

You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost.

Ezekiel 34:3, 4

But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away for his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.

Ezekiel 33:6

*All who had spread terror in the land of the living are slain,
fallen by the sword.*

Ezekiel 32:23

Ezekiel 32-34

Watchmen, Shepherds and the Fate of the Wicked

Last month, the Lord gave my wife this Word:

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America was given to us by God and we have turned away from our Root. We cannot survive as a vine if we are not attached to the Root. The vine will die apart from the Root. America is sick with a deadly disease that has infiltrated the very core of the Christian faith. The disease is called "tolerance." For too long the Christian community has clung to itself and tolerated all kinds of sin and evil outside its door. Christians have been slothful with regard to their fellow man and have been blinded by fear, to see the needs of the community in which they live.

The Lord will raise up mighty warriors for His service in these days, saints that He will trust to go boldly throughout the land proclaiming the Word of God. There is no time for milk any longer. They that have teeth must eat the meat of His Word. Those who are false Christian leaders will be exposed for the sins that are their own and be cast down. God is cleaning His House and separating the weeds from the wheat.

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1. *President Obama is being used by the Lord:*

Regardless of what you may think of him, Barack Obama is the duly elected President of the United States – and we do not experience anything that does not come through the Permissive Will of the Lord (read the Book of Job for the concept). Think back before the last election; Most everyone was convinced that our current Secretary of State was destined to win the White House, not the least of whom was the Secretary herself. All of a sudden, seemingly out of nowhere, comes this fellow from Chicago with the least experience of any of the candidates in the field, Republican or Democrat. Would Barack Obama have been elected President if the Lord did not have His Hand in it?

2. *Too long America has slept while we should have been alert and watching. The Lord has sent fire, drought, flood, earthquakes and death into this land, and yet we have slept:*

Much of Christianity in America has become little better than any of the other “self-help” philosophies out there in the national marketplace. We have all kinds of books, CDs and videos out there touting the Word of God as a great guide for business, the environment, sexuality (*lots of books there*), self-improvement and all other things that the *world* finds important. Can the Bible be applied to these areas? Certainly! But our emphasis is backward – we have been trying to re-fit the Word to these areas, when in reality it is these areas that must meet the standard of the Word. The world chases after such things as business, environment, sex, and all other things to please *self*. In short, we have been trying to fit God into our lives, when we should have been letting Him break us down and re-configure us as He pleases. For generations, this nation has been walking away from the Lord, in some cases openly defying Him, in a number of different areas and still posting signs and bumper stickers saying, “God Bless America,” and singing Irving Berlin’s song of the same title with a straight face. In the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, a similar situation occurs, and ancient Israel had to learn a people cannot continually disobey God without consequences:

Have you not just called to Me: 'My Father, my friend from my youth, will you always be angry? Will your wrath continue forever?' This is how you talk, but you do all the evil you can." (Jeremiah 3: 4 – 6)

3. *Now He will change everything that has been good for America into something counterfeit:*

I do not believe America is on the verge of destruction, because there are many in this nation who follow the Lord wholeheartedly. But America is about to be humbled. The very things this nation has taken pride in, from our space program to the plenty we have enjoyed to our economy to our very position as a superpower, have been faltering

and stumbling of late, as if the protective Hand of the Lord were being withdrawn. God has been “clearing His throat,” as it were, and we have not paid attention even to those believers who saw the danger and tried to warn us to turn back. Now, stronger measures are about to be brought to bear. Do I know what they are? No, He has decided so far not to reveal that to anyone I know of. But I have seen a lot of wildfires lately. South Texas where I live has experienced two 100-year floods a couple of years apart. And always lurking in the back of everyone’s mind are the attacks of September 11, 2001. Did God send them? No – but the Word speaks of consequences for those nations that forget God. I have written before on the curious, nagging feeling many of us have that, somehow, this is not the same nation we were born into. The flag is still the same, the anthems we sing are unchanged and (unless you’re in a drought area like south Texas) fireworks are still shot off on Independence Day... and yet, something is different, and not necessarily for the better. Get used to the feeling, because it’s going to get worse before – and if – it gets better.

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The Root is the Lord Jesus Himself, who said in John 15:5,

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in Him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”

Since the faith has become more of a “country club” of sorts for many believers (see point #2, above), the emphasis has become one of “packaging and promoting” the Gospel using the world’s standards of entertainment and trying to make it “appealing” to more people so that more folks will come into the churches and drop more money in the collection plate. We have adopted a “burger joint mentality” to the Gospel; remember when one chain actually kept track of how many people they served on their signs? But in the process, sin and evil have either been glossed over or denied to be sin at all, both within the church and outside in the world. We are actually afraid to confront it, lest we be declared “intolerant.” The world has become deathly afraid of this word – and it’s not even a cuss word! It’s not one of the infamous “seven words” you can’t say on television, because it’s used with reckless abandon on the air. As a result, the church can no longer address evil; we are suffering what the Lord warned His prophet in Jeremiah 1:17: “Do not be terrified by them or I will terrify you before them.” And instead of being a force for good in the communities in which we live, we are fast becoming a by-word of reproach to many, and morality is seen as a joke.

