Lamentations For A Fallen Power



Behold, I *am* against thee, *O thou* most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time *that* I will visit thee. And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him. (Jeremiah 50:31-32)

Introduction

I generally read and pray through about five different Psalms in the morning before the start of the workday. Over the summer of 2012, however, I spent the majority of this time in the Old Testament book of Lamentations.

Lamentations had never been of specific interest to me before this time. A fresh, deep interest in the book was sparked within me while I was reading it one Carolina summer morning. My spirit sensed that it could be describing the future of the United States of America; not simply past history concerning Judah and Jerusalem. These feelings aren't based upon any particular theology or the thoughts of another Christian writer. They are based purely upon the impression of the book upon my heart.

This message details what I've learned from deeper study of the book during my recent revisit with it. It explains what I believe the Lord is saying to the body of Christ in America and these United States through the living word of Lamentations.

I sent an earlier version of this message out to a small list of believers a couple of months ago. I have waited to post it to a broader audience, however, because I wanted to allow myself and others time to test it. Since that time, I have heard others unfamiliar with this message relate the content of Lamentations to the future of fallen America. I challenge every reader to study and test it against God's word and intelligent research.

Anyone outside God's remnant family in America sits on a dangerous precipice making the "financial cliff" talking point look like nothing. The lost sit like lame ducks poised to be thrown into the lake of burning fire and brimstone where they will be tormented forever and ever. They will suffer this fate not because God isn't love, but because they were unwilling to honestly assume responsibility for their sin before a Holy God. They were selfish and unbelieving; loving the money and the short lived pleasures of this visible, polluted, corrupted world more than the perfect character of their Creator and potential Savior. Blinded by this morally dark world, they were unwilling to repent of sin and be delivered from the power of demonic darkness into the everlasting glory of God's heavenly kingdom through faith in the cleansing blood and resurrected life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I wasn't surprised to see that research shows that the United States currently ranks as the fattest, most gluttonous nation on earth. Our gluttony; the excessive, extravagant indulgence of the appetite for food, is symptomatic of how proud, idle and selfishly careless towards the poor and needy we have become.

"Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." (Ezekiel 16:49)

The sins of the professing Christian church and American government have been reproved often through the years. The Lord says that "he, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." (Proverbs 29:1)

The wicked may think themselves to be invincible. King David the Psalmist, however, reminds us that wicked powers can vanish in a New York minute.

"I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. (Psalm 37:10)

King David also reminds us that "God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors. Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate. (Psalm 7:11-15)

Undoubtedly a certain, sudden destruction is coming soon to all the wicked of the united nations that will comprise great Babylon "when the Lord Jesus Christ shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day." (2 Thessalonians 1:7-10)

It's equally true that the superpower named "Babylon the Great" described in Revelation 17:5 and 18:2 is suddenly destroyed before the destruction of great Babylon.

Great Babylon of Revelation 16:19 is the fourth and final global "beast out of the sea" kingdom. It is the fourth and final global kingdom headed by Antichrist prophesied in Daniel 7:7-28 and Revelation 13:1-11. It will be destroyed at Armageddon. It

Babylon the Great of Revelation 17:18 is the great city reigning or prevailing as a immoral influence over the kings of the earth.

According to Revelation 17:12-13 and Revelation 17:16-17, the judgment of Babylon the Great occurs before the unification great Babylon.

The paragraphs to follow will view the fall of Judah and Jerusalem in light of the state of our fallen nation. An increasing number of bible students now believe that America is

Babylon the Great. I share this message with you in love and reverential fear of an awesome God for whom nothing is impossible.

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How could a great city like Jerusalem have fallen so completely?

The Old Testament book of Lamentations opens with a picture of a formerly free, powerful, and prosperous Jerusalem desolate and enslaved to foreign powers. She is seen as a mourning widow after being betrayed by allies turned enemies. (Lamentations 1:1-4, 6)

As it is written in Deuteronomy 28, however, the Lord promised that curses will fall upon the nation of Israel if they refuse to obey God's commandments. The fall of Judah and Jerusalem was the result of Babylonian invasions which most historians believe occurred between 597 B.C. and 586 B.C. Lamentations was written after these King Nebuchadnezzar led invasions. The book describes scenes from Israel's history which parallel Gods' description of the cursed fate of disobedient Israel prophesied in Deuteronomy 28.

