

Defiance of God Brings Disaster

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It doesn't matter who you are or where you are on the face of the earth, or what generation you live in. Jesus said of the days that we're living in now, that it's like it was in the days before the Flood of Noah. He said:

Luke 21:33_[transcriber's correction]: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall never pass away."

Now we understand that He was the Lord God of the Old Testament. A lot of the evangelicals and the phony Christians of the world today don't like to believe that, One of the reasons that we have so much trouble and difficulties that we have is ***because of defiance of God at many levels and many things and concerning the Word of God!***

They forget that the Word of God is absolutely the most powerful thing that there ever was, *because God backs it up with action!*

Let's see the power of God's Word. Couple that with what Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, **but My words shall never pass away.**"

He said the same thing of the Law and the Prophets, that heaven and earth shall pass away, but not one jot or tittle shall pass from the law or the prophets (Matt. 5:17-18).

Now that's the premise of what we are looking at today, and that is a truism that goes down through time. No one can defy God and get away with it. No one can say that they're going to do this and do that and do the other thing when they're going against the will of God. How powerful is the Word of God?

Hebrews 4:12: "For the Word of God is living and powerful..."

Always in action and going to bring to pass the things that God wants it to do.

"...and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of both soul and spirit, *and* of both *the* joints and *the* marrow, and *is* able to discern *the* thoughts and intents of *the* heart. And there is not a created thing that is not manifest in His sight; but all things *are* naked and laid bare before the eyes of Him to Whom we must give account." (vs 12-13).

So with that said, remember what He said concerning in the days of Noah, ***the thought of everyone was only evil continually!***

Isa. 1—Let's see a prophecy that is living today right on our television screens as we watch the news and the devastation of Los Angeles—Sodom and Gomorrah—run by:

- lesbians and homosexuals
- deniers of God
- haters of God
- bragging that they are a godless people

in which there is Hollywood and all the satanic movies that come out of there; from which all of the sex perversion comes, like Diddy and others like His ilk.

That always brings the judgment of God, and there is no way that any man is going to defy God or any woman going to defy God. Like this transgender woman who thought she was a man at the Lutheran Church down in West Hollywood, which undoubtedly is ***burned to ashes at this moment for defying God and saying that the Bible was not made for 2024!***

The Bible was made for all time, because the Word of God is eternal! As we read:

- it is spiritual
- it is powerful
- it is sharper than any two-edged sword

We're going to see some similarities here, as well:

Isaiah 1:2: "**Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth...**"

Isn't that what Jesus was saying back in Matt. 24? These are the words of God. This brings to light the judgment that is happening to us right now, and the fires are still burning in Southern California.

When you see on the news, it is mile after mile after mile of ashes and dust from the fire, and there was the wind a hundred miles an hour. ***That was from God, not from any man!***

"...for the LORD has spoken, 'I have reared and brought up children, **but they have rebelled against Me**'" (v 2).

How do they rebel against God? *By **denying that His commandments are living and true, and that we need to keep the commandments of God.***

All of the phony Christians of the world, the evangelicals, Sunday-keepers, Catholics, and Jews ***who reject Jesus***, Muslims ***who reject anything to do in the Bible***, Hindus, Buddhists, it matters not. **You can't defy God and succeed!**

All you have to do is look down through history. All you have to do is watch all of these videos of archaeological digs in ancient lands like Egypt, Babylon, Turkey, Mexico, Central America and South America.

- What do you find? ***They defied God!***
- Where are they now?
- How long do you think that this nation can defy God?

Not only the abject sinners who are given over to Sodom and Gomorrah. By the way, that part of Southern California had more Sodom and Gomorrahites than any other place in California.

The next one is San Francisco, and San Francisco is almost a ghost town because of all of the policies of all of the perverts who try to say that they know how to run things better than anybody else. *Everything they set their hand to do is destroyed!* When we act that way, God is telling us we're dumber than the animals.

Verse 3: "The ox knows his owner, and the donkey his master's crib; ***but Israel does not know Me; My people do not understand.***"

Now, there are going to be a lot of people who maybe have never heard of anything like this in their life, so:

- you better pay attention
- you better listen
- you better understand

Because what this is in Southern California is a precursor and a warning what's going to happen to America if we continue to defy God!

As I brought out last week, it is the conspiracy of the pastors and the political leaders and then the people. We're living in dangerous times, just like Jesus said.

Verse 4: "Ah, sinful nation, a people burdened *with* iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! ***They have forsaken the LORD; they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger; they have gone away backward.***"

- Have you ever thought of God?
- Have you ever thought about what God wants you to do?
- Have you ever thought that you as an individual have more knowledge than God and you go to tell God what to do?

No one is going to tell God what to do!

