

Why Disasters? II

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After seeing everything that took place with what they called the ‘Frankenstorm,’ because it was this huge hurricane coming from the south. Then it met two storms coming from the cold front in Canada. So they called it ‘Frankenstorm.’ We’re not going to put blame on any one person. We’re going to use the Word of God and see what God says is the cause for these kinds of things. You can read the blessings and cursings in Deut. 28. If you’re online you can go to churchathome.org and download them for yourself.

Because we’re the descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel—I think here in America we have part of every single one of the twelve tribes. This covenant still applies to the nation. To the Church there’s a special covenant in addition to that, which then is the covenant for eternal life. The nation was never promised eternal life, only certain of the very first of the firstfruits were the ones.

Deuteronomy 4:1: “And now, O Israel... [just put your name there so it makes it personal] ...hearken to the statutes and to the judgments which I teach you, in order to do them, so that you may live... [God doesn’t want to kill people. God does not want to bring catastrophe upon them.] ...and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers gives to you. You shall not add to the word which I command you; neither shall you take away from it, so that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you” (vs 1-2).

Then He reminds them of what happened when they went after Baal Peor. This is a very interesting thing—isn’t it? People say, ‘You shouldn’t join to those pagans.’ True, should not have, but have you? One of the great sins of Israel is that they profess the name of the Lord, but they worshiped other gods and kept the days of the other gods instead of the ones that God commanded. And said, ‘We’re delivered to do these things.’

Same way today; ‘Oh, we have the Bible, but you don’t have to read the Old Testament. Oh, we have the New Testament but most of the things, except what the Apostle Paul wrote, we don’t have to pay any attention to.’ Now, is that taking away and is that adding to? Others say, ‘We have the traditions of the fathers. We have the traditions of the church.’

Baal means sun-god. Peor was the sub-name of the god Baal Peor. Some of the children of Israel went over there to be with them. They put a festival right outside the camp and sent all the good-looking

women to entice them over. They could eat flesh, they could bread, and all of those things.

God told them, ‘Don’t go,’ but they did, v 3: “Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baal Peor....” Just put anything in there you want besides Baal Peor.

- see what God did with this storm
- see what God did with this drought
- see what God did with this flood to wherever it came

“...For the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men that followed Baal Peor” (v 3). The thing is this: *whenever we go against God, God is judging us.* He gives us an opportunity to repent. This is important for us to understand.

Now then, for those He’s talking to here, He said, v 4: “And you who held fast to the LORD your God *are* alive, every one of you, this day. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it” (vs 4-5).

- Did we, when we founded the United States of America, say that God gave us this land? *Yes, indeed!*
- Did we make a covenant with God right in the Constitution? *Yes!*
- Did we acknowledge God? *Yes!*
- Were the founders, at least in the letter of the Law, understanding of law, understanding of the things that they were doing? *Yes!*

Of course then, we conquered it and went from sea to shining sea.

A little side bar: When you read of the descendants of Israel in Gen. 49, the firstborn was Reuben. But Reuben sinned and went up on his father’s bed and lay with the handmaiden of Leah. So, he lost the birthright. The birthright for the firstborn is *the possession of the land.*

Since Jacob had two wives, Leah and Rachel [transcriber correction] the firstborn of Rachel was Joseph. So, the firstborn property rights transferred to Joseph. It very well may be that France is the modern remnant of Reuben. What did he give for a very low price to the descendants of Joseph? *The Louisiana Purchase!* There you have a transfer of the birthright to Joseph.

God made us a great nation, ‘from sea to shining sea,’ with the fairest land of all, great mountains, great rivers, great plains, productive, and

God blessed us. God fulfilled His promise to Abraham in giving it to us.

God says: "...do so in the land where you go to possess it." What was the one book that all of the settlers carried with them? *The Bible!* As a matter of fact, Abraham Lincoln learned to read by reading the Bible, supposedly by candlelight. It's really quite something when you stop and think all of the things that are involved in it. {By the way, our editor, Phil Neal, is writing a book on Manasseh in the last days. So, we will have some good information on that.}

Verse 6: "And you shall keep and do *them*, for this is your wisdom... [Not our Godless education that we have today.] ...and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, "Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people." For what nation is so great whose God is so near to them, as the LORD our God is, whenever we call upon Him? And what great nation has statutes and judgments that are so righteous as all this law which I set before you today?" (vs 6-8).

There was one ambassador from a South American country and he was talking with an American governmental official. They were talking about all the dictatorships and the harsh things that have been happening to those in Latin America and South America. He says, 'Here in America you're free. The reason that I can see you're free is because you have God.' Just like it says here. Now, most of them look and say, 'You may have had God, but the blessings are being withdrawn. Replaced with trouble and difficulty and curses.'

Let's see there's a warning here. Again, take it personally. Verse 9: "Only take heed to yourself and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. But teach them to your children and your children's children, to remember the day that you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, 'Gather the people to Me, and I will make them hear My words so that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and they may teach their children'" (vs 9-10).

That's what God wants, but God has also given free moral agency. He's not going to force it upon us. We need to choose and we need to choose what is right. Let's see what else God said concerning going into the land. I want you to think about it.

Deuteronomy 8:6: "And you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God to walk in His ways and to fear Him, for the LORD your God brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of

valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land in which you shall eat bread without scarceness...." (vs 6-9).

Those who have been pushed out of their homes because of the hurricane, some of them are hungry; some of them haven't eaten for several days. Even some of them have done 'dumpster-diving' to try and find food. Has there ever been famine in America? *No!* But look how quickly it could come. Just within three days. We've discussed that before in the past.