The scathing judgment of God upon the city of Jerusalem and her population separated her prophets. True watchman were validated as truth-tellers. False spokesman were exposed as liars. (Jeremiah 14)

Political leaders in the depopulated city were unseated and relegated to weak servitude under the control of foreign enemies. (Lamentations 1: 4-6)

Once busy roads and worship houses were emptied having been plundered by heathen invaders. (Lamentations 1: 4) The beautifully furnished house of worship was completely destroyed. (Lamentations 2: 6-7)

Religious leaders were seen idly sitting in a state of silent depression. (Lamentations 1:4; Lamentations 2: 9-10)

Residents of the once great city wandered homelessly and hungry under the grip of godless persecutors. (Lamentations 1:3, 11)

The beautiful people and their desirable things were consumed. (Lamentations 2:4)

How could such a great city and its religious system fall so completely?

The Lord utterly rejected Jerusalem in his anger over her sin; her rebellion against him and the mistreatment of others. (Lamentations 1:5; Lamentations 5:22; Ezekiel 33: 23-26)

The Lord was particularly angry over the unfaithfulness of his chief priests and the mistreatment of his true spokesmen. (2 Chronicles 36:14-21)

The prophets warned the people that God would judge them because they were violently seizing the resources of others and unjustly oppressing people. (Jeremiah 21:11-14; Jeremiah 7:8-11; Jeremiah 22)

The people, however, mocked the unpopular, true message exposing the false religious paradigm which taught that safe and prosperous occupation of the land wasn't contingent upon faithfully doing God's word. Instead they believed that they would be safe in the land even though they were practicing sin. (Jeremiah 5:30-31; Jeremiah 7:8; Jeremiah 14:14-15; Jeremiah 23:16-17; Jeremiah 27; Ezekiel 33:23-33; 2 Chronicles 36:14-21)

They ignored the warnings and calls to moral repentance coming from God through his faithful messengers. (Ezekiel 12:19; Jeremiah 7:1-7; Jeremiah 37:1-2; 2 Chronicles 36:14-21) Instead they claimed that the prophets negative confession against Jerusalem would cause its destruction. (Jeremiah 32:1-5)

Even after the destruction of the city, the proud masses trusted in the sheer number of people sharing a common Jewish heritage to enable them to safely occupy the land rather than relying upon faith producing obedience to the word of God to protect and preserve them. (Ezekiel 33: 24-33)

Was this destruction expected?

With the exception of God's true prophets and those trusting God's word through them; no one; not even the world's political leaders, believed that a place as beautifully established and secured as the city of Jerusalem could fall. (Lamentations 2:15; Lamentations 4:12)

The people of Jerusalem were lying to the Lord and one another. They were deceived to believe that their large and beautiful worship center; the temple, meant that the Lord was pleased with their lives. They thought they would escape his judgment. This was in spite of the fact that they were serving false gods; unjustly condemning the just and the innocent to death, and mistreating and defrauding others including foreigners, orphans, and widows. (Jeremiah 7:4-11)

Lying priests and prophets were misdirecting the people. Their message omitted the need for people to repent; to willingly turn away from sin to God by faith, before God forgives sin. (Lamentations 2:14) Worse yet, these religious hypocrites acted as enemies of truth and justice by silencing, even killing, just truth-tellers. (Lamentations 4:13-16) This violent murder of just, law abiding, God-fearing people was considered to be a blasphemous, unpardonable sin by a holy God. (2 Kings 2:24)

The repentance free messages of erring Jews fueled judgments' fire. As the last remaining bath water in a tub rapidly funnels down the drain; the morality of the people spiraled downward at an increasingly rapid rate; hypocritical religious people deceiving and being deceived. In response, as in the days of Noah, God's judgment arrived in his time striking the sleeping masses unexpectedly as a thief in the night.