Now when it gets to Sunday-keeping, ***that is an absolute blasphemous day before God,*** because men cannot make something Holy! Especially by a man sitting in a chair in Rome saying that he is a

'holy father' and that 'his word' is like God. ***That is blasphemous!***

"...***they have forsaken the LORD.***" So, God says this, after you've gone away backwards and you come back and look at your home down there in Southern California, mile after mile after mile of ashes, dust, burnt metal and everything gone!

Are you going to just say, 'well, we'll build again'? Let's see how that works, because remember: ***you cannot defy God and succeed!*** Here's what's going to happen and *it is happening:*

Verse 5: "Why should you be stricken any more? ***You will revolt more and more; the whole head is sick...***"

That's what it is in California! All the leaders are brainless, clueless, sinful, blasphemous, and as far as sexual orientation goes: ***hideous Sodom and Gomorrah and their friends who go along with it!***

Verse 6: "From the sole of the foot even to the *top of the head there is* no soundness in it; *only* wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed, nor bound up, nor soothed with ointment." *That's true!*

How are you going to replace the equivalent of an atomic explosion in Southern California that has destroyed all these homes? And by the way, *the fires are still burning!*

Verse 7: "***Your country is a desolation...***" Look at it! *Anyplace in America there's:*

- trouble
- destruction
- difficulties
- crime
- murder
- homosexuality
- lesbianism
- lying
- cheating
- stealing

God has set the hordes of the illegal aliens as punishment to us because we have neglected God, and we have murdered 82-million in abortions! *You've got to understand that!*

"...***your cities are burned with fire...***" (v 7),

- Did we not see that?
- Did we not witness that?

With 100mph winds, it doesn't matter if all the reservoirs down there would have been filled with water, ***it still would have happened because it's the hand of God!***

“...Strangers devour your land right in your very presence...” (v 7).

- Isn't that what they're doing?
- Taking over?
 - look at all of the drug problems
 - look at all of the theft problems
 - look at how the illegal aliens gangs are all organized in every major city in America

Now we hope, *but we don't know if it can be accomplished*, that most of them will be deported. But you need to stop and think how much resistance there's going to be even from Satan's party of the Democrats, because the Democrats follow Satan's doctrine. Maybe not all at the grassroots, ***but you voted for them!*** Here in California, ***they voted for them!***

“...and it is wasted, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, like a hut in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city. **Except the LORD of hosts had left us a very small remnant...**” (vs 7-9)—*the Churches of God!*

All of us who are in the Churches of God, ***we have got to pay attention!*** *We've got to:*

- yield to God
- keep studying
- keep praying
- keep living God's way
- be asking for God's help and protection

We don't know how bad it's going to get, but sooner or later they're going to come and drag us out and behead us. That's how violent it's going to be.

Verse 10: “Hear the Word of the LORD, rulers of Sodom; give ear to the Law of our God, people of Gomorrah.”

God is telling this nation, **WAKE UP! TURN TO GOD!** Get rid of:

- your lies
- your adulteries
- your Sodom and Gomorrah behavior
- you're cheating
- you're lying

Come and repent to God! Repentance means **stop breaking the laws of God!** The way that you do that is simple:

1. you believe God in His Word because it's living
2. you obey God because He has created you
3. He knows what is best for you and every human being on the earth.

You've got to learn to *love God*; that means a *dedication* to God.

As Jesus said in answering the question, ‘Master, what is the Great Commandment in the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, with all your strength. That's the first Commandment and the second is like unto it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

But look at what we have! Oh, we have some love your neighbor as yourself. There are a lot of people out there trying to help all the victims of the fires, which is good and we're happy that they're doing it and hope them success. ***But there won't be any real success unless there's a return to God!***

If you go back to where you were, it's going to happen again. That's just the way it'll work out.

Verse 11: “‘To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?’ says the LORD.... [that is your religious observance to God *on your terms* rather than God's] ... ‘I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I do not delight in *the blood of bulls*, or of lambs, or of he-goats.’”

That's when they had the temple; now they don't have the temple. So, God is not interested in all of these sinful projects that are in the name of God that people are doing, Or coming to church on Sunday ***when God never sanctified that day!*** Or keeping Christmas, Easter, New Years, and the most blasphemous of all, Easter! ***That day is dedicated to the Babylonian goddess of Ishtar!*** And they say that's the day that Jesus was resurrected. ***LIE! You live lies!***

You cannot defy God and have everything NOT come to destruction! You need to think about it. There are a lot of hard-headed people out there:

- who believe that Jesus did away with the Law when He didn't
- who believe that what they are doing is right
- who believe that they are in right standing with God and they are not

That's what it's telling us here!

Verse 12: “When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts?”

