

Watershed

(Sermon Notes)

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We are coming to the end of another year. And what a year it has been!

As we come to the end of one year and begin another it is customary to take stock of the things in the world, take a sober look at the state of the union, examine how our national leaders are doing, evaluate the condition our Church is in, assess our family's well-being, and examine our own lives. There are a lot of things to consider.

It has been a tumultuous year, but not nearly as turbulent as I believe it is about to become. Will 2016 be a watershed year? Will 2016 mark major negative changes in America, or will things continue on as always?

A watershed is an event or period marking a **turning point** in a course of action or state of affairs. It could be a **defining moment**, a milestone or a time when important change happens. What detrimental changes could possibly be in store for the USA this year? What will 2016 hold for us? There is a most **crucial** presidential election this year.

We want to remember to be sure to always keep God and His perfect way front and center – foremost in our mind. It would be nice to think that unlimited prosperity, growth and development lie ahead for us, but President Barack Obama has vowed to use this last year of his presidency to complete his mission of fundamentally changing America away from the great nation our founding fathers envisioned. It is horrifying to think that we may have come to the end of the line as a great nation.

It can and does happen. That is why we are told by God that we are to pray for our leaders. Have we come to the point where the Holy Scriptures speak despairingly of women ruling over us? Is it because the men today lack the character and resolve to lead our nation? God did not make women with the wherewithal to battle the gigantic forces required in national rule. God did not make women with the ability to countermand the wishes of a people grown soft and slovenly.

Isaiah 3:12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and **women rule over them**. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

Every great empire before us has come to its demise. We in God's Church are given a heads-up when it comes to what the future holds. We know, for instance, that prophecy is dual. It has sometimes had a past fulfillment, and it awaits a future realization.

Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 are the blessings and cursings chapters in the Bible. The **blessings** of the Lord follow **obedience** to Him, while disobedience results in the removal of the blessings—**curses**.

Deuteronomy 28:2 And all these **blessings** shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:15 But it shall come to pass, **if** thou wilt **not** hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these **curses** shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Millions of American citizens feel deeply dispossessed, increasingly ignored by the political establishment, and separated from any influence over that establishment. Voters, a broad segment of the population, are disgusted and angered with a growing bitterness, even desperation because Washington D.C. will not hear them.

For millions of citizens the country they once knew and loved somehow has slipped away from them, the beliefs and values they hold have not just been ignored, but are now declared out-of-bounds, racist, sexist, homophobic; and they perceive that the leaders care very little for the "small guy."

We've lost America, is the fear. Everyone elected goes to Washington and sells out to the establishment, big donor Super PACS, the Chamber of Commerce, and Wall Street. No none wants to **get a handle on Muslim terrorism**.

The Founding Fathers never envisaged potential Muslim jihadists coming to these shores; they assumed that the new American nation would continue to be a **Christian** nation.

Leviticus 26:6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you **afraid**: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. [We should never feel **fear** in this great land!]

Leviticus 26:7 And ye shall **chase your enemies**, and they shall fall before you by the sword. [Now the Radical Islamic Terrorists are attacking us – they call it jihad – holy war]

Leviticus 26:8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. [Now we have our tail between our legs in retreat]

Leviticus 26:9 For I will have respect unto you, and **make you fruitful**, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

Leviticus 26:10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

Leviticus 26:11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.

Leviticus 26:12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.

Deuteronomy 28:7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee **to be smitten** before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

Notice what happens when God is rejected:

Deuteronomy 28:25 The LORD shall cause **thee to be smitten** before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

Deuteronomy 28:26 And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.

Deuteronomy 28:27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the hemorrhoids, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

Deuteronomy 28:28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

The thought that thousands of Muslims would somehow reach American shores was never a consideration on the part of the Founding Fathers of our country. Sure, way over on the shores of Tripoli, Libya, in northern Africa, but **never** on the shores of America. The First Barbary War (1801–1805), also known as the Tripolitanian War against the Muslim Barbary pirates. United States President Thomas Jefferson refused to pay tribute to them.