Who did the judgment affect?

The judgment affected everyone; even unlikely parties such as God-fearing priests, true prophets, virgins and infants. In a shocking display of hopelessness; fulfilling the seemingly eccentric prophecy of Moses recorded in Deuteronomy 28: 53-57, starving mothers cannibalized their own infants. (Lamentations 1:12-22; Lamentations 2:10-12; 2:19-22)

Though God inflamed Jeremiah with passion to proclaim his urgent warning of impending judgment to the people, because Jeremiah himself was a sinful man in the light of God's absolute and incomparable holiness, he also suffered painful consequences as a result of God's judgment. (Lamentations 1:12-16; Lamentations 1:18-22; Lamentations 3:1-20)

Even Jeremiah's frank intercessory prayers of repentance and requests for God to withhold his wrath upon the sinful city couldn't reverse God's verdict against the fallen land. Jeremiah readily acknowledged that he was sinful, however, held captive to his inherently sinful human nature, it remained disconcerting to the sincere and godly prophet that he had to suffer after faithfully speaking the word of the Lord. (Lamentations 1:12-22; Lamentations 3:1-20)

Why did the judgment occur?

False prophets were defrauding the people of the truth concerning the true status of their relationship with the Lord. (Lamentations 2:14; Jeremiah 14:13)

With the land left void of prophetic guidance from the Lord, the government leaders were left to the devices of their own devilish earthly wisdom. These spiritually blind leaders didn't see that the Lord's message through Jeremiah and other faithful messengers was in the best interest of Judah and Jerusalem. Unwilling to bury their

pride and receive the word of God, they unjustly persecuted Jeremiah labeling their friend a dangerous enemy combatant who was conspiring against state interests. (Jeremiah 37-38)

In contrast to these thieving prophets, the Lord warned people through prophesy and corrected them by drought and hunger before unleashing righteous judgment upon them. (Jeremiah 14-15)

The righteous judgment of God occurred because Jerusalem sinned grievously.

Shockingly, professing people of God mocked and murdered just and righteous people of God in a Judas-like foreshadowing of the perilous times of the last days. (2 Chronicles 36: 14-21; Lamentations 14:13; 2 Timothy 3:1-9; Mark 13: 1-13; Matthew 24:1-14; Luke 21:1-19)

God said that this blasphemous attack against his Holy Spirit is unpardonable sin and his holy righteousness angrily rejected them. (2 Kings 2:24; Lamentations 5:22)

Could such destruction happen in America?

Could the fate of fallen Judah and Jerusalem befall America and the body of Christ within her borders?

We've seen in Lamentations how the blind sheep of Israel didn't expect that the great city of Jerusalem could be destroyed. Even if you don't believe that Revelation 17-18 describes the physical destruction of fallen America, it would certainly be blind to believe that a similar fate couldn't possibly befall the divided house of these United States. Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that "every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand". "And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand".

Like the 6th century Jews described in Lamentations, the professing body of Christ in America is becoming increasingly complacent about hearing and doing the truth. It's lukewarm gone apostate. If the lukewarm will be vomited out of God's mouth in holy judgment, what worse fate befalls the apostate at the hands of righteously angry God? (Revelation 3:14-22) Falling away or apostasy is a falling away or defection from obedience to the commands and principles of God's Word.

There seems to be a growing undercurrent of apostate-like rebellion against truth among professing Christians; a shamelessly deceived and even bitter indifference to holiness without which no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14-29) Many other false representations of the true character and values of the Holy Jesus Christ are

worshipped in his name. This is one of the signs of his coming he told us about as written in Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For <u>many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ;</u> and shall deceive many.

Sadly, as in the days after Antichrist is revealed; many unrepentant, deluded, faithless religious masses will choose to believe a lie they're comfortable living by rather than to trust truth that will cost them something they love. (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12) They will worship the beast; serving mammon and the global beast kingdom led by Antichrist rather than the Lord Jesus Christ. (Luke 16:13; Revelation 13)

Just as Jesus predicted would occur before his appearing, love is failing and bitter hatred rising. (Matthew 24:12) Decades long relationships between professing Christians increasingly dissolve as unexplainable bitterness unabashedly and unashamedly bites unknowing victims.