All you who want to know how that is, just turn on Daystar and TBN and watch some of the Sunday videos of some of the pastors preaching goody-two shoes ***and NOT calling people to repentance; and repenting of Sunday keeping!***

Verse 13: “Bring no more vain sacrifices... [anything that is contrary to the Word of God]

...incense is an abomination to Me—new moon and sabbath... [that's your new moons; *that's your sabbaths, not God's*] ... the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn assembly! **Your** new moons... [*not God's*] ...and **your** appointed feasts..." (vs 13-14)—*not God's!*

Have you ever heard of Passover, Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles and the Last Great Day? 'Oh, that's just for the Jews!' ***No it isn't!***

The Jews don't keep them the way that they should *and they reject Jesus anyway* so it doesn't do them any good. But guess what? ***The very things of God you need to know, you learn on those days because they are God's days!***

"...and **your** appointed feasts **My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me; I am weary to bear them**" (v 14).

Now let's see what God says. How does God think of this every time someone gets up on Sunday or Christmas or New Years—or whatever other holiday—and reject the Sabbath Day, take the name of God and say 'God is with us.'

Isaiah 43:24: "You have bought Me no sweet cane with money, nor have you filled Me *with* the fat of your sacrifices; **but you have made Me serve with your sins; you have wearied Me with your iniquities.**"

Then he says in the next verse, 'you don't even realize that I am the One Who blots out your transgressions for My own sake.'

What do you think about all of the days that you love and say they're of God? Amos 5; this will bring us up to what we're doing today:

Amos 5:18: "Woe to those desiring the Day of the LORD!...."

You can look at that as the second return of Christ, which is true. But what do they call Sunday? *The Day of the Lord!* I wonder what the parallel is there.

"...What *is* this for you? The Day of the LORD *is* darkness and not light" (v 18). That's what's going to happen. All through the book of Revelation, all the events that are going to happen there are going to happen and they are devastating and catastrophic on a scale that makes the fires in Southern California look like a camp out.

Verse 19: "As *if* a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a snake bit him."

In other words, *you're not going to get away with defying God!* That's what we're dealing with. We covered last week about all the sexual sins of the

Sodom and Gomorrahites and abortion. ***Those are great and giant sins!***

- unless those are repented of
- unless there is a vast turning of people to God

Any change in troubles to better times will only be temporary to give people a chance to come to God!

Verse 20: "Shall not the Day of the LORD be darkness and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?"

You read the book of Revelation. That is absolutely breathtaking! There are hundreds of millions of people who are going to be slaughtered, killed and burned! ***It's going to come, because the Word of God is true.***

Here's what God says of your pseudo-fake Christianity. That's exactly what it is. 'Oh, but we have such a wonderful time on Christmas; it's such a wonderful thing.' ***Really?***

Does Satan want you happy from time-to-time in his delusions? ***Of course, so that you stay in your delusion!***

He has made the Holy Sabbath of God to be such a contemptible thing and hated of all the theologians and pastors who have Sunday churches and schools and colleges, and hospitals. and cathedrals.

God says, v 21: **I hate...**"

- Do you love something that God hates?
- Do you love your sins?
- Do you love your Sunday?
- Do you love your holidays?
- Do you love your sexual perversions?
- Do you love your Sodom and Gomorrah?

God says:

Verse 21: "**I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies.**"

You need to think on that! If there's any pastor out there, any minister out there, you better understand this: ***The Word of God is judging you right this minute!***

- every minute of your life.
- every Sunday that you violate the Sabbath.
- every one of the holidays of this world that violate:
 - ✓ the Passover of God
 - ✓ the crucifixion of Christ,

which you say that you represent and you want the blood of Christ to cover your sins! Yet, ***you won't stop sinning!***

- you have the Sacrifice of the Mass

- you have communion

blasphemous against God! That's not the Passover!

Verse 22: "**Though you offer Me** burnt offerings and your grain offerings..."

Any kind of offering you want to give to God; **IF** you're not doing the will of God, **it amounts to nothing!** It amounts to **sin**.

"...**I will not accept them**...." (v 22). *I want you to think about that!*

What is it that you do against God that you think is the will of God and you think you're being accepted of it? *It's not there!*

"...Nor will I regard the peace offerings of your fat animals. **Take the noise of your songs away from Me**, for I will not hear the melody of your harps" (vs 22-23).

Couldn't help but think that when I was surveying Daystar and TBN a couple of weeks ago. They're all singing and dancing around and music and all of this, **supposedly praising God!** *But their hearts are far away from Him!*

- the time of pretense is over
- the time of God not dealing in fury is coming to an end

Verse 24: "But let judgment roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream."