"...You shall not lack any *thing* in it..." Are any of us deprived of anything? *No!* We have so many things. Too many kids are spoiled brats today. Sometimes it becomes unseemly if you go to a department store or a grocery store and there are little children there that can't get their way.

"...*It is* a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you may dig copper" (v 9). That means gas, oil, whatever else is beneath the soil. Here comes a warning and this always happens. {note: Rev. 3:14-21 about the Laodiceans because this kind of thing even happens to the Church.}

Verse 10: "When you have eaten and are full..." Do we have that today? *Yes, we're all full!* Some of us are even a little more full so we're plump; some are more plump than others. Isn't it true, once you get it on you can't get it off. Do we eat to the full? Our children eat to the full? *Yes!*

Try watching any sport game, say on Sunday, and what do you have? You have the barbeque going, you have all the snacks, the kids have all their drinks, everybody has everything. They can sit down right in the front room and they can watch their football game. They have a great time if their team wins. If their team doesn't win, then dad gets really down.

Look at it. Think of everywhere. Think of all the food you can get anywhere at any time. Then compare that to some countries like Kenya, Zimbabwe, Darfur, like places in Asia.

Verse 10: "When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. Beware... [here's a warning, because this is what has happened] ...that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you today" (vs 10-11).

God wants to give you every kind of good food to eat. There are only a couple of things He says don't eat because they're not good for you, v 12: "Lest *when* you have eaten and are full and have

built goodly houses and lived in *them*.” Are we that way today? *Yes, indeed!*

Think about all those goodly houses right out there, oceanfront property. Probably to build a house out there you’re looking into a million dollars for just a small lot and a modest home. Now if you’ve got lots of money, and there are a lot of people back there in New Jersey and New York that make a lot of money, they have bigger homes and they’re lined up one after the other. They have beachfront property, everything there, every convenience you would want. Now it’s all gone! I imagine there are a lot of people saying, ‘Why did God do this? Why did He destroy this?’ Let’s reverse the question:

- Have you been loving God?
- Have you been remembering His commandments?
- Have you put Him above everything else in your life?
- Have you been occupied with making money?
- Have you been occupied with sports?
- Have you been occupied with hobbies?
- Have you been occupied with just where you work?

And you have things to where the only thing you can do is get up and go to work and come home and go to bed and get up and go to work and come home and go to bed. *God is not in your thoughts at all!*

How many people have devoted their lives to lying, cheating, stealing, adultery, fornication, perversion, and cheating and thievery to where it’s hard to find brotherly love in some places, especially at the gas stations where the gas is running out. They’ve had fistfights and one man pulled a gun on another man. How’s that for brotherly love? What did Jesus say? If someone asks for your coat, give him your cloak. If he wants you to walk a mile with him, go two.

Verse 13: “And *when* your herds and your flocks multiply...” We eat more meat per person than any country in the world. But what afflicted our herds the last three years? *Drought!* So, they had to be killed; there are fewer; same way with our flocks.

“...and your silver and your gold is multiplied... [We gave away our silver and gold for fiat paper currency. What do we have? *Mountains of debt!*] ...and all that you have is multiplied.”

From the time Dolores and I first got married in January 1965—it will be 48 years—when we started out everything we owned we put in the car, the back seat and the trunk. We went out on our honeymoon on the way to Eugene, Oregon. After we were there for a while then they ordained me and

sent us over to Boise. When we left Boise we left with a car full, the back seat full and a U-Haul trailer, a little one. A year later they wanted to hook up Boise with Salt Lake then we had to move down to Salt Lake. We had to rent a U-Haul truck. When we left eight years later, after two children and living in a two-story house and everything we had to own, they had a moving van, which took about two-thirds of our stuff, come and take it because they were moving several ministers at a time. Then they had to send another moving van to get the rest of it.

When we moved up here they had to do the same thing and have a second truck. We haven’t moved since then. If we move Dolores is going to have us go through everything with her process. Her process is this, because we lack nothing, we have everything. How many pairs of shoes do you have? You open the closet and look at everything and say, ‘Nothing to wear.’ There’s everything there. Once in a while Dolores gets something she bought two years ago and she puts it on and I say, ‘Where did you get that?’ *I’ve had this for a couple of years.* I said, ‘But I haven’t seen it.’ *This is the first time I’ve worn it.* We have everything!

Stop and think. How many TVs do you have in your home? How many media devices, used to be called cell phones? How many computers? Everything, lights, food, gas, heat. You get up in the morning and it’s cold, push a button the heat comes on. If it’s too hot, click it over—air conditioning comes on. You have everything.

If we ever have to move, and I don’t know how that’s going to work, but Dolores has a sure-fire method. You sit down with a pile of your stuff, whatever it may be and you ask three questions:

1. Is it a friend? *A friend is something you can use.*
2. Is it an acquaintance? *You may be able to use it, but do you really want it.*
3. Is it an enemy? *An enemy is something you need to throw away; it’s just laying around taking up space.*

the hardest one:

So you try that sometime.

You go to your closet and start cleaning it out. Dolores has done this to get rid of stuff. Then she’s had me take it down to the Goodwill here, because we have one in town. That’s how she would do it. She would go through—friend, acquaintance, enemy, then she’d give me one little bag to take down to Goodwill. We all have everything that we want—right? More than we need.

You sit there at the television and you have four remote controls. You open the refrigerator and it’s stuffed with food and you say, ‘What am I going to eat, I don’t want anything here.’