Don't expect that the local 501-c3 church will address the sins of the force triangle; a fearfully aggressive entity consisting of three legs: the C.I.A.-Pentagon-Department of Defense Leviathan, its corporate industrial manufacturers and the Wall Street-Federal Reserve Banking-International Financiers.

Don't expect our weakened, adulterated body to expose the sins of the Israel lobby and the corrupt practices of those who greedily exploit God's natural resources within the fields of corporate agriculture, mining, timber and energy. "A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jeremiah 5:31)

Jeremiah warned that proud, un-teachable false religious leaders and their treacherous lust for gain will be the ruin of the nation of Israel. (Jeremiah 5)

501-c3 religious organization leaders typically fear alienating financial supporters. They're aware that the Facebook network of their donors is likely to contain one or more other givers or potential givers linked to others who profit, either directly or indirectly, from the force triangle.

The vast majority of the professing body of Christ in America remain in these idolatrous state "churches". They are IRS 501-c3 tax exempt religious organizations in bondage to public policy and political correctness supporting American financial interests. Their

ministerial staffs have promised to support the public policies of the U.S. government in exchange for generous tax benefits. God has commanded the church to come out of Babylon the Great as we are to remain in the world but not be morally contaminated by its idolatry "that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world. Philippians 2:15; Revelation 18:4; John 17)

Supporting the public policy of the U.S. government means active agreement with or silent compliance with leagues of lies and moral corruption. It means believing the lie that anyone questioning public policy and exposing official dogma as false, and or failing to fully integrate with the rule set of the economic system of the force triangle, could be a dangerous terrorist worthy of death.

Why would a peaceful truth teller be tagged and bagged as a terrorist? Their plans for one world of great Babylon depend upon our submission to their global economic rule set. World controllers need their sewage workers. Wicked world controllers and their proud, greedy minions battle diligently to eradicate individuality. These fools work diligently at eugenically culling a unified community of educated, dumbed down, chemically modified and electronically programmed antichristian sheep; "bokanovskyfied proles" who serve the beast state god rather than the Lord Jesus Christ. It's because of this battle for the allegiance of the hearts, minds and souls of the lost sheep that the body of Christ must pray against the plans of dark powers and speak the truth in love in order that God might use this salt and light to restrain evil, preserve good, and rescue souls on a one way road to hell.

By agreeing to allow the government to restrain truth in the body of Christ, 501-c3 church leaders have acted lawlessly. They have traitorously walked off away from the battle and surrendered nations to the wicked plans of evil world controllers. Some have even voted for evil while hypocritically boasting of it being a lesser evil. They've arrogantly trampled over and broken the highest law of our land; the U.S. Constitution. Our Constitution forbids legislation interfering with the free exercise of religion and religious speech.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Any 501-c3 leader failing to uphold their agreement to support federal public policy is guilty of fraud no matter how loudly he denounces sexual sin and abortion. The 501-c3 pastor receives the financial rewards promised them under IRS 501-c3 without upholding their promise to support public policy in exchange for these tax benefits.

Unrepentant 501-c3 church leaders, no matter how sincerely they may decry national sin, are still acting treacherously, fraudulently and unfaithfully. They must move now to free the body of Christ from the idolatrous chains of IRS 501-c3. (Matthew 6:19-34; Luke 16)

In order to support the public policy of the U.S. federal government, the professing 501-c3 body of Christ must support all policies of the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

What the professing body of Christ in America should legally and morally support is what the Bible teaches about defense and what the U.S. Constitution legalizes militarily.

The second amendment of the U.S. Constitution allows for the existence armed citizens and an organized citizen army for the purpose of keeping peace and freedom within our nation.

A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

The scriptures support owning a weapon for defense and military service free from intimidating extortion and financial shake downs. (Luke 3:14; Luke 22:36)

What professing 501-c3 Christians and their leaders support, however, is a beastly war machine.