What is righteousness? **Righteousness is commandment-keeping!** For every one of you elders out there, every minister in every Sunday-keeping church, or whether you're Muslim, Buddhist or Hindu it makes no difference—

- IF you don't repent
- IF you don't start teaching the Word of God

*—what has happened in Los Angeles is going to look like a prelude to **utter disaster of a magnitude that we cannot comprehend!***

Remember: the Word of God is **'sharper than a two-edged sword and piercing asunder of the soul and the spirit and the marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.'**

So, you take that and you go someplace alone and you get on your knees and you confess your sins to God, which are the transgressions of His Commandments and His Laws, and He will forgive you **provided that you are willing to get up off your knees and start loving God and keeping His Commandments!**

Let's come to Lev. 26, and let's look at some of the things that **God expects people to do to turn back to Him**, whether they're converted or not.

Those of us who are converted and have the Holy Spirit of God:

- we need to maintain that
- we need to grow in grace and knowledge
- we need to understand what's going to happen in the future
- we need to ask God to give us the strength, to give us the understanding
- we need to realize that whatever we can do to help whomever we can help, we need to do that

Let's see what God says in bringing the punishment if we don't do it. Because there's some pretty harsh words here, and that's because the behavior of people to God is very harsh.

Every Catholic, listen to this and think about this the next time you go into a cathedral

Leviticus 26:1: "You shall make no idols to yourselves..."

That's all you have in your churches. That's all that there is in Rome:

- idols
- statues
- fake saints
- an obelisk of a male organ right in the middle of St. Peter's Basilica

"...and you shall not set up for yourselves graven images, or a standing pillar. And you shall not set up any image of stone in your land **in order to bow down to it**, for I *am* the LORD your God" (v 1).

Catholics say, 'Oh, we don't worship idols.' *You bow down to it!*

Remember the second commandment which they have removed from all catechism books which says, **'You shall not make....'** What are they doing there, because they have been made?

Verse 2: "**You shall keep My Sabbaths**... [plural; not the satanic holidays that all of them love] ...and reverence My sanctuary. I *am* the LORD."

We reverence the sanctuary of God today, **because we have direct connection with God the Father and Jesus Christ through His Holy Spirit**—and through baptism and receiving the Holy Spirit—**in prayer, study and walking in God's ways!**

All of those who stand in the pulpits on Sunday, **they are blaspheming the sanctuary of God!**

Listen carefully and understand that every Word of God is good for us. Every Word of God is given in the way of Commandments and Laws, and statutes and precepts *to do!*

As I've said, *read and study Psa. 119*. You'll understand they're:

- for our good
- for our blessing
- for God to be with us
- for God to lead us
- for God to give us understanding

Verse 3: "**IF** you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and **do them**." *God's way in Truth is:*

- a way of life
- loving God
- believing Him
- keeping His Commandments

That's what God says throughout the entirety of the Bible.

Verse 4: "**THEN** I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time. And you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land safely" (vs 4-5).

How safe is it today? You can't even go out of the door of your house without first setting the alarm and checking what's outside. Being careful where you walk and where you drive. And who, as a stranger is coming toward you, you think what might happen to you.

Then He said, now listen carefully; our behavior today is why we don't have this:

Verse 6: "And **I will give peace in the land**, and you shall lie down and none shall make *you* afraid. And I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; neither shall the sword go through your land."

That's a promise of God. We have anything but that today. Isn't that true? What does that tell us? ***You can't defy God and get away with it.*** You will pay the price sooner or later. If not you, then your children, and if not your children, then their children.

Verse 7: "And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword."

We're afraid of invasion. Look at all of the things that I mentioned last week, the 30 different warfare's that we are up against.

Verse 8: "And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight. And your enemies shall fall by the sword in front of you, for I will have respect to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and

establish My covenant with you. And you shall eat of the old provision, and clear away the old because of the new. And I will set My tabernacle among you.... [now He will put it right in us with His Holy Spirit] ...And My soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be My people" (vs 8-12).

And that's what we are. If you don't have the book *America and Britain, Their Biblical Origin and Their Prophetic Destiny*, you get it. Because you need to know who we are and who's dealing with us.

Verse 13: "I *am* the LORD your God..."

Not anyone out there to profess that they have a connection to God, which they do not.

"...Who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt from being their bondmen.... [and that is bring you out of your sins today] ...And I have broken the bonds of your yoke, and made you go upright" (v 13).

Now those are all the promises that are given. So, you go back and read that. Ask yourself this question:

- Do I do that?
- Am I willing to do that?
- Am I willing to put aside all of my hateful satanic thoughts and expressions that the Law has been done away?
- Are you?
- What are you going to do?

Because God is going to deal with each one personally!

If you don't believe that, look at Southern California today. That was the hand of God because of Sodom and Gomorrah. Now notice what He says, the next verse is very important, because these are conditions: God has given us choice:

- What are we going to choose?
- How are we going to do it?
- What are we going to believe?
- Why are we going to believe it?
- What do we understand about our own self and our own nature?
- What do we understand why we need God?
- What do we understand why we need forgiveness?

