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America's Wake-Up Call

Luke 21:9 - "When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.

v. 10 - "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,

v. 11 - and there will be great earthquakes and in various places plague and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven." (NASB)

This is the response of our Lord to the disciples' inquiry as to when the dispensation of Israel would end and when would be His Second Advent. His response has to do with events in the Tribulation that would signal His coming. Although His comments do not concern the Church Age per se, the environment He describes is true for this dispensation.

Until the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, those who live on earth can expect there to be in every generation, wars and rumors of wars and the constant series of nations rising against nations and kingdoms rising against kingdoms.

Today is Tuesday, September 11, 2001. Written out numerically, today is 9-1-1. Today at 8:45 Eastern Time, America got a wake-up call. We have had more than enough time to deal with the problems we now face but have through arrogance refused to do so.

Over the past 40 years, which incidentally takes us back to the end of the Eisenhower Administration and the first year of the Kennedy Administration, this nation has been headed in a downward slide away from the principles of establishment truth that made us a great nation.

Over these 40 years as a people we have been under great testing. Our divine institutions have been put under constant assault by the forces of human viewpoint, human good, and evil. As a people we have been willing to buy the rhetorical veils professed by the alleged intelligentsia of the radical left's elite demagogues. In exchange we have systematically and without much deviation moved steadily away from our Christian moorings. The principles of biblical truth that carved out freedom from the midst of a wilderness, and on which was built the most effective and prosperous client nation in history, have been rejected by those who have come to be the managers of official politically-correct thought in this country. Children who were 20 in 1961 are now 60. Those who were born in 1961 are presently now 40. Those who were 40 in 1961 are now 80, or dead. Most of the people who are active in running this country's institutions developed their world view beginning in 1961 to the present day. They have chosen the wrong course. It shows and we are reminded of the poem by William Butler Yeats:

The Second Coming

Things fall apart: the center [Pivot] cannot hold;
 Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
 The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
 The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
 The best lack all conviction, while the worst
 Are full of passionate intensity.¹

¹ William Butler Yeats, "The Second Coming," in *The Literature of England: An Anthology and a History*, 3d ed., George B. Woods, Homer A. Watt, and George K. Anderson (Chicago: Scott, Foresman and Co., 1948), 2:1051.

We have quite a mess on our hands and deservedly so. Eleven years ago I began a special study in this church entitled *The Biblical View of Civil Disobedience*. In it I warned this congregation that they would not be able to survive the '90s without understanding the insidious assaults on our thinking that were in place and popular at that time. A summary of that study's introductory lessons contains these comments:

Our study is designed to enlighten members of this congregation to the insidious assault which is being waged daily on their norms and standards; to prepare you to fight the good fight of faith, to be prepared to identify the enemy by discerning his ideas. The enemy is hidden from view without the penetrating light of doctrine. They are your friends, relatives, business associates, classmates, loved ones, leaders, and confidants. One of Sun-tzu's top requirements for victory in war is to "know the enemy." Our objective is not to be judgmental of others but to insure that we are not drawn into the trap of joining up with Satan's forces; becoming pawns in carrying out his hidden agenda of global domination.

It is quite clear from the Scripture that a one-world government is not possible in the Church Age. However, we must remember that all is not accomplished at once. The destruction of client nations is a top priority in Satan's plan. This is why God is so long-suffering with degenerate client nations. Nevertheless, once we have gone too far in capitulating to Satan's devices, we suffer the five cycles of discipline which lead to national destruction.

One of the reasons which brings on the necessity of national discipline is the prevalence of believers who join up with organizations which in reality are insidious agents of Satan's *cosmos diabolicus*. Consequently, this study should not be analyzed as being pessimistic, cynical, or fatalistic. I am warning you of impending disaster and am advising you of the only genuine problem-solving devices. If you feel that I am being too cynical then you are guilty of shooting the messenger because you don't like the message. Far be it that we should ever arrive at the point where as a people we come to experience massive national disaster. But if such should come to pass and I had not warned you then you would come to me, complaining and whining, wanting to know why somebody didn't tell you these things.