If you don't have God, what happens? Verse 14: "Then you become haughty of heart... [arrogant, narcissistic, selfish] ...and you forget the LORD your God..." That's what people have done. Along that section of the east coast you have the greatest number of atheists and agnostics. You have the greatest number of those who are the super-elite who are educated. You have the 'hucksters' of Wall Street. You have all of those things there and you ask the question to them: How do you like being out of your home? *Oh, it's terrible.*

Then how about some of those people who were in the hotels and Mayor 'Gloomberg' wanted to go ahead and have the race for a while. The hotels were actually putting people out of the hotels who had no place to go. How's that for brotherly love!

How does that feel? *Oh, that's terrible. No place to go.* How about those who went home and all they saw was the foundation. There was nothing left, a few shards of this and that, a few pipes sticking up out of the foundation. Everything else blown away! What are you going to do? You don't know what you're going to do for the next however many months before they finally get around to building a house. With all the bureaucratic restrictions it'll probably be two years before people get back into their homes.

'Why did God do this? I didn't deserve this. I worked hard for it. I paid for it. We just got the mortgage paid off and now it's gone.' *But you forgot God over a long period of time, collectively in America and in the states and in the education!* They have removed God from government. They have removed God from schools and even removing God from churches.

Someone sent me a little email of a picture of a little boy trying to read a Bible in school but he's got a chain on his hands and said, 'Forbidden.' Then it showed another picture of a whole group of Jihadist in America bowing down to worship Allah and that's permissible. But you can't read a Bible. Kicked God out of our lives!

We're too interested in sports. We have no time for God. 'After all, I've got to follow along what my team is doing': baseball, basketball, football, soccer, hockey. What else do they have? Horse racing. Others will say, 'Oh, I couldn't possibly keep the Sabbath because we go out every Friday night and we're night clubbing and we're dancing. We're having a good time and our kids go to the concert. Oh, no, we couldn't keep the Sabbath.'

Do you like being kicked out of your home? You don't like some of your friends and neighbors dying? God has feelings! How does God feel when you say, 'No trespassing, God.' How does God look

at things when they say, 'You must teach evolution. You cannot believe in God.' We became arrogant.

Verse 17: "Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of *my* hand has gotten me this wealth.'" What was the first thing that Governor Chris Christie said? 'We are Americans. We are productive. We are workers. We will rebuild and be stronger than before.' No mention of God. No mention of humbly asking God to forgive the sins. No! No! No! 'we'll do this on our own.'

Verse 18: "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is* He Who gives you power to get wealth, so that He may confirm His covenant which He has sworn to your fathers as it is this *very* day. And it shall be if you do at all forget the LORD your God and walk after other gods serving them and worshiping them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish—*yes, perish.* As the nations whom the LORD destroys before your face, so you shall perish because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God" (vs 18-20). That's why!

- God doesn't like it when He's kicked out of the home.
- God does not like it when parents encourage their sons and daughters to engage in illicit sex.
- God does not like it when perversion is taught in schools.
- God does not like it when there are homosexual marriages endorsed by the leader of the country and what the Bible would call the princes of Israel

—the senators and representatives and governors. And then they wonder why this happens? What they need to ask is: Why was it not worse?

Let's see a prophecy of this very thing. I was surprised, even right here in Hollister. Had Halloween. I walked into the bank because I had to make some deposits and things. Here the whole first floor is decorated for Halloween, everywhere. I bit my tongue. I didn't say anything. But if I would have said, 'You know what you're doing here is evil and against God.' *Would you like to close your account, sir?*

I've never heard this before, but someone justified celebrating Halloween which is honoring the dead and being in connection with Satan the devil, by taking the verse where Jesus said to the man who said, 'Let me go bury my father,' and He said, 'Let the dead bury their dead.' They turn around and read it, 'Let the dead celebrate the dead. Oh, this gives us permission for Halloween.' You talk about blinded. Had someone gouged out their eyes or something?

Isaiah 30:8: “Now go, write it before them in a tablet, and note it in a book, so that it may be for the time to come forever and ever.” That’s us right today in the end-time and we have it right in our hands—don’t we? *Yes!*

Verse 9: “That this is a rebellious people, lying children. They are children who will not hear the law of the LORD; Who say to the seers, ‘See not,’ and to the prophets, ‘Do not prophesy to us right things, speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions’” (vs 9-10).

Just like everything that is on television. It’s all an artificial reality. It’s all an illusion. It’s all pre-scripted. Many of these soap operas are pre-scripted by perverts and homosexuals designed to break down the barriers of opening the door to widespread illicit sex. They can’t sell one thing without some woman’s body. It’s amazing! Everything is happy.

I’ve said this before but I just have to say it again. There’s this one ad by UPS. You’ve probably seen it. Here there’s a little boardroom meeting and they’re going around and they’re saying, ‘How do you feel about this?’ *I’m happy!* The next person, ‘I’m happy.’ *I’m happy! I’m happy!* Then comes in a message that this one delivery is not going to make to the person where it needs to be. They say, ‘I’m unhappy.’

So, the errand boy comes in with this little cart and he says, ‘By the way if you use UPS you can have them re-route it to where the customer is.’ They do that. Then it shows the recipient of the package. Next scene: I’m happy. Then it comes back to the room where they were having their conference and it goes around again. I’m happy, I’m happy, I’m happy. Pray tell, show me one that says I’m sad, I’m miserable, I’m rotten.