All of that is altogether here. So He says:

Verse 14: "But **IF** you will **not hearken** to Me... [meaning ***listen to obey***] ...and will not do **ALL** of these Commandments."

So look at those two words, **IF** and **ALL**. Then ask yourself:

- What am I doing?
- What am I thinking?
- What is my life?

IF you take the next step, *not doing it*:

Verse 15: “And **IF** you shall despise My statutes...” which are His Sabbath and Holy Days, as well] ...or **IF**...”—*all conditional!*

So, I’m not just speaking to people who are in the Churches of God. ***I am speaking this message to every one in America!*** Whether it will get out there, how far it will go, I do not know. But **IF** I don’t say it, and **IF** I don’t preach the Word of God, *I’m going to be liable* for all of your blood.

“...**IF** your soul hates My judgments, so that you will not do all My commandments, so that you break My covenant; I will also do this to you...” (vs 15-16).

So, He gives you a choice! What do you want? God says:

- I’ll give you good
- I’ll give you plenty
- I’ll be with you
- I’ll make you fruitful
- I’ll make your life pleasant
- you won’t have to be fearful

You say, ‘We want that, but we don’t want to keep Your Law, Lord.’ ***Hypocritical liars!***

“...**I will even appoint over you terror**... [What do we have today? *Terror watch!*] ...consumption, and burning fever, consuming the eyes and causing sorrow of heart...” (v 16).

What’s one of the big problems we have today? ***Mental disease because we’ve rejected God!*** Especially among women who think that they can kill their unborn, and who think that they can be men. Men who think they can become women.

“...And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it” (v 16),

Then He says this, now I want you to listen. This is something that we have seen in Southern California this week, ***and the fires are still burning!*** Notice what He says; how important it is that

- that we come to God
- that we repent to God
- that we yield to Him
- that we admit our sins
- that we admit our hatefulness
- that we admit our despising of His:
 - ✓ Sabbath
 - ✓ Holy Days
 - ✓ Laws

✓ Commandments

Verse 17: “And **I will set My face against you...**”

That’s exactly what has happened in Southern California! Turned it to ashes and dust with 100mph winds. Be thankful it wasn’t a hydrogen bomb from a missile from North Korea, because that would have been worse.

“...and you shall be slain before your enemies. **They that hate you shall reign over you...**” (v 17).

Internally, that sounds like the Democrat Party.

- they hate America
- they hate Truth
- they hate God

They want their graft and their corruption wherever they can get it. The whole Biden family is bought and paid for lock, stock and barrel, sealed and delivered ***from China!***

Will the liar pardon himself and his family before he leaves office, and add more contempt and hatred? *We’ll have to see!*

Now notice, he gives another **IF**, and **IF** you respond because of this correction, **THEN** God will back off. But notice if you don’t:

Verse 18: “And **IF** you will not yet, for all this, hearken to Me, **THEN** I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

Sin is the transgression of the Law of God, and it goes even deeper than that. ***Sin is lawlessness!*** We’re living, as Jesus said, in a time when ***lawlessness shall be multiplied!*** Why? ***Because people hate God!*** They do so because of all of the:

- false pseudo-Christian preachers
- Catholic priests
- Jewish rabbis
- Muslim imams.

They’re all hateful and evil toward God!

That’s why we have the Word of God. Now they’ve tried to change it as much as they can. However, we know all the changes that they have made so they can’t get away with it.

Verse 18: “And **IF** you will not yet, for all this, hearken to Me, **THEN** I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power...” (vs 18-19).

How close have we come to that today? ***Very close!*** Now, maybe we’ll have a little change

because of Donald Trump, but how did God deal with him in order for him to become President? He put him through hell on earth to see **IF** it was going to be just Donald Trump or if he was going to yield to God or not?

He yielded to God! He said at the Republican National Convention, right after he was wounded in his ear:

I stand before you tonight by the grace of Almighty God. As I look at my life, I know that God has led me to this point and I want to do what He desires.

May you continue, Donald Trump, in what you have said, and you can be a blessing to the nation temporarily!

But **IF** the people, likewise, don't change—which many of them are trying to, to the degree that they know—it's going to get worse.

These punishments can be put off a little bit, but they will come right back as soon as people neglect it and go their own way again.

“...and I will make your heaven like iron and your earth like bronze. And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the field yield their fruits. And **IF you walk contrary to Me...**” (vs 19-21).

Think of that! **IF** you don't come to God ***His way***, *He will eventually turn his back on you!* That's what He says!