Those who are positive are not going to do any whining. They will be prepared and they will survive through the grace of God, Who protects the Pivot in a miraculous way during times of national discipline. Those who objectively stay with this study will be able to evaluate historical trends in a highly efficient manner.²

National discipline is now upon us. Here is the foreword by our Lord Who is the enforcer of these measures:

Leviticus 26:14 - 'If you do not obey Me and do not carry out all these commandments,

v. 15 - if, instead, you reject My statutes, and if your soul abhors My ordinances so as not to carry out all My commandments, and so break My covenant,

v. 16 - I, in turn, will do this to you: (NASB)

From this point on Moses outlines by the word of the Lord the five cycles of discipline. For those of you who are curious about which cycle we are now officially in, I read to you from:

First Cycle: 1960s. Loss of health, decline of agricultural prosperity, terror, fear, and death in combat, loss of personal freedoms due to negative volition toward Bible doctrine. (Lev. 26:14-17) The Vietnam War, riots at colleges and in the streets. Breakdown of the Constitution from landmark decisions by the Supreme Court.

Second Cycle: 1970s. Economic recession and depression, increased personal and individual discipline for continued negative volition in spite of the first warning. (Lev. 26:18-20) The Keynesian economic policies of the Richard Nixon and the malaise of the Jimmy Carter Administrations.

² Joe Griffin, *The Biblical View of Civil Disobedience* (St. Charles: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 1990, 2013), lesson 10.

Third Cycle: 1990s to date. Violence and breakdown of law and order; severe restriction of travel and commerce. (Lev. 26:21-22) International and domestic terrorism including our own students against classmates and teachers, children against parents, parents against children, workers against fellow employees. The original Trade Center bombing, Oklahoma City. Ruby Ridge and Waco. Riots in the streets of cities.

Fourth Cycle: Potential. Military conquest and/or foreign occupation, scarcity of food, separation of families. (Lev. 26:23-26)

Fifth Cycle: Potential. Destruction of the nation due to maximum rejection of biblical principles. (Lev. 26:27-39).³

It is too early to tell how extensive the ramifications will be from today's terrorist attacks against our nation. It is significant that the New York Stock Exchange building is dangerously close the former World Trade Center's 110-story twin towers, both of which collapsed into a burning rubble of debris that cast a cloud over all of Manhattan.

What will happen on the stock market Thursday, if it even opens, is anyone's guess but most guesses will *not* be for a significant up turn.

What impact there will be from the fact that all commercial flights were grounded throughout the country will not be known for awhile but significant damage was surely done to the daily business of America because of this necessity.

And the tragic loss of innocent lives. It will be days before an reasonable count will be forthcoming but each of the towers in New York contained on a normal working day in excess of 50,00 people. Current estimates are that at least one fifth of those were killed.

Further, there was an attack on the Pentagon and an attempt upon Camp David. The assault on our nation's defense center was designed to cripple our ability to mount a significant counter attack and to destroy our ability to put in place a coordinated investigation of the assaults.

A tremendous number of obvious facts indicate that this attack found its source somewhere in the Islamic world. We have recently studied how the unending war in the Middle East involves the hatred of all Muslims for all Jews. The sons of the bondwoman are at war with the sons of the free woman.

Appropriately enough, our official foreign policy is pro-Israeli. Thus the Arab world hates both Jews and America. There was celebration in the streets of Middle Eastern communities today when the news arrived of the successful assaults against America known to them as The Great Satan.

Further, the suicide flights into the buildings indicate Islamic involvement. The Muslim mind has bought the lie that if one gives his life on behalf of Allah then he has a guaranteed transfer into their idea of heaven.

The tensions in the Middle East, especially between the Palestinians and the Israelis, are at fever pitch and this may ignite open warfare there. Any attempts made by us to retaliate will be met with further terrorist attacks on American sites.

So what are we to think? First of all we must know the enemy. Let me relate to you some information about terrorism from:

METHODS OF GUERRILLA WARFARE

Strategy and tactics. The broad strategy underlying successful guerrilla warfare is that of protracted harassment accomplished by extremely subtle, flexible tactics designed to wear down the enemy; to subject him to internal and external political and military pressures sufficient to cause him to seek peace. This strategy embodies political, social, economic, and psychological factors to which the military element is often subordinated. It is essentially a strategy for the morally strong and materially weak.

³ R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Freedom through Military Victory*, 4th ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2003), 16n13.

Writings of Sun-tzu. Many of the essential rules of guerrilla tactics are to be found in *The Art of War* by Chinese general Sun-tzu. Sun-tzu instructed his generals in words familiar to successful, latter-day guerrilla leaders: "And therefore I say: Know the enemy, know yourself; your victory will never be endangered. Know the ground, know the weather; your victory will then be total." A successful general "avoids strength and strikes weakness"; the use of tactics based on deception and surprise is the hallmark of a victorious commander.