The professing body of Christ also supports the lie that has become the two-horned Democratic-Republican system and its beasty Presidential head. These two parties function like a universal joint bending in any direction on a constantly rotating shaft in order to accommodate the desired direction of the Presidential head acting in support of the force triangle.

We've been commanded to pray for our daily needs and to be thankfully content with the nourishing food and coverings of clothing and shelter that God has promised to provide for our enjoyment in answer to our prayer. (Matthew 6:11; 1 Timothy 6:1-19)

We have ignored warnings about the dangers of the idolatry of covetousness and the love of money. (1 Corinthians 10:1-14; 1 Timothy 6: 6-10) An immoderate and unjust craving for more resources drives the force triangle the 501-c3 professing body of Christ has agreed to support.

We have ignored warnings about the dangerous reality of propaganda. We swallow the lies of network media and University Professors even though wicked men like Edward Bernays told us in his 1928 work, Propaganda, that "those who manipulate the organized habits and opinions of the masses constitute an invisible government which is

the true ruling power of the country....the technical means have been invented and developed by which opinion may be regimented."

http://newswithviews.com/Cuddy/dennis245.htm

Our Federal Reserve System is a fraudulent, global thief designed to benefit its wicked, wealthy controllers at the expense of the poor.

http://www.globalresearch.ca/its-the-interest-stupid-why-bankers-rule-the-world/5311030

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you." (James 5:1-6)

We choose to believe the 911 story fed to us by the wicked intelligentsia despite eyewitness testimony and scientific research exposing it as false. Believing the lie justifies support of all the immoral wars hatched out of the 911 egg. This blood remains on the hands of many professing Christians who refuse to listen to instruction and repent of their support of these wars.

http://www.consensus911.org/

http://www.ae911truth.org/en/home.html

http://www.ae911truth.org/en/news-section/41-articles/688-dubai-skyscraper-engulfed-in-flames-does-not-collapse.html#continue

Research has shown that American drone attacks murdered over 140 non-combatant foreign civilians for every alleged terrorist they killed in Pakistan in 2009.

http://www.globalresearch.ca/pakistan-over-700-civilians-killed-in-us-drone-strikes/16758

http://www.globalresearch.ca/living-under-drones/5306110

http://www.globalresearch.ca/pakistan-cia-drones-deliberately-target-innocent-people/29124

Hidden in plain sight is our evil partnering with Al-Qaeda; the same murderous gang we helped procreate and claim to be fight against.

We are now helping the antichristian Muslim Brotherhood gain power and destroy professing Christian churches, among other things, in places like Egypt, Libya and Syria.

http://www.globalresearch.ca/humanitarian-hypocrisy-us-destroys-syria-while-propping-up-cambodian-dictator/5311276

http://www.globalresearch.ca/obama-israel-and-the-muslim-brotherhood/31998

Even as it has become public knowledge that the U.S. has birthed, trained, employed and currently works with Al-Qaeda terrorist forces in pursuit of her interests, the majority of professing Christians and their leaders continue to close their minds to the truth that America has fallen to become a whorish, fornicating whore used to benefit the force triangle and the unseen devilish powers behind it.

http://www.globalresearch.ca/why-did-cia-director-resign-why-was-the-u-s-ambassador-to-libya-murdered/5311311

http://www.globalresearch.ca/presidential-elections-powerful-special-interest-groups-won-again/5310972

Our air, food, water, fertility and medical health care system is intentionally engineered by wicked world controllers to reduce population rather than to preserve and extend life.