Here in the United States of America we have been greatly blessed as a result of God's promise and covenant with Abraham. American and British exceptionalism is the recognition that we are unique when compared with the historical development of other nations.

We did not receive our greatness at the expense of others. We and the British have always left those with whom we worked - much better off than when we arrived. We improved their lot by abolishing caste systems, [like in India] instituting democracy and law, and leaving behind a legacy of rail, steel, communication, education, travel and human rights in all the colonies.

We won wars and did not confiscate their lands, but instead, imposed order and structure that would yield some kind of civilization that would, in turn, be better than before we arrived.

It is easy for us to get to thinking that we have come by our affluence naturally, and that it is an inherent part of who we are. We begin to think, “No one, or nothing is going to change our exceptional status.”

God is removing the wall of protection that gave America its exceptionalism. God’s word shows us that we should not be so quick to assume that we are so secure. Ancient Israel went into national **captivity** for Sabbath breaking and idolatry. They were carried away by the Assyrian Empire – never to return. About 136 years later, the same fate was met by Judah at the hands of Babylon’s Nebuchadnezzar.

Have we come to the sundown of God’s blessings on Ephraim and Manasseh? I sometimes wonder how many people in ancient Israel and Judah bemoaned the rejection of God in their nation – and the impending devastation about to befall their country – and could do nothing to warn their nation. How can we today warn America and Britain?

Even the **Temple of God** at Jerusalem was destroyed and its golden ornaments plundered. They did not think it could happen! They thought that since they had the Temple – God would not let anything happen to them. They were wrong! Are we so self assured here in America to believe that it could not happen to us?

What if a worse fate were to befall us? Is that even possible? There was a time when God was ready to wipe Israel off the face of the map – and He does not change. He says, “I change not.”

I remember back, some forty or fifty years ago, reading for the first time about the children of Israel coming out of Egypt. Moses had been led up into Mount Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments from the Almighty Creator God, and at the same time, the Israelites down in the camp below with Aaron were building the **molten** golden calf.

Exodus 32:4 And [Aaron] received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a [**golden**] **molten calf**: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

It is not like God had not warned Israel about idolatry – because He had. God had warned them back in:

Exodus 22:20 “He that sacrifices unto any god, save unto the Lord only, he **shall be utterly destroyed.**”

I read that story about Aaron and all Israel forging a golden idol -- and I thought to myself, “How could they have been so utterly foolish?” “How could they have been so stupid?” “What could they have possibly been thinking?” Now, I look around me today and I see the **United States of America** doing exactly the same thing!!! We, too, are turning our back on the True God.

Deuteronomy 9:12 “The Lord said unto [Moses], Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a **molten** image. [A golden calf – a false god – an idol.]

Deuteronomy 9:13 Furthermore the Lord spoke unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, they are an obstinate people:

God was thinking about destroying every man, woman and child – and starting all over.

Deuteronomy 9:14 Let me alone, **that I may destroy them**, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.”

God was ready to blot them out forever – and start over entirely with Moses.

Moses, who was a type of Christ pleaded for Israel, and God relented. How close are we to that point – where God is ready to blot us out forever? I personally believe that we are much closer than we think.

We are impressed with our computers, iphones, tablets, ipads and twitter accounts – but I suspect that God is not so impressed as we are. We are more than pleased with our national strength and prowess.

This coming year of 2016 is going to be a most crucial presidential election year. I want to avoid being political because we must be focused on being godly, and not a part of this world's political systems that will never solve man's problems.

God tells us to watch and pray. We will look at those Scriptures in a moment. We are to be alert, and not simply bury our head in the sand.

There is so much in Scripture that tells us what to be on the look-out for. Jesus Christ gave us so many signs **so that** we might know. We do not have to remain in the **dark** about these things. To those in the world: Paul says of them:

1Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

1Thessalonians 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

But to those of us who live by God's Truth: Paul explains:

1Th 5:4 But ye, brethren, are **not** in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

We, brethren, are able to put it all together. Jesus tells us the end from the beginning. The world is willingly blinded so that they cannot understand.