It’s almost there if you listen to the disclaimers for the medications. You may have depression, thoughts of suicide, internal bleeding, brain aneurisms. Wonderful! But it’s going to help you. Everybody’s happy, happy, happy! All of that is an illusion. So, when something of a reality of a hurricane comes and destroys everything, then they say this is unbelievable. It is, hold on, lest you change you haven’t seen anything yet. *That’s just a little more than a sneeze from God!*

Verse 11: “Go out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.” That’s why it came upon them. They have forgotten God.

Verse 12: “Therefore, thus says the Holy One of Israel, ‘Because you have despised this Word...’” Go in there right in the mix of those people. How about sitting down with those lovely union men who got angry and almost assaulted those

who came from Alabama and told them, ‘Get out of here, scab,’ after they drove 1400 miles to help them get electricity, which they don’t have. To help them get food, which they don’t have. To help them get water, which they don’t have. No, No!

If you get that whole union group in there and you say, ‘All right, everybody, sit down. We’re going to have a Bible study here on what God says how we need to love our neighbor.’ How do you think they’d react? ‘What union do you belong to?’ *God’s!*

Just reminded that one governor got angry at Mitt Romney because he suspended his campaign and told everyone ‘instead of coming to hear a campaign speech, you bring food and things and we’ll load it up in my campaign bus and we’re going to send it over to people who suffered from the hurricane.’ The governor got angry at him for doing it. That shows you what we’re dealing with.

There was one scene. How many watched the Waco burnout with Koresh? There’s one clip, which was only shown once where there were two congressmen talking about this and using cursing language that they were happy, gleeful that the Christians were burned. Remember that? Did you see that? I remember that. You only saw it once because the media wants to keep you all in your delusional make-believe reality.

We don’t dare to anything to show our President a liar, a cheater, whatever it may be. We don’t say anything when he’s derelict to his duty. No! But castigate everyone who wants to do right.

Just a little aside: Mitt Romney is a Mormon. A lot of people say, ‘A Mormon calls themselves Christian, but the evangelicals say ‘they have some strange beliefs.’ Think on this. How many of the evangelicals are Masons at the same time? *Lots and lots of them!*

Next, think on this, because I want to bring out a point: I have studied the Mormon religion. We lived in Salt Lake for seven years and I know it inside and out. I can tell you that the rituals that they do at the temple in Salt Lake City are nearly the same ones as the Masons do, because the founder of Mormonism was Joseph Smith, who was a 32nd-degree Mason. So, that’s ‘the pot calling the kettle black.’ Now then, here’s what they hate about Mitt Romney more than anything else.

As God looks at it, it’s different than judging us for salvation. The Democrats sent out their ‘scum squad’ to try and get up some scum for an October surprise against Romney, like they did with Bush. They always pull that the day or two before the election. They went out and they scoured everything they could find on Mitt Romney. The only thing

they found was that he was once subpoenaed to court in a divorce case of the officers of Bain Capital to testify concerning the value of Bain Capital stock. That's it!

So, they hate him because he is more righteous *in the letter of the law* than any other candidate to run for President in this century. You think about it. How does that stack up to John F. Kennedy? How does that stack up to Bill Clinton? How does that stack up to our current President that we don't know who he is, where he came from, what he studied, what he learned, and all of this sort of thing. It's all sealed at the expense of \$2-million to hide it from the American people. He has the audacity to say, 'We will have the most transparent administration ever.'

If Mitt Romney gets in, I hope that God will bless him, because he's going to use things and laws and principles of God to make the economy right. That's not a call to salvation. Salvation is over here. God's covenant with the nation is here and if the leaders in the letter of the law are righteous, God will bless them.

This is not a political campaign for Mitt Romney. I'm just explaining to you the perverseness of this nation in casting God aside and then someone who may not understand God the way we do, but yet is more righteous than any Presidential candidate that we've had in this century, and they dump on him like he's Satan himself. How far have we gone!

All the liberal Democrats on the east coast were the first ones to do it. How are they doing with the hurricane now? They had an earthquake in New York this year, too, by the way. Men don't realize it. They are always in peril when they get arrogant and haughty and lifted up against God.

What does the Bible say? *The one who exalts himself shall be abased!* Let's see how they recover. Let's see how they do. Pray for them. We're not against them. But you want to know the cause, then every single individual involved in living in that area needs to get out the Bible, open it up, find out what God says and find out where you're missing the mark. Then I will tell you who to go see after we take a break.

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In the book of Jeremiah, let's come to chapter two. They came into the land in 1448_{B.C.} It was 721-718_{B.C.}—700 years later that the ten tribes of Israel were carried off into captivity by the Assyrians. It was 586_{B.C.} when the final invasion—so that's 20 years, 606-586_{B.C.}—that is the time frame of Jeremiah. That's 800 years for Judah, 700 years for the ten tribes of Israel. Would you think that's enough time and patience that God had with

them? They had various wars and ups and downs and things as you read the history of it because they constantly went after other gods.

This is why I told you, please read all of Jeremiah. When you get done with that read all of Ezekiel. Let's see what God says. God has created the heavens and the earth, created everything that we need to live here on the earth, created all the food, gave us air, water, and everything like this. He gives us breath. We take our first breath and we keep living until we take our last breath, however long that is. ***That all comes from God!***

Everything we have to exist and live God has made and provided. We have to get out there and work and toil and do the things we need to do to grow it, to make it, to build it, whatever it is; God wants us to do that. We are not 'entitlement robots' that God has made. But God says, 'I've set before you life and death, good and evil. Choose life. If you choose death, then you are going to have trouble and difficulty. I will have to judge you.'

