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PERILOUS TIMES ARE HERE

O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

- Jeremiah 6:26

At the time the above scripture was written, the prophet Jeremiah was being used by God to warn the southern kingdom of Judah of impending judgment for their sin. He calls the people to repentance. The message is to repent now, before the "spoiler" invades militarily and Judah ceases to be. Throughout history, in times of a nation's blatant rejection of God and embrace of wickedness, God has used a country's enemies against them in judgment.

This is not merely chastisement. This is wrath.

The United States is at such a crossroads. God's ultimate hand of judgment is approaching as fast as sin is abounding. We see it in small, but mighty ways, such as the tornado that ripped through Minneapolis on August 19 as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was set to vote on extending leadership/clergy positions to members involved in sodomite and lesbian "relationships." The tornado hit at 2 p.m., which is exactly the time the ELCA meeting was scheduled to begin.

As the ELCA Assembly met at the Minneapolis Convention Center, the cross/steeple on top of the Central Lutheran Church across the street was broken off as the tornado came through, and that is among other damage that was done.

God is not mocked. Leviticus 18:22 tells us, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." If homosexuality is an "abomination," then how can these watered-down churches (and there are plenty of them out there now) read what God clearly says and completely dismiss it? For those who say all of the Old Testament is not relevant today, number one, they are deceived; but if they absolutely require New Testament proof that homosexuality is a sin and condemned by God, Romans 1:26-27 answers the question.

If we open our spiritual eyes, we can see the hand of God in many similar judgments as what happened in Minneapolis. In June 2008, right after the California Supreme Court voted in favor of gay marriage

(without the consent of the majority of the people), 8,000+ dry lightning strikes, which were called "unprecedented" in California's history, ignited over 800 wildfires that quickly got out of control in Mendocino and Butte counties as well as others.

There is no mistaking God's hand. These instances, although a show of God's mighty power, are small in comparison to what is just around the corner. From Matthew 24:21-22, here is what Jesus has to say about this time on the horizon: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Jesus also tells us in Luke 17 that the time of the world's judgment and ultimately His return will be as it was in the days of Noah. In other words, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Genesis 6:5). People were just going about their daily lives, and then the flood came. For those caught up in the daily routine, not heeding the warnings God gave through Noah, the flood caught them by surprise and sure death crept upon them.

Furthermore, in Luke 17:28-30, Jesus tells us, "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Sodom was destroyed for its in-your-face homosexuality; hence, we get the term "sodomite."

Our modern world may have just surpassed "the days of Lot" where homosexuality is concerned. This planet's days are numbered. In the days when God told Lot to leave Sodom, militant homosexuals were like ravenous beasts, violent in their pursuit of perverse, sodomite sex (abomination). Sodomites and lesbians are as ravenous and militant today as they ever were, constantly demanding their special rights and special status and also demanding that people accept their vile way of life - but only now, it's on a worldwide scale.

"Evil continually," according to Genesis 6:5, also describes the wickedness of our immediate society and

world today. In addition to the demands of sodomites, we are surrounded by religions that call for killing of non-adherents; pedophiles and rapists; abortionist murderers; God-hating, women-elevating feminists; heinous child abuse and torture of the innocent; rampant drug abuse and drunkenness; worship of ungodly entertainers as well as meaningless and wicked entertainment... and the list goes on and on.

Sinfulness is a worldwide epidemic, but the U.S. leads the way. The freedom we had in this country from its inception was always a privilege, but as we learn from biblical and human history, what man chooses to do with his freedom usually leads down a rebellious path. Perhaps this is why our current Communist president is allowed to rapidly take our freedoms away. God never lets man keep what he abuses. Obama himself is most definitely judgment on this nation, and is fast becoming definite judgment upon the world.

When given the choice, people have chosen anything but the salvation of Jesus Christ, the only Redeemer of mankind. Alcohol, carousing, meaningless sex, vanity and immodesty (plastic surgery, fashion magazines, worship of flesh), the love of money and vile entertainment have proven to many to be more appealing than the truth, the light, righteousness, true goodness and holiness. Freedom is a wonderful gift from God. But since we have abused it, we have become a wicked and hedonistic society, and in lands that never had freedom, we still see wickedness and violence ruling every day.

Although we have passed the point of no return, both in the U.S. and around the globe, there are those who will come to know Christ in this late hour in real repentance.

God seeks His remnant. He knows who will stand with Him when literally "all hell" breaks loose and the world goes up in flames. The perilous times prophesied in 2 Timothy 3:1 (please read the entire chapter) are upon us. The only answer for us is to repent in our hearts and seek God as never before, counting on the shed blood of Jesus to enable us to stand clean before the Father. We must seek our assignments in this end of the end times. Although very small, there is *still* a small harvest, those who will repent and receive Christ as Savior and Lord who need us to give them truthful answers.