“...and will not hearken to Me, I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins” (v 21). *However you want it!*

- Do you want change? ***You better change!***
- Do you want better times? ***You better come to God His way!***
 - ✓ that's repentance
 - ✓ that's baptism
 - ✓ that's walking in the ways of God
- it isn't going to come any other way
- it's not going to come by glad handing
- it's not going to come by clapping hands and singing songs.
- it's not going to come because of a good sounding:
 - ✓ preacher on a Sunday morning
 - ✓ a rabbi on the Sabbath rejecting Christ
 - ✓ imam on Friday in a mosque

*It's going to come because you choose the way of God **HIS way!***

“...I will bring seven times more plagues on you according to your sins. I will also send wild

beasts among you, which shall bereave you. And I will destroy your livestock, and make you few. And your highways shall be deserted” (vs 21-22).

Look at all of the highways that we have today. Look at the streets in Southern California where the fire was.

- they are burned
- they are deserted

There's no one there except the National Guard to keep evil people from stealing what's left!

Verse 23: “And **IF** after these things you will not be reformed by Me, but will still walk contrary to Me, I will walk contrary to you and will punish you seven *times more* for your sins. And I will bring a sword on you that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant....” (vs 23-25).

Now you read that in Deut. 28. Think about what I covered last week with all the warfare from China! {Message: *Why Are So Many Things Coming Upon Us?*}

“...And when you are gathered inside your cities, **I will send the plague among you.** And you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy” (v 25). *That's coming! This is just a foretaste!*

Church at Home {churchathome.org} and watch *The Hand of God's Judgment*. I have two on there, which I gave some time ago, but ***are very fitting for this time!***

Verse 26: “When I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight.”

That's what's going to happen in Southern California! People are going to have to line up and get handouts.

“...And you shall eat and not be satisfied. And **IF** you will not for all of this **hearken to Me**, but will walk contrary to Me, **THEN** I will also walk contrary to you in fury.... [not in peace and grace] ...And I, even I will chastise you seven times for your sins” (vs 26-28).

Ezek. 7—this repeats what we read in Lev. 26

Ezekiel 7:1: “Moreover, the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘And also you, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel, “An end!....””

Not yet, but an end is going to come! As I wrote in a letter that's coming out, it'll probably be a worldwide collapse of the entire financial system in preparation for the *mark of the beast!* So, you read *that letter, it's coming!*

“...**An end has come upon the four corners of the land**” (vs 1-2).

There’s a time it’s going to cease. We’re not quite there, yet; ***but we have a foretaste with Southern California!*** Even if they rebuild, ***IF*** there’s enough time, it shall once again be destroyed.

Verse 3: “Now the end has come upon you, and I will send My anger upon you and will judge you according to your ways, and will lay upon you all your abominations”—*all of them!*

We read about all the sexual abominations! You know what they are, *and those who commit them know what they are!* And yet, you insist on it.

Verse 4: “And My eye shall not spare you, neither will I have pity. But I will repay your ways upon you, and your abominations shall be in your midst; **and you shall know that I am the LORD.**”

Now that’s a hard way to know God! What’s the easiest way to know God? 1-John; here is the easiest way to know God!

You don’t have to go through terrible trouble and trials and near death, and loss of everything that you have in order to know God! But ***IF*** that’s the only way you’re going to know God, and you don’t want the easy way to know God, *it’s coming!*

Remember all of those of you who pride yourself on love.

1-John 5:3: “For this is the love of God: that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome”—*but a blessing!*

1-John 2:3: “And by this *standard* we know that we know Him: **IF we keep His commandments.**”

I got a paper from some idiot who said, ‘That doesn’t mean that we keep the Sabbath.’

- How demonic can you get?
- How satanic can you believe

“...IF we keep His commandments?”

People don’t like it ***IF*** I call people liars. We’ll let John do that.

Verse 4: “The one who says, ‘I know Him’...”

which all of the fake Christian ministers say; all of the evangelicals say: all of them say that we’re ‘born again’ ***when they’re not!***

Verse 4: “The one who says, ‘I know Him’ **and does not keep His Commandments, is a liar...**”

Oh, he may be sweet; he may be nice; he may be a wonderful person, ***but he’s a filthy, dirty liar, and being nice because it is the wiles of the devil*** and not from God.

“...and **the Truth is not in him**” (v 4). What is Truth?

- Your ***Word*** is the ***Truth!***
- Your ***Laws*** are the ***Truth!***
- Your ***Commandments*** are the ***Truth!***

That’s all found in Psa. 119 and Psa. 19. ***The Law of God is perfect!*** Oh, but you’re so righteous that you throw away the Sabbath and you say, ‘We’re good people.’ ***Read the Word of God!***

Verse 5: “On the other hand, *if* anyone is keeping His Word, truly **in this one the love of God is being perfected...**” *How about that!*

Do you want to have the love of God perfected in you? Keep His Commandments, because he loves you and His Commandments were given in love ***so that He could bless you!*** But you don’t want to do that, ***because your minister says that the Law has been done away and you’re stupid enough to believe it!***

“...By this *means* we know that we are in Him.... [Do you know that?] ...**Anyone...** [man, woman, child, young, old, male or female] ...who claims to dwell in Him is **obligating himself also to walk...** [How?] ...**even as He Himself walked**” (vs 4-5).