"What is needed, to use a basketball term, is a full court press-an all out effort to lower fertility...and national population programs that bring population growth rates under control by emphasizing the empowerment of women, <u>strengthening health care</u>, and promoting family planning." ¹

http://www.whyintheworldaretheyspraying.com/

http://weatherwars.info/

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XREsFIMX7g4

http://www.truthmediaproductions.blogspot.com/

http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128_3-9819173-54.html

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YL9JJn5XYNM&feature=player embedded

¹ (Worldwatch Institute, 1999)

http://www.fluoridealert.org/

http://responsibletechnology.org/

Highly educated, unethical professionals in science, weather, medicine, education, psychology, government, religion and other fields deceive themselves and others in order to preserve careers, paychecks, and other financial benefits. Their vain and deceitful party line deceives naive believers controlled by an ungodly, self-righteous, counterfeit patriotism blinding them to the truth about our fallen nation and her wicked controllers.

Have we have become blind to the fact that "he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword" and that our God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Revelation 13:10; Galatians 6:7-8)

We have fattened ourselves as a nation by the force of the sword. Once the Lord Jesus Christ can no longer find a sufficient number of holy and righteous members of his body interceding for his mercy upon our nation; we will die as a nation by the force of the sword. (Genesis 18:16-19:29; Revelation 18:20-24) We can't intercede for the sins of our nation, however, if we remain blind to much of her immorality. This is why 501-c3 churches are so useless to our Lord in this critical hour and remain at risk of being thrown out and trampled down by the heathen in judgment for her sins of omission and commission. (Matthew 5:13)

Ex-Senator and former U.S. presidential candidate Mike Gravel says that the United States has morally degenerated to point where other nations fear and hate us because we have become like a drunk who charges to war with anyone who might pose a threat to our interests.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVQm-fY4qvQ

Listen to General Wesley Clark inform us that he was told by Generals that the unholy war on terror begun in Afghanistan and Iraq was about using force to take down governments posing a threat to our oil interests in the Middle East.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RC1Mepk_Sw

As a result of our deceitful national treachery and American love affair with unjustified violent warfare, it's become easier to understand how and why we will be destroyed one day in one hour by an array of nations led by Russia and Iran; unrighteous nations that hate our bullying hypocrisy; for claiming to be freedoms shining light while being the enslaved and enslaving whore that we've become. (Jeremiah 51-52; Revelation 17-18)

Conclusion and Response

It's debated whether or not true prophets exist today. We know that many false prophets have existed throughout the New Testament period. These popular wolves in sheep's clothing will increasingly manifest themselves in the last days signaling the visible return of the Lord to earth. (Matthew 7:15; Matthew 24:11; Matthew 24:24; Mark 13:22; 2 Peter 2:1; 1 John 4:1)

It's not debatable whether or not true members of the body of Christ exist today who speak a direct "thus saith the Lord" message from the Lord to others. Some believers speak what we believe is a message from God stemming from the proper interpretation of scripture. Such teaching applies biblical principles, commands, and unfulfilled prophecy to contemporary life. Others go beyond this pure scripture based approach and speak what they believe is a dream, vision or impression from God which aligns with their particular scripture based theology and eschatology.

We know for sure that Jeremiah was a real prophet. In using Jeremiah, the Lord has shown us that he will speak his word through imperfect, godly spokesmen who suffer under enemy captivity. (Jeremiah 32-33; Jeremiah 37:12-21; Jeremiah 38:6-27; Revelation 1:9-11; Acts 5:17-42; Acts 16:19-40)

Abused by political and religious enemies, the holy prophet endured painful chastisement for his sin in the midst of God's national judgment upon unholy Israel. Likewise, any godly member of the body of Christ can expect to suffer persecution to varying degrees when the Constitutional Republic of these United States falls in God's judgment and becomes occupied by a government unrestrained by U.S. Constitutional law. (John 15:20; 2 Timothy 3:12)

Why would God allow the righteous to suffer with the wicked? The emotional and sometimes physical sufferings associated with undeserved isolation and or torture is an accelerated course in Christ-like character development. When the vice grip of suffering clamps down upon us, it paralyzes our ability to do things our way. Suffering tests the object of our faith by stifling our natural propensity to resort to human resources to successfully manage life. (Revelation 2:10)

Suffering is hard to bear. (Hebrews 12) The emotional and or physical pain associated with persecution isn't going to be a good time.