Talking to all twelve tribes of Israel, Jeremiah 2:7: "And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat its fruit and its goodness; but when you entered, you defiled My land and made My inheritance an abomination. The priests did not say... [Here is who to blame. It starts with those who are supposed to teach people God's way.] ...'Where is the LORD?' And they who handle the law did not know Me; the rulers also rebelled against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal and walked after things that do not profit" (vs 7-8). We have the same thing today, exactly. Yes, because we're the descendants of these people.

Verse 9: "Therefore I will contend with you," says the LORD, "and against your children's children I will contend." Isn't it interesting, this year we've had three hurricanes. One of them was called Isaac and it came right into New Orleans and went up. There was one blessing with it. It relieved the drought. The other one was Irene. The next one was Sandy. Of course, all the global warming people out there say, 'This is because of global warming.' Joe Bastardi, who has been a meteorologist for over 40 years has studied weather. He says this is the same pattern as it was in the 1950s.

By the way, they say the ocean is rising. That's only because at the high tide it's a higher tide than normal because the moon is closer to the earth than it has been in a long, long time. So therefore, the magnetic pull is more and the level of the ocean rises. Obama didn't keep his promise, the level did not go down.

Verse 11: "Has a nation changed their gods who are yet no gods? But My people have changed their glory for that which does not profit. Be

Amazed, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be utterly desolated,' says the LORD, 'For My people have committed two evils...'” (vs 11-13). This is what has happened. God can change the weather patterns—can't He? Does God control the weather? *Yes!*

I got a couple of emails that were saying, 'The Russians did this to us.' I don't think so. If the Russians had that power they would send one a week until we are destroyed.

Verse 12: “‘Be amazed, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be utterly desolated,’ says the LORD, ‘For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters, and hewn out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that cannot hold water’” (vs 12-13).

The water is what? *The type of God's Holy Spirit; the type of blessing from God!* They set up their own religion with the false religions. The priests and the Levites and the rulers and everybody went along with it. It doesn't work. It's like if you have a high-powered racing car and you run on down here and you fill it up with diesel and expect it to run. It may start, but you've ruined the engine. Then you wonder, 'I wonder why this didn't work. I've got the best, fastest racing car that there is.' You didn't read the instructions. Same way with us; we have the Bible and we don't read the instructions.

Verse 17: “‘Have you not brought this on yourself, in that you have forsaken the LORD your God, when He led you by the way? And now what profit is there in going the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? Or what have you to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river? **Your own evil shall correct you, and your backslidings shall reprove you...**” (vs 17-19).

All the laws and commandments of God work automatically all the time. The judgment of God also works all the time. But God gives you a measure of space and repentance. If you do something wrong and your conscience strikes you and you repent, God will forgive. But if you harden your heart and go against God, knowing that it is wrong, your own evil shall correct you.

Verse 19: “Your own evil shall correct you, and your backslidings shall reprove you; therefore know and see that *it is* an evil and bitter *thing* that you have forsaken the LORD your God...” Is that not true? *Yes!* Look at all the things that we have brought upon ourselves: all the sins, crimes, murders, thefts, lying, cheating, drugs, sports, all of kicking God out of every phase of our life. *Yes!*

“...and that My fear *is* not in you,' says the Lord GOD of hosts. 'For of old time you broke your yoke and tore up your bonds; and you said, "I will

not serve"...'" (vs 19-20). I will do what I want. If you want the parable of the prodigal son who said, 'Give me my inheritance and I will go.' He went and spent it. If you put that as a comparison to the whole nation, the whole nation has not yet come to itself, like the prodigal son came to himself when he was feeding the swine. Sometimes your own evil is going to bring you down into the slop and the swill and you're looking at these grunting pigs who are eating better food than you have been given. *You finally come to yourself!*

“...yea, upon every high hill and under every green tree you lay down *like* a harlot. Yet I planted you a noble vine, wholly a true seed. How then have you turned into the degenerate shoots of an alien vine to Me?"” (vs 20-21). Look what they've done with the Word of God with Catholicism and Protestantism. Does that not describe it right there? *Yes, indeed!* There are still a lot of people sensitive about Protestantism, how good it is. Listen, the truth is this, once you get into it:

- They have the wrong day of worship
- They have the holidays of Satan the devil
- They do not understand the resurrection
- They do not understand grace
- They do not understand law

Just because they happen to be nice people *doesn't mean that they are converted.* I dare say, if you wanted to stack up your carnal life before God called you, compared to what Mitt Romney's life has been, I think we would all fall short.

God's called us because we are sinners. God has called us because He's had mercy upon us and we were down in the muck and the mire enough that we answered the call.

Verse 22: “‘For though you wash yourself with potash, and multiply soap for yourself, *yet* your iniquity is marked before Me,' declares the Lord GOD.... [Because you can't clean yourself without repentance to God. *Impossible!*] ...‘How can you say, "I am not defiled; I have not gone after the Baalim"?...'" *Yes, indeed!* Then it talks about the wild donkey and so forth.

Verse 25: “Withhold your foot from being unshod, and your throat from thirst. But you said, 'There is no hope... [‘I don't care what you tell me about what God says'] ...no; for I have loved strangers, and after them I will go' [‘I don't want anything to do with it. It's too restrictive.'] ...As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their rulers, and their priests, and their prophets; saying to a tree... [A little evolution here?] ...“You *are* my father,” and to a stone, “You gave me birth.” For they have turned *their* back to Me, and not their face; but in the time

of their trouble they will say, “Arise and save us!”” (vs 25-27).

That’s what happens in all these disasters—right? *Yes!* They don’t think about how they offended God by saying, ‘Get out, I won’t do this. No, I won’t keep the laws. No, that horrible law.’

