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Make America Godly Again

God is jealous, and the LORD revenges; the LORD revenges, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserves wrath for his enemies. (Nahum 1:2)

The recent swarm of hurricanes and earthquakes that have been in the news and that have devastated so many in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico and, along with the rumors and threatening of wars, all combine strongly to indicate that God is actively trying to get our attention. The pattern for God's activity against the nations both to warn and to judge today is shown in the Scriptures. Israel and Judah abandoned God in the days of the prophets for immorality, greed and idolatry. As a consequence, they became weak and divided while the nation of Nineveh grew stronger and in their power to threaten to destroy the Jews.

The context of the judgment of the prophet Nahum against Nineveh goes back to Israel's own rebellion against God. Israel and Judah abandoned God for self-interest through giving into wholesale immorality, greed and idolatry. Therefore, Nineveh had the upper hand against God's people because of Israel's and Judah's own sins. These sins made God's people vulnerable to Satan's attacks through hateful nations and regimes like Nineveh. But God gave even Nineveh opportunity to repent and turn to God. In the case of Nineveh, God did this through the preaching of Jonah.

According to Bible historians, within twenty years after initially repenting of their wickedness, Nineveh began to return to their old evil and hateful ways toward the Jewish people. Then about a century after Nineveh's repentance under Jonah's preaching, God spoke again through the prophet Nahum to bring an irreversible declaration of judgment and destruction upon Nineveh. This kind of certain judgment will be brought upon any nation whose policies toward Israel seek the destruction of the Jews. Another example of God's judgment against those who hate the Jews is the destruction of Hitler and the Nazis, during WWII (German V2 Rocket pictured above).



In some ways, North Korea, through their leader, Kim Jong-un, and his cult followers, is similar in character to Nineveh, and certainly also to Hitler and the Nazis. Little known is the deep hatred on the part of North Korea toward the Jews and Israel and their complete alliance of evil with Iran. Both are probably planning a nuclear pincer action against the U.S. through their advancing ballistic missile technology. Incidentally, it is highly likely that North Korea is testing nuclear weapons and missile technology which Iran cannot overtly do at this time! They are also likely sharing information and technology. Of course, any nation that hates Israel also hates the United States because America has historically stood with Israel as its most faithful

defender. America, originally founded as a Christian nation, and supportive of its Jewish citizens is in many important ways closely related to Israel.

Like ancient Nineveh, and similar to the Nazis of WW II, the current regime of North Korea desires the destruction of Israel, along with any nation that supports it. In reality, they seek ultimately to get at Israel by removing the United States from dominance as a world power.

During WWII, Hitler's scientists developed and fired hundreds of ballistic missiles and the V2 rocket as weapons of terror. North Korea is seeking to do the same. Israel is in their distant crosshairs. Iran, North Korea's ally, has recently introduced their new ballistic missile that can carry multiple nuclear warheads as far as Israel (see right).



So the wicked nations are seeking to shoot their most devastating "arrows" at the people who most represent God's redemptive purpose in the world. In reality, America's hope is not better "arrows" to shoot back, but actually **"taking the shield of faith,"** through praying Christians, **"to quench all the fiery darts (flaming arrows) of the wicked" (Ephesians 6:16).** America's own dependency on man rather than on God is giving Satan tremendous opportunity to overcome the land. The constant confusion and weakness in Congress and the Senate, as well as in the courts are only reflective of what is happening among Christians in America! Now, even with a stronger president in the person of Donald Trump, the mad men of the world, through the leaders of Russia, China, North Korea and Iran are stepping up their efforts to bring about America's reduction in security, stability and power as Israel's protector. The hurricanes and earthquakes now suddenly swarming, allowed by God, but probably brought on by Satan (Job 1:19) are additional warnings that America is in trouble. If anyone doubts that there is a direct correlation between a nation's military strength, and its spiritual strength, need only to read the history of Israel in the Bible.

The awful fact is that America's sins and tolerance for evil in our own land has made us vulnerable to the continued threats of our enemies. We hear the slogan **"Make America Great Again,"** but this will never happen unless first we, **"Make America Godly Again!"** America will become Godly only through the prayer and repentance of God's people who have a heart to see a return to sound teaching in churches, schools, courts and government. Marxist Socialism, with sympathy toward Islam is permeating the intellectual and spiritual fabric of America. But American Christians are not countering this satanic "insurgency" through actual biblical teaching, prayerful and holy living.