5. The Lord will raise up mighty warriors for His service in these days, saints that He will trust to go boldly throughout the land proclaiming the Word of God. There is no time for milk any longer. They that have teeth must eat the meat of His Word. Those who are false Christian leaders will be exposed for the sins that are their own and be cast down. God is cleaning His House and separating the weeds from the wheat:

Let's leave aside the churches that have broken off of the Root for a minute. Many churches today have the Doctrine of Salvation through the Blood of the Lord Jesus down cold. Some in this group even go beyond Salvation to emphasizing Sanctification by the Holy Spirit and the complete surrender of the believer's life to God. This is Christianity 101 – the basics of the faith, the “milk” as the Apostle Paul referred to it in his first letter to the Corinthian church (1 Cor. 3:12) and the writer of Hebrews addressed in Chapter five, verse 12 of that letter. The problem is, the time is growing short, and God needs people to boldly preach the word because His purposes will be accomplished in this world. To complete this task, believers need to be taught righteousness (a concept lost by some churches), spiritual warfare and their position and function in the Body of Christ. New teaching is emerging that reconnects Christianity with its Jewish roots, as the time of the Gentiles comes to a close and God's chosen people discover their Messiah. All of this is the “meat” of the Word, and can only be properly digested with the teaching of the Holy Spirit. This is not necessarily a complaint or a criticism, for some churches are doing the best they can with what they have always known. But the time has come to learn more, and many saints who have been saved for a couple of years need to move on to the “full meal deal,” if you will pardon my use of such a phrase. This will become even more important as God Himself deals with the false believers, teachers and pastors. Some have already fallen because of their own sins, and more of this is coming as God's patience runs out on those who have fattened themselves and lived in luxury at the expense of their congregations while failing to address their needs. (Refer to the first two quotes from Ezekiel at the beginning of this message.)

6. I saw President Obama inviting the Ayatollah of Iran (Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei) to America as a gesture of friendship, but this is the plan of Satan. (Iran President Mahmoud) Ahmadinejad is the Ayatollah's monkey on a chain. North Korea is the hungry lion that will strike the weakest gazelle, to feed its people. President Obama is a false prophet; he states he is a Christian but there is no evidence, for he bears no fruit of the Spirit. He is not of this country, but a stranger in this land. His heart is not in this country or for this people. He will turn away and embrace the adversary's ways and beliefs, then enforce them on this nation:

Wait a minute – didn't the Lord say that President Obama was being used by Him? Yes, he is the Lord's instrument, just as King Nebuchadnezzar was used by God as the strong medicine to cure Israel of idolatry. When the Lord says the President is “not of this country,” I do not believe it has anything to do with the efforts some people are making to imply that he is not a citizen of the United States. Instead, the President has sat for years under the teaching of pastors similar to the ones warned about above; in the basics of the faith, the congregations of their churches are getting a kind of “skim milk,” sounding like what Jesus taught, but with a big dose of Liberation Theology and other “additives.” President Obama is not saying one thing and thinking another; he honestly believes this is what the Lord Jesus taught because he has not yielded himself to the Holy Spirit Who would show him otherwise. The President is unfamiliar with the genuine faith that drove the Founding Fathers of this nation to declare “No King but Jesus,” and that made us once the marvel of the rest of the world. He is a fine speaker, but he does not comprehend those who started out on the “whole milk” of the Word, and certainly not those who now have a taste for “meat.” As a result, the President will not believe the

underlying motives of those who now oppose America, that there is genuine evil at the heart of their motives, and believes that “civilized” actions will win out in the end. He will try to appease them, not believing that they want to destroy us because they *still* think we are – despite the President’s statements to the contrary – a Christian nation. North Korea runs under a mixture of old-style Communism mixed with a personality cult that still sees religion as the “opiate of the masses,” while Iran sees us as infidels who must convert to Islam... or else. Just as there were types, or models, of the Messiah leading up to His birth, and just as there have been types of the antichrist throughout history, President Obama is acting as a type of the false prophet who is soon to come.

The good news is that things don’t have to stay this way. Our President desperately needs prayer by a Church that has awakened to the dangers facing this nation. For just as King Nebuchadnezzar came to realize the Lord is truly God, so President Obama can have his eyes opened (hopefully, not the *hard* way as Nebuchadnezzar did). But to do that, the Church must wake up, seek the face of the Lord wholeheartedly and get serious about our functions within the Body of Christ – and keep doing His Work, regardless of whether our President yields himself to the Lord or not, for God’s purposes *will* be accomplished, quite possibly in *this* generation. And as we pray for this nation, so those other nations must be prayed for, because God loves those people as well. According to author Joel Rosenberg, more Muslims are coming to Jesus now than ever before. Other reports indicate that, despite harsh persecution by the state, there are tens of thousands of believers in North Korea. The fate of those nations that utilize terror as a policy is already affirmed in the Word (see the third passage from Ezekiel at the beginning), but God wants to rescue as many of the people in those nations as possible.