



Prophecy in Perspective

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Ebola, Plus Government Incompetence, Minus God, Equals: Plague?

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. (Matthew 24:5-8)

Pestilences are among the various judgments that God promises to bring upon any people or nation that once dedicated themselves to God, but then reject Him. President Obama has clearly stated that America is not a Christian nation. But once a nation is dedicated to God, there is no going back on it without dire consequences. God has entrusted America with the care of millions of Jews. It would not be a stretch to say that America is much like Israel in terms of how God holds us accountable for how we respond to His people, the Jews, to Christians and to the innocent unborn, the little children. Presently, America is failing miserably on all three of these.

The Obama Administration is mistreating Israel, supporting the destruction of America's children through abortion, and by generally denying that America is a Christian nation. People who are supportive of Mr. Obama, like the lesbian mayor of Houston, Texas, are adding to America's burden of judgment. The Mayor of Houston, Annise Parker, has demanded, that the preachers in Houston turn over their sermons to her. She knows these preachers have taken a stand against making the bathrooms in Houston gender neutral so men could use the women's bathrooms, etc. I believe that underlying Ms. Parker's Christophobia is her outright bibliophobic animosity that fears the truth of what the Bible actually teaches about the sin of homosexuality (Genesis 19:5; Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27).

It is very strange to me that Mayor Parker persecutes only the Christian preachers for supporting the Bible's stance, but she has not demanded the Islamic Imams in Houston's Mosques to surrender their sermons also. Islam is also against homosexuality and you had better believe they preach against it to their congregants. The Qur'an states that homosexuality is an abomination! "And Lot! when he said unto his folk: will ye commit abomination knowingly?" (Surah 27:54) The answer to this glaring contradiction is obvious! The mayor of Houston is at war with Christians! This reveals the anti-Christian bigotry that is acceptable in this country today. This anti-Christian bigotry is promoted by the Obama Administration. I praise God for the bold preachers in Houston! Many of them are preaching God's Word and taking a courageous stance for truth! I

pray that more of America's preachers would do this! But, because we are in the latter days just prior to the return of Jesus Christ, most preachers are too weak and don't believe the whole Bible anyway!

This brings me to the subject of Ebola. The first case of it in America was also in Texas, Dallas, that is. I believe Texas, by the way, is an example of how a state should stand for God and country! Also, New York has just had its first case of Ebola. Dr. Craig Spencer, who just returned last week from Guinea after working under Doctors Without Borders with many Ebola patients there, somehow contracted the disease. He has been back in New York for over a week until his symptoms appeared. He had been moving about the city freely up until then. The recent case comes after two scares last week. Leaders seem to continue to play down the dangers of this disease.



Yet, Israel National News, *Arutz Sheva*, reports that this most recent case comes after two scares last week:

In one, a man from Nigeria died vomiting on a plane to JFK Airport; another - outside the Pentagon in Washington, DC - saw a bus of commuters in Virginia evaluated by health care officials after a woman vomited on board and noted she had recently visited West Africa.

Through allowing Ebola to come into this country, God is showing America that He means business. I believe God is bringing judgment upon this nation. In my last *Prophecy in Perspective* newsletter I wrote on how God determines to send judgment upon any nation that kicks God out of its public life. One type of judgment that God uses to get the attention of a nation is pestilence.

The Bible foretells how Jesus Christ will return, first in the air, for His Church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Then, after the Tribulation, Jesus will return to the earth with His Church (Revelation 19:14). These growing indications of judgment and rising hatred toward Israel encouraged by President Obama's reluctance to defend Israel against Islamic terrorism, is only one indication that the Lord's coming is near.

The entire world may be aligned against Israel in the near future and the rise of the Antichrist will signal the death of many Jews and believers in Jesus during the Tribulation period. These are times when, through the radical Islam of groups like ISIS, and lack of real effort to stop them by American liberal leadership, God is saying judgment is near, and so is the coming of the Lord for His waiting Bride. His coming in the air will be when we shall be "***caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord.***" (1 Thessalonians 4:17b)

I believe God is preparing further forms of pestilences for this nation if America does not repent. God is especially focusing upon how America helps or hinders Israel. Ebola may be only the beginning. Looking at the ineptitude of how the Ebola problem has been handled and bungled so far shows that God is pulling back the hedge around America even more as Ebola spreads today. I think, however, that in answer to the Ebola problem, our leadership will do what they do the best: they will arrogantly assert over and over that they have everything under control and everything will be alright.



We hear similar things from most of the preachers today that are gaining big crowds by misusing and misquoting the Bible, if they use the Bible at all! No warnings of judgment from these purveyors of positive thinking, "peace and safety," platitudes. But the Bible is full of the very subject that they avoid: **judgment!** Just read Revelation 6 and see how God intends to deal with the sin that is growing more and more blatant and bold in the world. **"And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death (Pestilence), and Hell (the place of the dead) followed with him."** (Revelation 6:8)

Back to the issue of the Ebola crises: According to the CDC's Dr. Tom Frieden, and no doubt, his boss, President Obama, things will be alright so long as we don't stop flights from coming in from the West African countries affected by this disease and so long as we do not close our southern border. It is absolutely amazing that the most common sense steps to protect the US from this and other

diseases is to stop the inflow of those who have the most potential for carrying it into our country in the first place or at least to quarantine them for a time. But, to speak plainly, if you want to make America more like a third world country, this would be how you would do it. Therefore, until there is repentance in America, this formula will likely ensue: **Ebola, Plus Government Incompetence, Minus God, Equals: Plague.**

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts

(2 Peter 1:19)

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