Isaiah 6:10 "Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed." (also quoted by Jesus here:)

Matthew 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, who said, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

Matthew 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Matthew 13:16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

This tells us that the world cannot put it all together, but we, brethren, who know the Plan of God, are **able to understand** the end-time sequence much better.

We need to put it together correctly because this world in **not at ease**.

Russia is agitated and stepping out of bounds, **China** is building an unprecedented war machine, not limited to their air-force, army or navy – but aggressively building their star wars technology in space, and their cyber espionage capabilities, while **India** is joining hands militarily with China, and **Iran** is angrily seeking strategic nuclear resources, while **foreign nations** including **Mexico** are usurping millions of American Jobs.

There are ever building **storm clouds** of war on the horizon.

What is about to happen? We need to know. We would be wise to ask ourselves the question "Is 2016 going to be a watershed year?"

Is the status quo changing? Is America – as we have known it and loved it – undergoing a fundamental transformation right under our noses.

Since God is not calling everyone at this time, the Bible is written in a way that they are not able to put everything together correctly. As we saw, God is not ready for them to "see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and become converted, and be healed."

The world cannot put it together - but we, Brethren, who understand the Plan of God – we understand the end-time sequence much better. As I attempt to put Christ's end-time prophecies in Luke 21 into chronological order I read them thus:

Here is what is going to first happen to us in God's true Church. Here is what to expect next:

Luke 21 talks about **religious deception, wars, earthquakes, pestilence** – but I am going to skip over those for a reason that will become clear in a moment.

Luke 21:16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and **some of you** [even] shall they cause to be put to death.

Let's make a distinction here. These verses do not apply to everyone in the organizations that refer to themselves as churches of God. This speaks to those who are truly converted and practicing Christians. There will be a sorting out – make no mistake about that.

Please understand that I am not reading these verses in the **written** order – but following the **time order** given by Jesus. Notice how He shows us His order of events.

Luke 21:12 **But before all these**, [religious deception, wars, earthquakes, pestilence, etc.] they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

Luke 21:13 And it shall turn to you for a **testimony**. [This will be one of the ways God gets His witness to the world.]

(Again) because this is how the persecution on us will soon come about.

Luke 21:16 And ye shall be **betrayed** both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

Luke 21:17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

Luke 21:18 But there shall not an hair of your head perish. [This applies to those who will be carried to the **Place of Safety**.]

Jesus says, **Take heed !!!**

This is the **big warning** to all who count themselves as Christians. And I say this because we know that the **great majority** of the end-time Church of God is going into the Tribulation to die there.

Throughout history there has been religious deception, but in the end-time there will be a **concerted** religious deception that **supersedes** all that we have ever seen takes place. That is why Jesus says, "Take heed!"

Luke 21:8 And [Jesus] said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ;

[The deception will be **so convincing** that Jesus issues this caveat] and the time [of Christ's return] draws near: go ye **not** therefore after them.

The world is rapidly changing – and being changed by those who have no love for this country. They walk among us – and there are many enemies.

You've heard of these international movements that are changing the way we live.

Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP)

World Trade Organization (WTO)

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

All these and more have rendered us uncompetitive in the world economy. All of these are designed specifically to remove blessings **away from** America, and to weaken her status as a nation who is able to protect all the world. They have destroyed our industrial base, caused us to outsource most of our production, and killed most of our manufacturing jobs.

We won WWII because of our resource and industrial base. Today we could not manufacture the ball bearings or electronic components to fight a war of the magnitude of WWII. The internet and worldwide web are severely compromised by foreign hackers and espionage agents.

We have thrown our gold into the street. There is less than one trillion dollars worth of gold in all the world's banks – and we owe nearly **20** Trillion dollars - nothing backs our dollar anymore!!!

We once owned most of the world's gold. God spoke of the **coming financial** collapse:

Ezekiel 7:19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their stomachs: because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity.

The Dollar will collapse and with it, the American economy. It is only a matter of a very short time.

If you are watching world news, you can see the obvious signs. One of the biggest signs is the enormous debt the U.S. owes to China and other countries. It would be nearly impossible to pay it all back – even if we had the will to do so. Congress just keeps kicking the can down the road – and piling insurmountable debt on our children's children.