This is not a time to be holding hands with the purveyors of worldly enticements. We need to get the world out of our hearts. Let God search us, and if sin is found in us, let us repent. Christians are not appointed to wrath, but as we are seeing even now, we are not spared the birth pangs of the Tribulation.

Everything God's true prophets have spoken is coming to pass. Reading the daily news is like reading a scriptural prophecy. We are here. There is no more

time. The enemy is coming in like a flood and the remnant must stand up against him.

SODOM-ERICA AND GLOBAL GOMORRAH

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

- Jeremiah 6:15

(also almost word for word, Jeremiah 8:12)

According to Romans 1:26, when a person has become so corrupt in their thinking that they accept and practice homosexuality, God "gives them up" to their "vile affections." He cuts them off, so to speak. They are turned over to a "reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." (v. 28). We have a nation full of such persons, and according to statistics and current events of the day, we even have a world full of such persons.

God's will is that a man and a woman marry and have a family. A man and a woman together can biologically create another human being. What we see now is a man and a man, or a woman and a woman "marrying" or coming together in a "civil union" and artificially creating families. Has anyone else noticed that two people of the same gender cannot biologically create another human being? This simple, common sense reality completely bypasses those who insist on fulfilling their perverted lusts with those of the same gender.

Further, when a nation not only accepts, but embraces those who engage in such perverse passions – such as the United States is doing – the entire nation is at the very bottom of what has been a downward decline morally. The only stop below this bottom is hell itself. The depravity of a people can be measured based on their rejection or acceptance of homosexuality, as this is one of the loudest forms, if not *the* loudest form, of rebellion man can be in before God. If two of the opposite sex can create life, and we have a God who is the Creator of life, what is the message in two of the same sex being together, and even "marrying," as two of the opposite sex should do? The message is everything anti-God and anti-life: DEATH. The entire world of human beings would die out if everyone suddenly were to "go gay." (Of course, today we can manufacture a new life by extracting both an egg and sperm and artificially whipping up a baby cocktail, but let's assume this a non-possibility and think along natural lines like God does.)

The adjective form of the word "reprobate" is defined as "foreordained to damnation" and "morally corrupt" according to Merriam-Webster. So according

to Romans 1:26-28, we are living in a land of reprobates, those foreordained (because of their sin) to damnation!

Here is some information on how far gone our world is when it comes to homosexuality. In the United States, we know that a handful of states either allow “civil unions” or “gay marriage,” including Massachusetts, Connecticut, Colorado, Iowa, and others, with more soon to follow. Our current President Evil is seeking to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act, passed in 1996, which states, “The federal government defines marriage as a legal union exclusively between one man and one woman.” The state of Massachusetts, the first state to allow its reprobates to “marry” legally, is also presently challenging this Act.

The following countries allow homosexual “civil unions”: Andorra, Australia, Colombia, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Portugal, Slovenia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay, with some other countries allowing it in certain areas. The following countries allow gay “marriage”: the Netherlands as of 2001, Belgium as of 2003, Canada as of 2005, Norway as of 2009, Spain as of 2005, South Africa as of 2006, and Sweden as of 2009. Look at how recent these dates are. We know every day, more and more acceptance of this vile abomination is taking place. As of July 2009, an Indian court ruled to decriminalize homosexuality, so India is next.

Allowing gays in the military is another big debate. It is amazing how countries completely disregard the hand of God in this matter. Is God actually going to act in favor of an army whose members practice flagrant abomination? We know President Evil is about to remove the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy, even though those in the military are *not* interested in being checked out as they have no choice but to dress or shower with their gay “comrades.”

These are the countries that allow homosexuals to serve in their armed forces: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and Uruguay. This list does not include the many that do not have a policy, either banning or allowing homosexuals.

It does appear as if the world has “gone gay” after all. Remember this, as we read the above information: 2 Peter 2:6 reminds us that God, “turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah [Gomorrah] into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample [example] unto those that after should live ungodly.”

THE EMERGENT LUNACY

The so-called Emergent Church is looking much more like the world than a church. What a sad reality that these pastors and congregations masquerade as Christians. The “emergent” churches have so twisted scripture, they have created “another gospel.” Paul states in Galatians 1:6, “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel.” The “emerging” churches never had the true Gospel. They dived right into falsehood from day 1. They are the *spreaders* of another gospel.

One recent turn we can read on the website of Emergent Guru Brian McLaren is that it’s a good thing for Christians to be fasting with Muslims during the month of Ramadan. He encourages others to do so. He writes, “I shared the idea [fasting with Muslims during Ramadan] with a few Christian friends who I know also believe in the importance of interfaith friendship. One of them told me he had already been observing Ramadan for over twenty years, and it had become his favorite month of the year. Another told me he had a lot of friends who he thought would join in too. So here we are... without a lot of lead time... we’ve decided to embark on this journey of faith and friendship.”