How did Jesus walk? ***He kept the Sabbath!*** He never once went into a synagogue and said:

‘Hey, folks, I’m bringing a new covenant and you’re all here on the Sabbath Day and I’m telling you I’m bringing Sunday.’

He didn’t! He said that **the Son of Man Himself is**

- **Lord** of the Sabbath Day
- **Lord** of all the Commandments of God
- **Lord** of the Church of God

So, if you don’t like all the punishment and all the correction. Here’s the simple way; this tells you the way, but you have to repent.

Ezek. 7—let’s see what it says. This is a very difficult chapter to read, but it is the Truth of God and it has happened over and over and over again. Not only to the nations of Israel, but every single empire, every single country, that has been in history has been judged by God this way.

Ezekiel 7:5: “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘An evil: Behold, **an unheard of evil has come!**”

- Southern California is a foretaste

- the hurricanes are a foretaste
- the illegal aliens in the land are a foretaste
 - How do you like that?
 - Do you want that to end or do you want it to end?
 - Do you want that to end or do you want it multiplied?

IF—the key word—you choose God, you may have a reprieve.

Verse 6: “An end has come, the end has come! It awakes against you; behold, it has come. The **encirclement of doom** has come unto you, O dwellers of the land....” (vs 6-7).

I submit to you, the fires burning everywhere in Southern California for that area is an “...**encirclement of doom**...”

Now many people were able to escape, because of warnings to evacuate. God says in those things, ***your life is your prize!*** What are you going to do with your life?

Verse 7: “The encirclement of doom has come unto you, O dwellers of the land. The time has come, the day of tumult *is* near, and not a joyful shouting upon the mountains. And **I will soon pour out My fury upon you, and fulfill My anger upon you.** And I will judge you according to your ways, and will repay you for all your abominations” (vs 7-8).

- all the homosexuality
- all of the transgender
- all of the defying of God
- all of those who say that the Bible was never meant for 2024

By the way, that lesbian who pretends to be a man, her church down there in Western Hollywood was probably burned down. **You cannot defy God and succeed!**

Verse 9: “And My eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; **I will repay you according to your ways and your abominations** that are in your midst. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD who strikes.”

Not by the hand of man, and even if man does it, ***God sent him!*** What are we going to do when the Chinese have to come to California to rescue their investments?

Verse 10: “Behold the day! Behold, it has come; **the encirclement of doom** has gone out; the rod has blossomed; arrogance has budded. Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness....” (vs 10-11).

That’s what it is. That is a perfect description of New York City; death and

destruction. All of the FEMA money that’s supposed to go for disasters for the American people has been spent on all the illegal aliens with credit cards, up to \$13-million limit on the cards. *Rechargeable!* ‘Thank you, Joe Biden!’

- How do you like evil people ruling over you?
- Why did you vote for them:
 - ✓ New York City?
 - ✓ Chicago?

It’s already happened to LA!

- ✓ Portland?
- ✓ Seattle?
- ✓ Baltimore?

Your day is at hand! It’s coming! That’s what He says!

Verse 11: “Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of any of their riches; nor *shall* there *be* wailing for them.” *Yes, indeed!*

God has the power to absolutely take everything away at the swipe of His hand or by the Word of His command.

Verse 12: “The time has come; the day has arrived. Let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath *is* upon all her multitude.”

What are you going to do when you turn on the television and the entire stock market has collapsed? Bitcoin no more exists. What are you going to do? *It’s coming!*

Verse 13: “For the seller shall not recover the thing he has sold as long as both of them live; for the vision to all her multitude shall not be reversed, neither shall any preserve his life because of the iniquity. They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goes to the battle, for My wrath *is* upon all her multitude” (vs 13-14). Why is that?

Verse 22: “**I will also turn My face from them,** and they shall pollute My secret *place*; and robbers shall enter into it and defile it.

Here’s what we need to look at! Here’s what has happened!