Look at the deal we just gave Iran: Currently, Iran has a uranium stockpile and the capability to create ten or more nuclear bombs. Iran has over 20,000 centrifuges that we know of in their uranium enrichment facilities. Iran now has the potential to produce the fissionable material for a nuclear bomb every month. Iran will inspect its own nuclear facilities.

The USA has made 150 Billion dollars available to Iran to build their nuclear program, spread their aggressive agenda through Iraq, Syria and the entire Middle East. Iran - ancient Persia, is right now amassing their greatest empire in 2500 years!

Iran is perfecting their Ballistic missile capability to deliver Nuclear weapons against any city on earth!

This current Washington D.C. administration has given Iran a blank check with regard to visas to send radical Islamic terrorists jihadists - to every civilized nation on the planet.

Our US government passed a \$1.1 trillion omnibus bill that funds the government until October 2016.

Is it just me, or does our government have an insatiable addictive, dysfunctional spending habit? They are like someone who opens a bag of donuts and cannot stop eating until they've eaten the entire bagful. Our government and its agencies are overmanned and ever progressive and expansive, and cannot ever moderate its own excessive behavior. It is like someone who has gone past the point of bankruptcy – who then heads out on a spending spree for gifts that are unnecessary. Our government cannot practice belt-tightening self-control, and will not tell itself “No.”

Our government continues to create more pointless programs, staff them with too many government employees, and throw tons of money their way simply for the purpose of building bigger and bigger government. We are in unaffordable debt, and the bubble is going to pop. It did not work for the Roman Empire, and it is going to end the same way for us!

Billy Graham's son, Franklin Graham, just **quit** the Republican Party – and is going independent in protest against the Republican Party. That could be a move that brings our nation one step closer to National Socialism by helping the progressives to win. It is truly a catch 22 situation because of the conflicting conditions of having to support (sinfully) funding for Planned Parenthood on one hand, or support the socialist's agenda that is pro- Planned Parenthood.

To see just how far we have **sunk as a nation** we will look at some of the main points of the newly approved **omnibus bill** to fund our run-away Government. Points like:

***Fund Planned Parenthood** and its Affiliates. Conservative leadership sold out our principles, and funded Planned Parenthood. It is a sad state of affairs. The Republicans and Democrats have just agreed in a bipartisan omnibus bill to fund the sale and distribution of **live baby parts** of Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is an immoral institution that has gutter morals. They promote evil – making it a point to never do anything that is right by God. Besides the murder of innocents, they believe in putting innocent people in jeopardy. Planned Parenthood has declared that it is a person’s “right” not to tell a sexual partner when they are HIV-positive – in effect endangering the lives of others.

There’s no question—taxpayers should not be paying for abortions! Abortion is murder in God’s eyes. Seeing and hearing Planned Parenthood talk nonchalantly about selling baby parts from aborted fetuses with utter disregard for human life is mind boggling.

***Funding** many illegal **sanctuary cities** for the purpose of advocating repeating felons and dangerous criminals who are to be given protection **from** the law. Illegal sanctuary cities host the enemies of the USA where they can safely be housed, and cared for – to the detriment of innocent citizens like Kate Steinle. The 32-year-old young lady was murdered in broad daylight on San Francisco’s Pier 14 by the multiply convicted felon, Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, a 45-year-old illegal alien. President Obama is doggedly against Kate’s Law.

***Fund** the bogus **climate change** boondoggle that violates the Eighth Commandment “Thou shall not steal,” against redistribution of wealth.

***Fund** the (ACA) **Affordable Care Act** - better known as Obama-care—which is decidedly not affordable... and has put multiple millions out of work.

***Fund** unvetted Syrian, Honduran and El Salvadoran and Mexican **refugees** allowing terrorists easy entry into our country.

***Fund** a short provision tucked into the 2,009-page government omnibus spending bill will remove packaging **labels** telling consumers where their beef comes from. You will be eating bovine **Yak** meat from **Mongolia** and not know the difference.