One of his points is, “We, as Christians, humbly seek to join Muslims in this observance of Ramadan as a God-honoring [what god, I ask?] expression of peace, fellowship and neighborliness. Each of us will have at least one Muslim friend who will serve as our partner in the fast. These friends welcome us in the same spirit of peace, fellowship and neighborliness.”

He forgot to add the evil spirit of deception and of false religion among a horde of others. I’m reminded of Solomon who had so many false religious practices to choose from due to his hundreds of wives and concubines, he just chose them all. God’s people have gotten this far off course.

It is one thing to love a Muslim as Christ loves those he died for and to associate with a Muslim *only* to preach Gospel salvation in Christ to them. It is apostasy and blasphemy to celebrate what is considered a “holy month” by a heathen, Christian-hating, Jew-hating, Truth-hating religion, Islam.

This is a liberal “Christian” belief system that tries to combine a multitude of false religions and sadly does it in the name of Christ. These are the self-righteous ones Jesus says He will have to turn away with a “Depart from me; I never knew you.” They know as much about the real purpose of Islam (to kill the “infidel,” you and me, and eventually rule the world) as they do about the TRUTH in the Bible they hold in their hand. It seems this newfangled church

has “emerged” from the pits of hell.

Also on McLaren’s website, he praises Jimmy Carter, an anti-Semite and advocate of Palestinians who have proven over much time to be nothing but a pack of violent Muslim hoodlums, and he writes in favor of Obama’s Communist health “care” plan. He wrote a book called *A New Kind of Christian*, to which I respond, I’d rather be the old kind! Let’s bring back the real Gospel! He also wrote a book called *The Secret Message of Jesus*. But Jesus’ message was only “secret” to those without eyes to see and ears to hear – such as Brian McLaren, Rick Warren, friend of the homosexual movement and supporter of the Emergent Church, and others of their free-love antichrist ilk.

HEALTH SCARE DEBATE

Speaking of antichrist (the)....

Barack Obama, Nancy Pelosi and their “team” are calling those who oppose their outrageous 1 trillion-plus dollar health “care” proposal scaremongers and liars. This reminds me of the whole pot / kettle comparison. What are these Nazi-esque, self-serving, Communist windbags who wouldn’t know the truth if it hit them over the head thinking? Obama has organized a group of liberal robots, complete with the ghost of a dead Kennedy, to bombard and persuade the American people with lies so that the government can ultimately control every individual life within the entire country.

This health scare plan is an absolutely frightening proposal for those who rely on the health care system in this country for any kind of medical treatment. Personally, I choose to live by faith in Jesus’ healing which is in the Atonement, and I don’t put my faith in medicine and doctors who are just fallible humans like the rest of us. Anyone who trusts in Christ for their health should not be concerned about the “death panels” and reduction in quality health care this proposal will bring about. But we should all be concerned about what lies beneath the surface. If they can start with health care, the rest will be easy. Our freedoms are being chipped away at, day by day, as Obama controls the media and silences his critics and continues to put forth proposal after proposal to separate us from our God-given free will to believe what we believe and say what we need to say. Obama’s aim is not just the United States. He plans to start here, and eventually gain worldwide control with his far left, downright evil policies. Keep watching.

THE INSANITY OF NAKEDNESS

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves

together, and made themselves aprons.

- Genesis 3:7

So much for Genesis 3:7. We’ve come a long way from the days of Adam and Eve’s discovery that led them to sew fig leaves together and make aprons. God took it a step further and made them “coats of skins” to cover their bodies. This indicates that God is not in favor of people running around naked. In Leviticus 18, He warns us not to look upon the nakedness of anyone else - with the understood exception of a spouse.

However, at Venice Beach on August 23, dubbed National Go Topless Day, women ran around topless to protest that by law, they are supposed to cover up. They treat it as an equal rights issue and even made any man who wanted to join in the protest wear a bikini top. (Another abomination to God is for men to wear women’s clothing.) The slogan of the day was “Free your breasts! Free your mind!”

Oh. I wasn’t aware that we should equate breasts with brains. Thanks for the tip, feminists.

This is yet another form of overt blasphemy. (There is much out there today.) When Almighty God tells us to cover up, and it’s those in their *right* minds that instinctively feel shame if someone who is not a spouse sees them without clothing, this is another example of in-your-face rebellion - not against our society and its laws, but against a holy God.

These women (and men) demonstrating on August 23 and those who run and support the website which sponsored the event, www.gotopless.org, are not only shameless, but insane. In Luke 8:27-35, we read about how Jesus cast out several demons from a man who wouldn’t wear clothes because he was so possessed. After Jesus drove the demons out, the man was found “clothed, and in his right mind.”

So ladies (and I use the term loosely) - if being clothed goes along with being in your right mind, then what kind of mind are you really in when you romp about without clothes?

This question also goes out to women and men who take their clothes off for money in movies and in magazines, etc. Are you truly sane? Repent now, before you face Jesus at the Judgment, and He is the one to answer the question for you.

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