So God says, v 28: “But where *are* your gods that you have made for yourselves?... [How many crosses and crucifix on the east coast stopped the hurricane? *Not a single one!* How many prayers to the virgin Mary turned back the wind? *Not a whiff!*] ...Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble; for according to the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah. Why will you contend with Me? You all have sinned against Me,’ says the LORD” (vs 28-29).

- How much correction can you take?
- What are you willing to have?

Verse 30: “In vain I have stricken your children; they received no correction. Your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. O generation...” (vs 30-31). This is what God is saying to us. If we don’t as a nation stop all of our profligate spending, stop all of our defying God, stop all of the major sins that we are doing and committing—it’s like the Mexicans have rightly said: there would be no drug problem from Mexico if the Americans didn’t buy it.

“...see the Word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness to Israel, or a land of thick darkness? Why do My people say, ‘We roam *freely*...’” (v 31). ‘We’re free; we’re independent; no one is going to tell us what to do. Don’t you tell me what to do!

Like this one ad that they had from this pitiful little girl who was probably no more than thirteen and saying as an ad to vote for the President. That if you go have sex with a boy, make sure he’s a good guy. Make sure that you have your birth control. If you don’t, you can get your abortion. She didn’t quite say it that way, but that’s what it is. ‘We’ll do what we want.’ God says, ‘Don’t do those things because there’s a right way and a right use and a proper use of sex in marriage that is blessed.’ Anything else will end up in curses and terrible things will happen. Sixty percent of sexually active teenage girls have Chlamydia.

“...‘We roam *freely*; we will come no more to You’?... [‘We’ll go to our psychiatrist or we’ll go to our nurse at school. We’ll go to our friend. We’ll go to our priest.’] ...Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet, My people have forgotten Me days without number” (vs 31-32). *Yes, indeed!* That’s what we have done. That’s why all these disasters.

What can we expect next year? *I don’t know!* I don’t know how God is going to look down here and judge the people. I don’t know how many people have said, ‘I’m going to amend my ways, because of going through these storms.’ I don’t know how many are going to give up their lying, cheating, stealing, adulterating, fornicating, homosexuality, whatever they do, bestiality. They’re not going to give up their Sunday-keeping. They’re not going to give up their Halloween, Christmas, Easter, New Years, and all of that. So, I couldn’t tell you what’s going to happen next year.

I do know this, I can tell you one thing. If the current President is re-elected, like I’ve said several times before, you’ve got 40% more taxes coming upon you immediately. It’ll be there. That’s part of it.

Remember what happened when Rehoboam took over the kingdom from Solomon? Solomon had laid such heavy taxes on the people. The wise older men told Rehoboam, when the children of Israel came and said lighten the load of taxes, they told him to give them relief. His young advisers, the upstarts, the smart-alecks, the young generation—like it is today. We run around with our media device in our hands, everything that we do and we’re so smart and everything like that. They said, ‘Raise them.’

Rehoboam answered and said, ‘You thought my father’s tax was heavy upon you, my little finger will be like a thigh.’ That’s how God used to separate the ten tribes from Judah. No judgment, no nothing.

Verse 34: “Also in your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents though you did not catch them breaking in. Yet, in spite of all these things you say, “Because I am innocent... [‘I’m just having a good time.’] ...surely His anger shall turn from me.” Behold, I will pass judgment on you because you say, ‘I have not sinned’” (vs 34-35).

Jeremiah 6—here’s another sin. God judges the leaders, the judges, the governors, the President, House of Representatives, the Senators, the state governments, the county governments, the city governments, all the way down.

Have we not found this, Jeremiah 6:13: “For everyone from the least of them even to the greatest of them is greedy for gain; and from the prophet even unto the priest everyone deals falsely. They have also healed the hurt *of the daughter* of My people slightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ when *there is no peace*” (vs 13-14). Was Benghazi peace? Think about it!

Verse 15: “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?...” Homosexual

marriage, perversion, teaching sex openly in school from kindergarten! What do you think they're going to do when they hit the ninth and tenth grade? Go home and take up a knitting course?

"...No, they were not at all ashamed, nor could they blush; therefore they shall fall among those who fall. At the time *that* I punish them, they shall be cast down,' says the LORD" (v 15). Has that happened in degrees? Does that happen like waves? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 16: "Thus says the LORD, 'Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths where the good way *is* and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls...'" Yes, come back to the Word of God. Keep the Ten Commandments. Like they say about things, 'try it you'll like it.' It's good. Wouldn't it be something if once a week you had a day set aside for instruction on how to live your life so you can have contact with God, so you can avoid the sins of the world, so you can avoid ruining your life? *Yes, that's what the Sabbath is for!*

"...But they said, 'We will not walk *in it*.' Also I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Hearken to the sound of the ram's horn.'..." (vs 16-17). We've heard it—haven't we? How many times have we heard 'the financial cliff is right ahead of us'? How many times have we heard 'there's a debt tsunami coming'? Anybody really acting upon it? We all better be prepared to a certain degree because it's going to affect us. So, God set a watchman saying:

"...Hearken to the sound of the ram's horn.' But they said, 'We will not hearken'" (v 17). How long we have to go, how many more difficulties we are going to be in, we don't know. Is this just one wave that comes along and God says, 'Okay, I'm going to see how they act. I'm going to see is there any repentance. I'm going to see is there any turning back from the wicked ways that they've been living. Give them time, give them space, let's see what happens.'