Who is watching the store? I have no hope in the Republican Party, the Democratic Party, or Tea Party to do what is best for America. Unless more godly men and women get in this process and change this wicked system, our country is in for trouble. Neither the Democrats nor the Republicans can turn this country around; no political party or politician is the answer. The only hope for this country is Almighty God and His Son Jesus Christ.

And with everything bursting at the seams – how long before world encompassing **hostilities** break fourth?

Luke 21:9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. [not immediately]

Luke 21:10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: [The results of these battles will be worldwide devastation.]

Luke 21:11 And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.

Brethren, those horrible things are not what we’re watching for. Notice **again** that Jesus Christ Himself gives us the time order:

Luke 21:12 But **before all these**, they shall lay their hands on you,

Those who will be rounded up and imprisoned and some killed – will have **already** given their witness and testimony. Obviously they stood for something God wants to be published as a witness for the entire world to see.

Luke 21:13 And it shall turn to you for a **testimony**.

What follows in Luke 21 are the events of the Tribulation and **afterward** - leading up to the very return of Jesus Christ establishing His Father's Kingdom over all the earth.

Luke 21:36 **Watch** ye therefore, **and pray** always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Brethren, please do not mis-read what Jesus is saying. He is not saying that your prayer should be anything like "O Lord please let **me** be one of the ones who are worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass."

Jesus is saying that if you are watching these events as they unfold, and you are praying about all these things that perplex our lives – then you will be counted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Knowing how to pray about our country according to God's will has been very difficult – especially for the last seven years. Our nation is hurting. Is that how God intends that it should be? Has the sun **set** on America – as it has on the British Empire? America, for every year since 1776, has done nothing but grow in might, in power and in strength and in wealth.

We are, as many of us are fond of saying, the "greatest nation on the face of the earth." The first text book ever used in our schools and universities was the Holy Bible.

James Madison said this: "We have staked the whole future of American civilization, **not** upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind of self-government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves **according** to the Ten Commandments of God."

Where are men like that today? This was to be a nation founded on submission to God and His commandments. But the story doesn't end there.

It has become Politically Correct in the last seven years to **stir up hatred**, divisiveness, and racism contrary to the standards of those who would build a God fearing nation of honesty and hard work.

When I was a young man heading into my high school years – on July 30, 1956, President Dwight Eisenhower signed into law a bill adopting the phrase, **In God We Trust**," as the official national motto. It was mandated that this pledge appear on all US currency.

Charles E. Bennett, a Florida Congressman sponsored that legislation to put "In God We Trust" on all US currency. Mr. Bennett said America had to **distinguish** itself from other world superpowers. He wrote:

"In these days when imperialistic and materialistic communism seeks to attack and destroy freedom, we should continuously look for ways to strengthen the foundations of our freedom, At the base of our freedom is our faith in God and the desire of Americans to live by his will and his guidance. As long as this country **trusts in God**, it will **prevail**. To serve as a constant reminder of this truth, it is highly desirable that our currency and coins should bear these inspiring words, "In God We Trust."

Our nation's political and economic fortunes were tied to its spiritual faith. "In God We Trust" was made the official national motto by an act of Congress.

Today, there are serious attempts to have those words removed by those who would rid our nation of every vestige of Godliness. There are challenges before the Supreme Court to have the words, "In God We Trust," removed as being in violation of the Constitution's concept of a complete separation of church and state. (Which was not the intent of our founding fathers at all.)

We have taken such a rapid plunge from our position of trust in God.

As recently as 1983 Congress declared the Bible to be – The Word of God.

The year 1983 was designated as the national Year of the Bible by President Ronald Reagan by a Proclamation made on February 3, 1983 at the annual **National Prayer Breakfast**.

As we grew as a nation, we became mighty like to no other nation to ever exist. We sing “**God Bless America**”, our money says “In God We Trust”, but somewhere along the line we stopped trusting.

And as we grew, we began to **forget** God. We forgot that God had created us, had sustained us, had done such mighty deeds and demonstrations of His power to bless America. We stopped seeking His face. We began to trust in our own strength.