Many churches and Christians are being drawn away by the "feel good" self-focused teachings of men and women who seek massive numbers of followers, huge ministries and book sales! Christianity in America has traded in Theology for "Selfology!" In days past, Christian preachers and their churches would stand against at least eight key practices and beliefs: alcohol, the lottery, living together outside of marriage, redefinition of marriage, evolution, abortion, and "vile affections" (Romans 1:26, Ephesians 4:19). But now it is easy to find some preacher, ministry or book that will lead Christians to believe that these things are not so bad after all. Even occult practices in many subtle forms, like yoga and contemplative meditation are used as "ministry opportunities."

The Devil has worked his crusade against America from within by slowly and subtly turning people, churches, and government away from God and His Word, yet God's Word is still true when it warns: **"Righteousness exalts a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).** God's Word will never fail to give us the direction we need even in these last days in which we find ourselves. The bible shows us that apostasy, a departure from God, can happen to a nation. Apostasy is happening to America! In Psalm 60:2 we can read: **"Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh."** Can we deny that the earth is trembling today and that America is in need of healing? This was God's answer to Solomon's prayer concerning his nation and his people of Israel: **"If my**

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

According to Bible prophecy, we can see plainly that we are now living in the latter days. We see the stirring up of the kings of the east, and Russia, and the Muslim nations. We see the stirring up of the earth with earthquakes. We also see the stirring of the climate with multiplied, great and unpredictable storms. Further, we see the phenomenal stirring up of the nations for war. The rapture of the church could be at any time! But, one can know the day or hour of the Lord's return. There are many putting out videos and books that have imaginative ideas about the signs of the times. Some are even denying the imminency of the rapture! But, I would encourage you to ignore those who are dating the Lord's coming and the end of the world as some are declaring as September 23, 2017 (TODAY)! The rapture of the church could happen at any time! Jesus said: ***"Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40).*** We need to get our eyes off of star and planet alignments! We need to get back into the Word of God! The Bible shows the true signs of the times (Matthew 16:3).

Israel In The News

- Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year recognition began Wednesday, September 20, 2017. It is the year 5778, which according to Jewish tradition, is counted from the year of the creation of Adam and Eve. Rosh Hashanah ended yesterday, Friday, September 22nd. Following this is Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, recognized from sundown on Friday, September 29, 2017, until sundown Saturday, September 30th. Yom Kippur is the holiest day of the year in Judaism and consists of fasting and intensive prayer asking God for forgiveness of their sins. According to Jewish tradition, God writes each person's name and fate in the "Book of Life" on Rosh Hashanah and waits until Yom Kippur to "seal" it. Jews have the ensuing days to make amends and seek forgiveness from others and God. At the end of Yom Kippur they HOPE they have been forgiven by God. Pray for the Jewish people to trust in Jesus Christ alone for their forgiveness and salvation (atonement) through the cross of Calvary!
- It is not commonly known, but very true, that North Korea is extremely anti-Israel and thus anti-Semitic. Otto Warmbier, was an American student who was detained by North Korea for 17 months and released in June of this year. Warmbier was Jewish! He died from abuse at the hands of his anti-Semitic captors.
- Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, following Donald Trump, addressed the United Nations General Assembly Tuesday and spoke about how Israel was prophesied in the Bible to be reestablished as a nation. He encouraged those who depended on the one sided UNESCO reports about Israel to read a much weightier book that is one of the top sellers on Amazon, **the Bible**. He quoted from Isaiah. He said that Isaiah prophesied that Israel would become a light to the nations and would bring salvation to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:6). Of course, this is a prophecy of the future time after the Lord returns to establish Israel as the capital of the earth during the kingdom. The danger in this speech is lulling Israel into a false sense of prosperity and security. This might actually lead ultimately to the attack against Israel by Russia and their Islamic allies in Ezekiel's battle of Gog and Magog, and the resulting peace treaty with Israel by the Antichrist at the beginning of the 7 year tribulation.

The wicked who pursue the righteous and who seek their destruction will fail. This is why Christians need to stay faithful to God's Word, be confident of victory and be willing to share the good news of Jesus, the Messiah! These days see much quaking of the earth indicating that the Lord's coming is very near! Israel is at the center of these indicators. But all of this shaking shows that God is bringing things to a conclusion to begin His new work on the earth!

The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him. The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in Him. But with an overrunning flood He will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue His enemies. What do ye imagine against the LORD? He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time (Nahum 1:5-9).

Nahum predicts that Israel will be preserved through all of their persecutors attempts to destroy them! He proclaims that the Lord will return and overthrow the Antichrist from their midst in the last days!

"Behold, on the mountains the feet of him (Jesus Christ) who brings good news, Who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, O Judah; Pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one (Antichrist) pass through you; He is cut off completely"
(Nahum 1:15, NASB)

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