God says, v 18: "Therefore hear, you nations... [the whole world] ...and know, O congregation..." That's the Churches of God. What will happen to them? Remember, what did God say about choosing life and death or good and evil? *He said, 'I call heaven and earth against you this day.'*

Listen to what He says here, v 19: "Hear, O earth, behold, I will bring evil on this people, even the fruit of their thoughts..." Because God knows all the thoughts and the evil that lurks in every heart and mind. Look at how quickly the beast came out of people when they didn't have electricity, when they didn't have gasoline, when they didn't have food. On the third day. Didn't last very long—did it?

"...because **they have not hearkened to My words, nor to My law, but have rejected it**" (v 19). There's a price to pay and it says, O congregation. We're in the midst of the country here. That's why we need to claim the promises of Psa. 91 all the time. We don't know what is going to happen. This is not a death and doom and gloom. This is *warning* so that we will be prepared, so that we will know when things happen that God is actively judging the people.

Jeremiah 7—here's what Jeremiah had to do, whether they would listen or not. Jeremiah was one lonely man. His mission was so difficult that God said, 'You're not even to take a wife.' He came from the priest town of Anathoth. Jeremiah was a priest. Even all the priests from that town plotted to kill him because they didn't like his message. 'How dare you come in here and speak against the temple. How dare you come in here and speak against these people. How dare you indict us.' They wouldn't listen. He had a lonely job. Everyone coming in and out of the gate said, 'Oh, there goes Jeremiah again. He's speaking again.'

Jeremiah 7:1: "The Word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 'Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this Word, and say, "Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD'" (vs 1-2). They were going in there and worshiping the pagan gods right in the place where God put His name, right there. The idols, the homosexual booths, right there.

So, here's what He said, v 3: "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Amend your ways and your doings...' God always pleads repentance, change, turn, return to Me, stop your sin. God even promises that those who commit iniquity, if they would stop, God would not remember them. But if those who are doing good started sinning, He said, 'Everything you have done that is good I will no longer remember because you have sinned.'

"... 'Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. Do not trust in lying words...' (vs 3-4). Isn't that exactly what we have in the churches today? Lying words, lying messages? Most churches preach a hip-pocket Jesus who is like a rabbit foot, who is going to give you good luck whenever you do this and that and the other.

"...Do not trust in lying words..." (v 4). 'The law is done away. We don't have to keep these things. We have sanctified Halloween, Christmas, Easter,' all pagan things when God says He hates them. You trust in lying words and your idols and your crucifixes and your burning prayer candles.

“...saying, ‘The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD are these’” (v 4). Isn’t that amazing? Because God had them build the temple they would come in there and say God has to respect it because this is His temple. The truth is if the people of God, being the children of Israel and the children of Judah as the nations, or the Church, do not do the things that please God He wipes it off the face of the earth. Did He do that with the temple? *Yes, indeed!* Read the account of its destruction in *Josephus*.

In fact He did it twice. Second time because they rejected Jesus Christ. So, God says, v 5: “For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor; *if* you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place... [I want you to remember innocent blood] ...nor walk after other gods to your hurt; then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, forever and ever. Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit” (vs 5-8).

If you have a television set and you have CNBC, over the weekend they run a show hour after hour, because there’s no business to report, and the program is called *American Greed*. You just watch that see how gullible and stupid people are to believe things that are lies thinking they’re going to make a lot of money.

It’s perpetrated against whites, blacks, and Latinos. Amazing! Con men come along, give them a song and dance, tell them they’re going to make lots of money. They set up a whole Ponzi scheme. A Ponzi scheme is you get people to send money in to you, a big investment like \$100,000, \$200,000, \$300,000. Some people have lost up to \$1-million in these schemes and they believe it, because he sends back checks that are good for a long time, \$5,000 a month. How’s that? He sends you a chart saying you’re money is safe and growing. Then all of a sudden he runs out of money and it all collapses. There are many besides Bernie Madoff. Yes, steal.

Verse 9: “Will you steal, **murder**, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know; and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, ‘We are delivered to do all these abominations’?” (vs 9-10). That’s what they say every Sunday—isn’t it? *Yes, indeed!* Then He says you go see what I did to Shiloh.

Verse 30: “‘For the children of Israel have done evil in My sight,’ says the LORD. ‘They have set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to pollute it. They have built the high

places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire...’” (vs 30-31). That’s how they had birth control then. They made it a religious affair to a great, brazen burning altar of the god Molech who had brass arms that were operated by the priests.

Of course, they had music playing and it’s known that they also had wine and maybe even some narcotics so the mother and father would come in and drink of that and it would relieve their conscience. Then they would offer their live son or daughter for the priest to place right on the arms of Molech and then pull the lever and they fall down into the flames and are burned.

Let’s find out what God says about it, Ezekiel 16:20—likening Israel to a woman who became an absolute whore and took all the wealth that God gave them and gave them to all their enemies. Said, ‘Here take the money,’ and God said, ‘You’re not like a regular whore. At least a regular whore would require money from her solicitors. No, but you pay your lovers.’ Look at all the foreign aid we give to everybody, even our enemies. That’s not as bad as this.

Notice what God says. I want you to understand because we are going to talk about abortion. I want you to understand, ***abortion is killing the work of God in the womb of the mother!***

More than that, ~~E~~zekiel 16:20: “And you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne to Me, and you sacrificed them unto these images to be devoured...” [We don’t do that today. We’re civilized. We only have abortions.]...Is this, your whoredoms so small a matter? You have slaughtered **My children...**” (vs 20-21). How did you become pregnant? Because God created you male and female and you committed adultery and fornication that God said, ‘Do not do.’