When God is removed, chaos ensues. After World War II we turned far away from God in great numbers. Where has that nation disappeared to in so short a time – my time, I’m ashamed to say?

The 1960’s saw the **removal** of prayer from the public schools, the removal of the Ten Commandments from our schools and court houses, sexual promiscuity on the increase, open homosexual abominations, and the increased acceptance of legal baby killing through abortion.

The result of that was a drastic increase in violent crime, race riots in the streets, an entire generation of children hooked on drugs and alcohol, skyrocketing divorce rates, court rooms and public schools that needed armed police to keep order. We told God that we had no use for Him, and He has left us on our own.

I got married in the Sixties – not so long ago, but the liberal seeds that were planted in that generation have come to fruition in this generation: Divorce, abortion, homosexuality, hate of America, Godlessness, lawlessness, national weakness, and the squanderers of our blessings. God’s name is still present but His Spirit and power are no longer here.

We have all but abandoned the National Day of Prayer that was recognized by previous presidents. You will remember, when in 2007 Presidential candidate Barack Obama set out to **fundamentally change America**, and he declared that the USA, "Was no longer a Christian nation."

He began in 2009 by not emphasizing the 21st annual National Day of Prayer ceremony at the White House – because he did "not want to offend anyone." But, then later in September of 2009 he welcomed A National Day of Prayer for Muslims at the White House. There were over 50,000 Muslims who went to Washington D.C.

The direction this country is headed should strike fear in the heart of every Christian, especially knowing that the Muslim religion believes that if Christians cannot be converted, they should be annihilated – i.e.; wiped completely out.

President Obama is encouraging schools to teach the Koran for extra credit, while at the same time, his supporters forbid talk about the Bible, God, prayer (even in silence), or saluting the American Flag.

In 2015, we are a nation that is drowning in a debt so large that the numbers, nearly 20 trillion dollars now, have no meaning. Who are we – Americans? We have lost the ability to discern between good and evil. Half of the movies that come out today have aliens and demonic themes to them.

We are the American generation that has filled the cup of God’s indignation and wrath. So He is giving us the leaders **we deserved**. This is an important **principle** of God to recognize.

Romans 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: **the powers that be are ordained of God.**

Daniel 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

Daniel 2:21 And he changes the times and the seasons: he removes kings, and **sets up kings**: he gives wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:

Psalms 75:7 But God is the judge: he puts down one, and **sets up another**.

Today, our leaders are consistently moving against God and His principles.

Each year one million government sanctioned babies are aborted. It was only a few short years ago that we were assured that none of our tax dollars would go to pay for the killing of innocent babies.

Regarding the "Affordable" health-care bill, President Obama **promised** in a speech to a joint session of Congress, "Under our plan, **no** federal dollars will be used to fund abortions."

However, in blatant disregard for common decency, President Obama never intended for his Obama-care bill to prohibit abortion funding. Remember how he was **one vote short** of having his Obama-care bill becoming law. President Obama signed an executive order – especially for Representative Bart Stupak – purporting to prevent federal funding of abortions. Bart Stupak was politically naïve. He had sworn that he was adamantly against abortion, but after that lucrative back-room deal, he single-handedly **enabled abortion** to become the law of the land. Bart Stupak sold his soul for that executive order.

Now, if you are a taxpayer - **you** are now funding the abortion of babies.

President Obama's word was not good. Bart Stupak's executive order was not worth the paper it is written on. America's unrighteousness toward God does not stop at abortion.

Our president is for glorifying **sexual perversion** and **transvestites**. He does not understand how good King Josiah destroyed the habitations of the homosexuals who had joined their dwellings to the Temple of God.

2Kings 23:7 And [Josiah] broke down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the grove. [center of Pagan worship]

Remember this recent proclamation from the White House? And I quote:

"Now, therefore, I Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by virtue (sic) of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2012 as LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH. I call upon the people of the United States to ~~reject God~~ eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of the American people."