Carl von Clausewitz argued that a weaker adversary does not have to destroy the enemy's army in order to gain victory, but rather that he must destroy the other's will to wage war.

Mao's view of the role of guerrilla warfare. Mao Tse-tung borrowed freely from Sun-tzu's thesis of the indirect approach: "Guerrilla strategy must be based primarily on alertness, mobility, and attack. It must be adjusted to the enemy situation, the terrain, and the existing lines of communication, the relative strengths, the weather, and the situation of the people."

It should be used "to harass and weaken large forces; to attack enemy lines of communication; to force the enemy to disperse his strength; and to coordinate all these activities with those of the regular armies on distant battle fronts."

To accomplish these goals, Mao demanded tactics based on surprise and deception: "In guerrilla warfare, select the tactic of seeming to come from the east and attacking from the west; avoid the solid, attack the hollow; attack, withdraw; deliver a lightning blow, seek a lightning decision."

Terror. One of the most hideous characteristics of guerrilla warfare is the use of terror: assassination, a hand grenade thrown into a crowd, an indiscriminate bombing—actions familiar to any insurgency.

Terror is used for several reasons: to focus world attention on the rebel cause, to eliminate opposition leaders, to paralyze normal government activity, to intimidate the general populace, and to keep one's own guerrillas from defecting. It is difficult to assess the psychological impact of terrorist tactics on the general population. It would seem that even those sympathetic to the guerrilla cause may be alienated by the indiscriminate use of terrorism. The defending forces, moreover, may reply in kind, so that the population is subject to terror from both sides.

Counter guerrilla warfare. In waging this type of warfare, which calls for location, isolation, and elimination of the entire guerrilla apparatus, orthodox military commanders have employed and continue to employ a wide range of weapons and tactics that, judged by results, are more appropriate to a conventional-warfare situation.⁴

So, conventional warfare is not effective against terrorist organizations. The struggle is intermittent and protracted. It is designed to wear down the resolve of the people to the point of capitulation. The gauntlet has been tossed at the door of the American people. How we play the game from this point on determines whether or not we will survive as a client nation.

God has been patient with this nation and its people for 40 years. He has graciously warned us of our collective wrongdoing and we have as a people rejected His warnings. Instead we have continued to go down a wrong path making poor decisions and we have limited our future options.

We have been introduced to warfare twenty-first century style and we could very well be in the opening phase of World War III. A war that has no identifiable enemy and no proved method of combating his incremental, hit-and-run assaults, and no way to protect the people without withdrawing constitutional freedoms.

It is time for this country to stop being stupid! It is time to quit paying attention to the insidious mewlings of special interest groups. The nation's survival is at stake. Concern for the caribou and the owl must now take a backseat to national interests. We have met the emergency that the Enviro Terrorists have long spoken of. They insist that our own oil reserves must be preserved for emergencies. That emergency is upon us. It will take 10 years to get Alaska's oil field functional. Once completed, it will take constant military supervision to prevent terrorist attacks against it. The problem is ongoing, multifaceted, and unrelenting. If the enemy is determined then he can wage terrorist attacks against our installations for the foreseeable future.

⁴ *The New Encyclopaedia Britannica: Micropaedia*, 15th ed., vol. 8, s.v. "Guerrilla Warfare."

The question arises as to whether the population of this country, ignorant of biblical truths, has an inventory of ideas that can motivate the resolve to prevail. Or will they in time be worn down by the constant harassment and the constant fear that will ultimately become resident in the souls of an emotional people?

Do we have the character of soul and the strength of determination to deal decisively with this issue? Jesus Christ controls history on behalf of the Pivot, but today's inventory did not provide enough motivation for Him to overrule the nefarious events planned for us by those who are enemies of the cross of Christ.

We must orient to the principle that the Lord Jesus Christ, whose enemy is Islam, has chosen not to override Islam's assaults against Israel or us. It now has become obvious why I coined the word *Zionophobic*. I am fearful for the Jews in Israel. I await in anticipation to see the reaction of the American population. After the smoke clears will we as a people respond as one to these events and as a united people resolve to overcome this atrocity? We did it several times before. We hung together following Lexington and Concord. Had we not our forefathers would have all been hung together. We hung together following Pearl Harbor or we would have been eventually overcome by the Japanese and possibly Germany.

We must unite. Differences of political natures must be set aside. Effort and energy must be concentrated on supporting our national leaders in determining a solution to this problem and backing them in the effort to defeat it. Political wranglings will do nothing but exacerbate the confusion and breed discord among the people—precisely what the terrorists hope will happen.