There’s an ad that has been running from National Right-to-Life on the radio. I want you to listen to that because it’s a very effective ad. There are some people trying to stop abortion, but all of the evil, murderous women back in New York and New Jersey and in those areas where the elite is, that has spread to the rest of the country, who want women’s rights. Women’s rights give the authority to murder the most innocent of life.

They have this ad and they said, ‘What you are hearing is the heartbeat of a 28-day-old baby in the womb.’ So, by time you know you’re pregnant the heart is beating. ***That child belongs to God!*** It may have been conceived out of wedlock, but God made the process. You didn’t do it separate from what God created.

Verse 21: “You have slaughtered My children and delivered them up and caused them to pass through the fire” (v 21). Today we don’t burn them to the god Molech. Go to Planned Parenthood or go to an abortion clinic, that’s nothing other than the temple of death. The doctor who performs it is nothing other than the high priest of murder. The nurse who assists is the attendant to the murderer. The woman who agrees to it is selfish and hateful and murderous and narcissistic. Regardless if you’re only 11-years-old, you know better.

Verse 22: “And in all your hateful deeds and your whoredoms you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, *and* squirming in your *own* blood.” Because one day you who commit the abortion, you who assist in doing it, you were in that very same position at 28 days and your heart began to beat and your mother was kind enough to have you born.

That is the major sin as to why God is going to be relentless against this country because ***they murder a 1.2-million children of God in the womb!*** God is not going to tolerate it. Yet if a man running for an office politically says he doesn’t believe in abortion, they say, ‘You’re not acceptable. What a horrible, evil man you are. You don’t believe in abortion.’ You got here because no one committed abortion on you. Think of it, the most delicate, smallest wonderful beginning of life ripped apart.

We have a President that believes in infanticide, who voted for a bill in Illinois when he was a state senator, that if there was a botched abortion and the baby survived and lived, they were forbidden to give medical help that it might live. Throw it up in a towel and throw it in a closet. One time Huckabee had a survivor of that. She was wrapped up and thrown in a closet, but a nurse had conscience to get her and keep her alive. At 22 she came on Huckabee’s program. Many of us saw that. Standing for the rights of the unborn.

Murder is a repentable sin, but you had better repent not only of that, but everything else in your life. You better turn yourself to God and not have this kind of absolute hideous murder that God is going to judge and destroy this nation because we, for our own selfish ends politically and religiously in rejecting God, sanctify that kind of thing.

The political party most responsible for it is the Democrat Party who kicked God off the plank at their convention and said, ‘God, we don’t want you here.’ They finally had to put His name back in the plank. After the third vote on it, which was really rejected, there were those out there booing and jeering and shaking their fist because it was put back on the plank.

I wonder why this hurricane hit the heart and core and bastion of liberal Democrat government— New Jersey, New York, Long Island? Do you suppose that those leaders and rulers who are vowed Democrats, vowed abortion rights people, do you suppose they have any guilt in this, as well as the people? You need to think about it.

For those I’m preaching to here today, you already know this, but for those who are going to hear this you better listen and you better not say, ‘There’s some wild man out there preaching against abortion.’ You may think that, but one of these days you’re going to have to meet God. God is the ultimate Judge and we always stand before God. Here’s what God has said, we could apply this right to this hurricane. What is the name of New Jersey? *The Garden State!*

Amos 4:9: “‘I have stricken you with blasting... [You think a hurricane is blasting? *Yes* and a whirlwind, a big blasting whirlwind.] ...and mildew. When your gardens and your vineyards, and your fig trees, and your olive trees increased, the creeping locust devoured them; yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD.”

- How many more tornadoes?
- How many more hurricanes?
- How many more fires?
- How many more droughts?
- How many more sicknesses and disease?
- Diseases we can’t name?
- Diseases we can’t be healed of?

You think ‘Obamacare’ is going to take care of you? *Nonsense!* They won’t have enough money to even manage the sickness. {read Deut. 28}

“‘...yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD. ‘I have sent the plague among you after the manner of Egypt; I have slain your young men with the sword...’” (vs 9-10). You ever watched those pitiful ads of the wounded warrior? You ever seen that man who had his face literally burned off? Ever seen how heroic some of those men are who run races on these steel spring-loaded legs?

“‘...and have taken away your horses’” (v 10). How many cars were destroyed with this hurricane? Be careful, don’t buy any cheap cars out of New Jersey six months from now.

“‘...And I have made the stench of your camps to come up into your nostrils; yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD.... [What will it take?] ...I have overthrown some among you as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah... [9/11] ...and you were like a firebrand plucked out of the burning; yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD” (vs 10-11).

Here's what God says to our nation. We are right at the threshold. We have choices to make. Are there enough people to choose to do right to hold off the hand of God's correction? Because He says back in Isa. 5 after He gave correction after correction, He said, *'My hand is stretched out still to bring more correction because you won't listen.'*

Verse 12: "Therefore, I will do this to you, O Israel..." This is God speaking. Are you going to defy God? Are you going to defy Jesus Christ? Or are you going to defy your sins, your lusts, your idols and your own way, your own religion, and your foolishness and filthy abominations?

"...and because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!.... [not like the gods you worship now] ...For lo, He forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what his thought *is*... [He knows what you're thinking. He knows what's on your mind.] ...He who makes the morning darkness, and treads upon the high places of the earth—the LORD, the God of hosts, *is* His name" (vs 12-13).

There are times we are told we better preach what God wants. Not good things that we would like to hear. Not smooth things that we are safe in our own rotten little sins and our lives that we have grown comfortable with. *God says, 'Return to Me.'*

The way we want to meet God is at the resurrection, not in judgment unto death!

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