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Here in America, we just celebrated the week of July 4th. We continue to hear many in this nation implore the Lord God of Abraham, "God bless America". The truth is, God has greatly blessed this nation, but this nation has failed to bless God. Wicked and nefarious men are leading this nation down a path of total chaos and destruction. The psalmist declared in **Psalm 33:12**, "**Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.**"

There is no doubt in my mind whatsoever that America was a nation chosen by God. However, a nation can lose the blessing of God when it turns from God and His holy Word. Solomon, filled with profound wisdom, cried aloud in **Proverbs 14:34**, "**Righteous exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.**" This particular verse from Solomon holds much validity and veracity as to why America became such a great nation. This nation became great because it was a righteous nation. America left the tyranny and dictatorship of England and sought religious freedoms, which exalted it as a nation. Simply put, they made the Lord God of Abraham the God of this nation. However, Solomon went on to say that sin is a reproach to any people. This nation is now nothing more than a hissing reproach in the world. Webster says that the word reproach means "to express disappointment or displeasure with a person for conduct that is blameworthy or in need of amendment". Does this nation demonstrate conduct that is blameworthy or in need of some type of spiritual amendment? Yes, this

nation is profusely blameworthy because of its' sin! Again in **Proverbs 29:2**, "**When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.**" It is evident to me that America as a nation is going to mourn as it has never mourned before. We keep electing debased, as well as defiled, leadership; thus, we should expect profuse chastisement from the Lord God of heaven. The reason I am addressing this nation is because, America will come to naught and that will allow the Muslim nations in the Middle East to make their assault upon Israel. America, for the most part, is the only true ally that Israel has. From these now debased parties, both Democratic and Republican, had for many years looked out for Israel's best interest. At one time America embraced the Word of God from **Genesis 12:3**, "**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.**" The fact that America had embraced the Word of the living God as well as demonstrated great affection for the nation of Israel was the fundamental reason why God exalted this nation. But now this nation has forgotten God and Israel. We need to be reminded: no nation can forget God and remain blessed. We read in **Psalm 9:17**, "**The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.**" How plain is that? For the most part, each time Israel forgot God, judgment fell upon them. Judgment will soon fall upon America, and I say that with deep regret. We keep hearing the word **ISIS** being bandied about on the media and news networks. **ISIS** stands

for *Islamic state of Iraq and Syria*. The Islamic Jihad-ist are about to create a caliphate. A caliphate is an Islamic government capsulized within an Islamic statehood, over seen by a caliph (*a successor of Muhammad as a temporal and spiritual head of Islam*). This caliph will remain in power until the coming Iman (*the Muslim leader of the line of Ali held by Shiites to be the divinely appointed, sinless, and fallible successor of Mohammed*). In other words, you are about to witness an Islamic statehood based solely on the spirit of Islamic Jihad. It is spreading like wildfire through the entirety of the Middle East. The president of these United States, I believe is an entity that God is using to bring judgment upon both America and the Middle East. We read in **Jeremiah 51:11**, "**Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of his temple.**" The kings of the Medes would be Iraq and Iran. In 1935 Persia was divided into two separate states, which are now Iraq and Iran. It was the Medo-Persian empire that God used in the days of Belshazzar, king of Babylon, the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar, to bring about Babylon's total demise and destruction. We are all familiar with the story in Daniel chapter 5 where the finger of God appeared on a wall and pronounced judgment against Babylon. We see that God used the Medo-Persian empire to destroy Babylon, and now that same scenario is being repeated. I make that statement with a very, very heavy

heart. It was Solomon who told us in **Ecclesiastes 1:9**, **"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun."** Simply put, you will see a complete repeat of Daniel chapter 5 here in America. Following the demise of this nation, you will also witness a Civil War in the Middle East between the Sunnis and Shiites. Once these two factions attempt to resolve their differences, they will aggregated their resources and attack Israel. The spirit of Ishmael is being witnessed right now in the entirety of the Middle East. We read in **Genesis 16:12**, **"And he shall be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."** One Hebrew translation describes Ishmael as a "wild ass." You are witnessing his Islamic hand against every man around the world. The Koran teaches, if the world does not convert to Islam, Muslims must kill the infidels and the Zionist. Americans are considered the infidels and the Israelis the Zionist. This is why you are witnessing Jihad virtually against everyone throughout the entire world. Once the Islamic world unifies, which will be a temporary unification, they will strike Israel. They will lose and they will lose badly. I do not believe that Israel will ever lose a war until the very end of the age when the Anti-Christ seeks to ravage Jerusalem. I believe that according to **Zachariah 14:2**, **"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."** Israel recaptured Jerusalem during the Six-Day War in 1967. However,

according to the scriptures, they will lose the city because Zachariah has prophesied the city shall be taken. We know that God is not a man that He should lie; thus, we shall witness God's Word coming to fruition. America will come to naught so no one will be able to come to Israel's defense in the end. America no longer embraces Israel and our president demonstrates an anti-Semitic disposition. Daily, you are witnessing bible prophecy and regretfully, few seem to grasp it. Following this limited war with **ISIS**, Israel will enlarge their land and border perimeters. I want to encourage everyone reading this newsletter to prayerfully seek the Lord God of Abraham. It seems to me over the last two decades that America has been in a seven year cycle of judgment. The first judgment was on 9-11-2001, and then in September of 2008 when we had the financial debacle. Now, I feel in the fall of 2015 there will be another cycle of judgment on America. You may ask: what will the judgment be this time? I have no knowledge as to what the judgment might be, other than a financial one, but it is apparent to me we are certainly in a cycle of judgment and people do not grasp it. God has tolerated so much sin in this nation yet people continue to cry: *"God have mercy upon us, and God bless America."* I wrote a newsletter some years ago that water would become so scarce in certain parts of this nation that people would travel from city to city just to sustain their lives. The Lord gave me that word from **Amos 4:7-8**, **"And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and cause it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the other piece whereupon it rained not withered."**

So two or three cities, wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: yet have you not returned unto me saith the Lord." This particular passage of scripture is being fulfilled in portions of western America, even now. In the very near future you will witness people having to leave their cities due to a lack of water. I assure you, God has no pleasure in meting out this type of judgment. However, due to the sin and wickedness these cities have embraced, God will withhold their rain. He's done it in times past and He will do it again. We read in **Jeremiah 3:3**, **"Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hast a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed."** When will this nation become ashamed of it's sins? Until next month, may you run your race with joy and also finish strong in Christ our Lord. We are always humbled by your gracious love, prayer, and support for The Voice of Evangelism. I want to assure you it is our hearts desire to always preach and bring to you an uncompromising message from the Word of Almighty God. We are here to proclaim God's Word with Holy Ghost conviction. Conviction is what God uses to convince men that they are lost and they possess within themselves an improper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. To hear Christ say *"well done thou good and faithful servant"* we must have a right relationship with him. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and you too shall be blessed.

Serving With You All,

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