Brethren, I attest to you that, as a nation, we have been given over to a 'reprobate mind' – disapproved by God and worthless. As a nation, we will not repent because we don't think we are doing anything wrong. We now see ourselves as progressive, open-minded, free-thinking and not as wicked, vile, sinful and rebellious against God.

We have changed the Truth of God into a lie. So, the question now becomes – shall we be able to recover? Barack Obama is only a small portion of God's judgment on America for our sins. Now, here is the real sad part.

We are near the tipping point where **most** Americans **do not care**. Too many only vote for their pocketbook. There is an old saying:

The following is a good paraphrase from the writings of Alexander Fraser Tytler, Lord Woodhouselee (October 15, 1747 – January 5, 1813) who was a Scottish-born British lawyer and writer. Others who have variants of this saying, usually attribute it to Alexis de Tocqueville, 1838, Alexander Hamilton, or Thomas Jefferson, or Benjamin Franklin, and even Ronald Reagan.

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the **majority** discovers it can vote itself largess out of the public treasury. After that, the majority always votes for

the candidate promising the most benefits with the result the democracy collapses because of the **loose fiscal policy** ensuing, always to be followed by a dictatorship."

Here we are! Twenty trillion dollars in debt and no one cares. Why cannot we see that it is a recipe for impending disaster? Society seems to run in cycles – but have we come to the final circuit? People with a sense of morality are now the minority.

The democratic system of check and balances **has failed** us because of our rejection of God and His perfect way.

"The historical cycle seems to be: From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance, from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to apathy, from apathy to dependency; and from dependency back to bondage once more."

Here we are, having become apathetically dependent on government handouts – which again is the violation of the Eighth Commandment "Thou shall not steal," against redistribution of wealth.

The USA voted for **this president** because **he is the manifestation** of what is inside our hearts as a nation. He is the embodiment of our moral and spiritual dysfunction. He is the living, breathing representation of our disdain for the Commandments God.

Romans 1:28 And even as they **did not like to retain God** in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Romans 1:30 Backbiters, **haters of God**, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

America is sinking into the quagmire. Is America on a path to self destruction, from which **there is** no turning back?

Sometimes God raises up a ruler to bless His people, like He did with King David. And sometimes He sets up a ruler by whom the people will be judged, as He did with Saul.

We do not know **God's will** in the matter. Will He give us more time – or, are we on the skids already? Read about Israel seeking a king – Saul and what Samuel explained to the people:

1Samuel 8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord.

1Samuel 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that **I should not reign over them.**

God has given us the leader we deserve.

1Samuel 8:9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and show them the **manner of the king** that shall reign over them.

Brethren, I'm protesting the manner of President that is ruling over us. My soul is **vexed** over his abominations. Like righteous Lot, I am exasperated!

2Peter 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly;

2Peter 2:7 And delivered just Lot, **vexed** with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

2Peter 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, **vexed** his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.)

God gives the people the leader they deserve. We do not take part in the election process, because we cannot presume that we know God's will.

We would have voted against this Pharaoh – when God was setting him up. God raised up the Pharaoh of the exodus – not a good guy.

Romans 9:17 For the scripture said unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Romans 9:18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardens.

I believe that 2016 is going to be a watershed year. It will be a year that is going to make or break this nation. Are we going over the cliff?

We are at the precipice – and it could go either way. Not only the USA – the entire world is destined to become the final Babylon. We do not vote because we do not know God's will at the time:

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye **be not partakers of her sins**, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

Revelation 18:5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

This year's presidential election is absolutely crucial for America's survival, and will have far-reaching consequences for everything going forward. Do we believe God?

Instead of America praying and getting Him to help us even more, we are driving Him out of our schools and universities, cities and towns, court houses, government agencies and even war memorials. The more we defy the Great God, the greater the crash will be. We must draw ever closer to Him and petition His divine intervention and great mercy.

1Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, **prayers**, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

1Timothy 2:2 For kings, [for presidents,] and for **all that are in authority**; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

1Timothy 2:3 For this is [a] good [prayer] and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;

1Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Brethren, our only hope is a right standing with God. God's wrath is real and it is upon us.

2Peter 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?

End: Watershed