Verse 23: “Make a chain; for **the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.**”

- Does that not tell you what New York City is?
- Washington, D.C.?
- Baltimore?
- Chicago?
- Seattle?
- Portland?
- San Francisco?
- Los Angeles

Verse 24: “And I will bring the worst of the

heathen, and they shall possess their houses.... [if there are any left that are not burned] ...I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their Holy places shall be defiled.” *All of your Sunday-keeping churches are going to be wasted!*

Verse 25: “Terror comes; and they shall seek peace, but there shall be none. Disaster shall come upon disaster...” (vs 25-26). *That’s what we have; they can’t report it on the news fast enough!*

“...and rumor shall be upon rumor. And they shall seek a vision from the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and wisdom from the elders” (v 26). *They won’t know because:*

- they don’t read it
- they don’t study it
- they don’t live by it
- they don’t understand God

Verse 27: “The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with despair, and the hands of the people of the land shall tremble. I will do to them according to their way, and according to their uncleanness I will judge them; **and they shall know that I am the LORD.**”

That, brethren, is one of the toughest chapters in the entirety of the Bible, coupled with Lev. 26 [transcriber’s correction]. That is an amazing thing!

Now, let’s look at something else. We’ve covered this before, but now let’s look at it in the light of what has happened.

Ezek. 14—this is to all the leaders, and to President Donald Trump and all of his incoming administration. You better be there to serve the people and to help them and to cause these things to be mitigated as much as possible.

- you are not there to serve yourself
- you are not there so that you can be famous

You—Donald Trump—have been given an opportunity to help mitigate the evil that has come across this land.

- Will you do it?
- Will you really?

As Donald Trump said, ‘If you don’t love the American people, you can’t serve them.’ ***That is a true statement!***

Ezekiel 14:1: “And some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me.”

Now, this was at a captivity camp. And they wanted to know, ‘I wonder why we’re here in captivity. We’re not home now.’

Verse 2: “And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, ‘Son of man, these men have set up

their idols in their hearts...” (vs 2-3).

All of these rich politicians like Nancy Pelosi and all the rest of them, cough up your money to help out in the disasters. And all of you rich pastors on TBN and Daystar, starting out with Kenneth Copeland who is worth \$740 million, cough up your money to help the people, ***because you caused the problem!***

Verse 3: “Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their faces. Should I at all be inquired of by them? Therefore, speak to them, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD’...” (vs 3-4).

That’s exactly what I’m trying to do today, ***to speak to those who have the authority to do the things that are right!***

“...Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Every man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart...’” (v 4).

That is where repentance begins. Get rid of those idols. Get rid of whatever aggrandizement that you may have in whatever office you have been appointed or elected to.

“...and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him according to the multitude of his idols, so that I may take the house of Israel... [which we are, and we have rejected God] ...in their own heart because they have deserted Me for their idols—all of them” (vs 4-5).

You want to know the idols that they have? Just turn on the television on the Sabbath for a few minutes. There are:

- all the idols
- all the sports
- all of the deals
- all of the sales

Everything there to pollute the Sabbath!

Verse 6: “Therefore, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Repent...””

That’s what God wants. Not just to say, ‘Oh, I repent and Jesus come into my life.’ ***No! You repent and come into Jesus’ life!***

He’s not going to obey the pitiful, weak, silly prayer that Franklin Graham and all of the rest say that you pray in order to be saved. ***If*** you get on your knees and ***repent to God, to Him,*** and ***then*** get up off your knees ***and start keeping the Commandments of God!***

If you’re not baptized, you need to repent unto baptism so you can have your sins forgiven and

receive the Holy Spirit of God. ***It's not going to work any other way!***

“...‘Repent and turn yourselves from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations. For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger who lives in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and comes to a prophet to ask of him concerning Me; **I the LORD will answer him Myself**” (vs 6-7). *That's what God says!*

Verse 8: “And I will set My face against that man, and I will make him for a sign and for a proverb. And I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and you shall know that I *am* the LORD.” *That's the tough way of knowing God!*

- Do you want it tough

or

- Do you want to repent?
- What is it?

Whoever you are, wherever you are:

- Will you truly come to God *His* way?
- Will you truly believe His Word as the Truth?

- whether in kindness, love and graciousness

or

- whether in harshness and correction and defilement

It's all the Truth of God and it will all take place!

- Where will you be?
- Where is this nation going?
- Will there be a slight reprieve for a while?
- Because God has other things that need to be Fulfilled?

We don't know! We have to take it as it is and what it is and how we need to come to Him!

That is my hope and my message in this day of trouble and disaster, fire and death and doom and gloom! Let's see what will happen:

- What will all you pseudo-Christian ministers do?
- Will you hold to Sunday in your arrogant lies?
- Will you continue to teach lies from the pulpit?

and you Jews:

- Will you continue to reject Jesus?

and you Catholics:

- Will you continue to bow down to your idols?

and you Muslims:

- Will you be intent on killing every Christian?

and you Hindus:

- Are you going to believe in all of your gods?

and you Buddhists:

- Are you going to believe in all of the snake gods of Buddhism?
- Are you going to come to the true God ***HIS*** way?
- What is it?

That's what's set before us this day, this Sabbath, in time of trouble and fire and death and wretchedness!

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