What is your duty? You must offer those around you tranquility of thought and a confidence in divine protection. Do not make harsh comments or emotional diatribes. The response is a clear presentation of the principle that this nation has for too long rejected the teachings of the Word of God and this is the predictable result. Phrase this in a sentence that is comfortable for you to say with ease. But elaboration on this point is not really necessary. What is necessary is for those who are willing to begin coming to Bible class immediately, to get an order of tapes, or to log on to our Internet Web site for Bible class.

You must offer the fearful a problem-solving device that works: Bible doctrine! In this way you can provide what the Apostle Paul implores in:

Philippians 2:15 - ... so that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

v. 16 - holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain. (NASB)

We are not going to be distracted by this. I am going to keep moving. You are either going to start putting Bible doctrine first in your life or you will cease to be a part of the solution but rather a part of the problem.

The invisible wall of fire was allowed to be lifted this morning and a literal wall of fire replaced it. The One who controls history has sent us a clear and lucid message. He permitted this act to occur without executing His overruling will. All circumstances that may be classified under "permissive will" have associated with them certain levels of discipline. This is a warning. On 9-11, 2001 we have gotten a wake-up call. We'd better answer and that answer would appropriately begin with prayer.

We need to resolve to do better. We then need to pray for our country. We need to pray for those in positions of leadership whose obligation it now is to restore order, protect the shores, and execute justice. We need to pray for our military, especially those with doctrine, that they might be able to perform their tasks in defending our country, our freedom, and our lives. Those in service are listed in our prayer-bulletin and I would like to read their names at this time:

Justin Allen, James Armstrong, Joseph Armstrong, Jennifer Birch, Christopher Bogart, Bob Brodin, Daniel Clayton, Craig Clayton, Dan Collins, James Davey, Mark Davey, Jason Dicosimo, Nathan Drake, Kevin Eastman, Charles Evans, Jr., Sobeye Freeman, Jeremiah Gibbs, Joel Grubbs, James Hendrix, Caleb Kerr, Gary Lowery, Matt Lawson, Brad May, Greg May, John Migliazzo, Steve Pomeroy, Brett Turner, Phil Paternoster, Benjamin Richer, David Roseland, David Saville, Peter Todsén, Douglas Watkins, Michael Weber, Randy Zeegers, and cadets Peter Todsén III and Matthew Wojciechowski

Tonight we begin our efforts by turning our attention to the victims' families of today's attacks in New York, Washington, and Pittsburgh. To do so we will have a moment of silent prayer before we leave, but I implore you to continue this vigil in your homes.

Heavenly Father, we come to Your throne of grace tonight with great humility. We approach You with an appeal on behalf of our nation. Our citizens have gone astray and have violated Your mandates and many have become the law of the land. Attitudes that challenge divine institutions have developed over four decades and have become an offense to Your integrity. You have been long-suffering with us. And we, Your children, have not been able to hold the line. It is our responsibility to provide the Lord with an inventory strong enough to allow Him to maintain the wall of fire. He has seen fit to report back to Your justice that we have been found wanting. Of all those who are to receive and understand Your message today, it is the Church. We must be attuned to Your signal for action. Priorities must be changed. Schedules must be adjusted. Attitudes must be corrected. Doctrine must become number one in our lives.

So this evening we pray that we might do our duty in this time of need; that we would intensify our efforts to become good soldiers for Christ. We have offered many prayers to You on behalf of our nation asking, under the principle that Jesus Christ controls history, that You would force our leaders to consult the laws of divine establishment in their deliberations, their decisions, and in our laws. May this be that opportunity for them to respond.

Father it is time for this nation's citizens to stop being stupid but come to the awareness that we have been a silly and petty people with ideas born right out of the heart of hell. May we see an emergence of common sense and clear thinking within the commonwealth.

In the meantime, we pray that You will comfort the families of those murdered today. As we struggle to restore order, be with our elected leaders and with those who serve in our armed forces. Bring order back to the land. And may that object be accomplished by the fact that citizens elect to bring order to their souls by means of submission to Your Word and reciprocal love for You.

We pray as a people who have the title of Client Nation, that we would heed Your appeal to King Solomon in:

2 Chronicles 7:14 - "(If) My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

v. 15 - "Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place." (NASB)

We do indeed offer that prayer this evening and we do so in the name of our great High Priest and only Savior, namely, Jesus Christ, who is *Yahweh Sabaoth*, the Lord of the Armies. Amen.