and go out into eternity saved and without a doubt KNOW that when you open your eyes the next second after your death here on earth you will be in the presence of God?"** Hell enlarged itself the week of September 11, 2001. Im sure Heaven did too but many of those who died I fear were caught unprepared and unsaved. That is the part of this that disturbs me more than any collateral damage the buildings in New York or Washington suffered. To hear some preachers talk though everybody in the World Trade Center went to heaven and friend that is just not so. Many perished without God. Many left for work on Tuesday morning unprepared and never realized their life on earth would end a few hours later.

Judgment is coming friend, all will be there. Those who've rejected, those who've refused. Oh sinner hasten, haste to His call, then He will pass, He will pass over you. "When I see the blood.....when I see the blood.....when I see the blood.....I will pass I will pass over you."

The rumbling sounds of that judgment are being heard on the not-too-distant horizon. God is reaching out to our HEARTS to get us to come back to Him. Are you saved? Are you truly born again? If you died this very instant would you make heaven your eternal home? ***Muslim friend, Jesus Christ was more than just a prophet. He WAS AND IS THE SON OF GOD!*** God's son is JESUS, not Mohammed! Abraham's ISAAC was through whom the seed of the woman went - NOT ISHMAEL! Jesus Christ is your path to eternal life, not Mohammed and not ALLAH. There is a God in heaven that so loves you that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believed in HIM should not perish but have EVERLASTING LIFE. That's more powerful than the Koran. That's the fiber of heaven - God's love and grace and the blood of Jesus - and that's the fiber of our future hope as Americans. God bless.

If you are a sinner, please pray this prayer with me:

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the name of Jesus. I am a sinner. I confess that to You today. I have sinned against heaven and against You. I make confession of my sin today Lord to ask for Your forgiveness and cleansing through the blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and You raised Jesus from the dead. Your word declares it and I believe

that in my heart. As a result of that belief, I give You my life right now. I no longer belong to myself. My life now belongs to You. Take my life and use it for Your glory and Kingdom. Help me overcome my sin. Deliver me from the powers of darkness that are in my life. Place me in Your kingdom of Light. Help me mature in You and produce fruit for the Kingdom of God. Lord I make a choice today to forsake my sin and with Your help and grace I will not go back to my old sins but will turn around and forsake all evil. Give me grace to overcome. Teach me through Your Word Your ways and statutes that I might not sin against You. Burn in me a love for You and as You do that, show me and reveal to me Your deep love for me so I can pass that love onto others. I thank You Lord and praise You in Jesus name! Amen.

Source: Cindy Jacobs

**A Prophetic Word About A Month And A Half Before 9-11-02
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"For the Lord would say, 'I have brought you here at a pivotal hinge of history, and I would say to you, My people in the United States do not realize how much they need mercy. For even this nation stands upon a precipice,' says the Lord, 'and there is a time that I will either give this nation wings like eagles or they will plummet. For there is judgment at the gate that you do not even fully realize. For there is only so long that I, the God of justice, can wink at injustice. And I would say, you must fill the cup of justice and empty the injustice. For this is a season where there is a divine trade going on in the heavens - justice for injustice. Do not think that I will allow the economy of this nation to remain as it is if My people do not understand that there must be liberty for those whom there is no liberty.

And I would say to you , you do not know how to cry out because My people do not know and feel the brunt of it until many times it is almost too late. But I have called you here tonight to begin to fill the cup of mercy and the cup of justice.' And the Lord says, 'Over the next 30 days there is a deciding moment... a moment of decision as to what I will do with this nation,' says the Lord. 'Do not take lightly what I have brought you here to do. Cry out not only for yourselves, but for you children and grandchildren. Cry out! For you have not seen in this generation a great depression,' says the Lord, 'you do not know what it is like to find work and not to be able to feed your children, but I say to you,' says the Lord, 'you are at a pivotal time in history where either there will be great revival in this nation or a great depression, 'says the Lord."