The 501-c3 professing body of Christ in America, however, isn't being prepared to endure suffering, however, it's practicing fun and being prepared to fit in with the

antichristian world so that it can continue to fill congregations with professing Christians who have yet to truly repent of sin and be converted to eternal life.

A huge disservice and injustice is being done to unsaved people and the body of Christ in using the love of pleasure to increase 501-c3 church market share and profit. (Jude)

Selling salvation and discipleship through faith in Christ by appealing to youthful lusts is comparable to attempting coastal living in Wind Zone 3 in a home built to significantly lower Wind Zone 1 construction standards. The Zone 1 home just isn't built to endure the extreme pressure of Zone 3 winds when they arrive. If any true converts and disciples are born out of contemporary outcome based-egocentric evangelism; it's doubtful that these prematurely born babies will endure the pressure laden test of suffering when it comes.

Jesus didn't give a rip about having fun. Although he lived in the world and lawfully and joyfully used its resources for living; Jesus didn't love its money, things or systems. He loved people while condemning injustice, wickedness, unrighteousness and corruption in calling people to turn away from sin to obedient faith in him as God. He didn't sell himself as the guy who really knows how to have a good time in order to be accepted by those he wanted to repent and follow him. He didn't model an outcome based joy. His joy was an inward treasure built upon the object of his purposeful hope. (Hebrews 12)

If the true object of our faith is the Lord Jesus Christ, however, our suffering will lead to prayer. (James 5:13) We may not know how we will support ourselves, however, we have a Father in heaven who is able to sustain us if we trust him. If by faith in God's promises and prayer we patiently endure the undesirable grasp of suffering upon us, our hope and God-like character will grow. (Romans 5:3-5; James 1: 2-4) We will understand the purpose of our trial. (James 1: 2-8) We will better understand how important the Lord Jesus Christ is to us and how important we are to him and his family. (Ephesians 1:18-23; Hebrews 12) If we endure the pain, we will capture the crown! (Revelation 2:10)

What would the lives of people of faith like Job, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Jesus Christ and his apostles and prophets have been worth to us today if they had not faithfully endured suffering?

How the comfort, encouragement and consolation we receive in our suffering will enhance our ability to return those graces to others; not only those within our own generation; but, God willing, the future elect through our recorded words. (2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Romans 15:1-7; Philippians 2: 1-11)

We are commanded to react toward the suffering of fellow members of the body of Christ as if we ourselves are suffering within their shoes. Is the body of Christ in this nation being prepared by the living words and example of her leaders to bear one another's burdens in this way? The time is near that we will see this kind of love exercised among true members of the body of Christ in this nation even as false brethren seek their destruction. (Hebrews 13:1-3; Galatians 6:2; 1 John 3:16; John 15)

As Jeremiah did, when we encounter the judgment of God, we can remember that we too have sinned and deserve condemnation not salvation.

If we are Gods' child, we won't continually practice sin. We will normally do right, however, we may intermittently sin and deeply regret it when we stumble. (1 John 1:5-10; 1 John 2:29; James 1:22-25; James 3; James 5:19-20) Recognizing this truth makes it easier to accept that our judgment is a chastisement for our sin and a consequence of our inherently sinful humanity. (Hebrews 12)

In light of the severity of judgment due our nation and the body of Christ, we need to remember the sufferings of Christ. If he suffered when he didn't deserve it, we certainly should expect suffering even as we pray that God doesn't lead into trial, but rather delivers us from evil. God may elect to preserve our lives like he saved Jeremiah during the judgment of Israel. If we do survive, as difficult as life could get, we must choose to be thankful for it and fix our hope on the character and promises of God who is a fire that consumes sin. (Hebrews 12)

Finally, we can thank God for his mercy and faithfulness which stand in contrast to our sin and unfaithfulness. We can anticipate his salvation and quietly hope in his promises.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (Revelation 21:1-8)

As we overcome and endure the suffering involved in the race set before us, we can confess our sins and the sins of our nation. We can intercede for repentance towards God in the lives of those who will turn from sin and be saved through faith in the blood of Christ and the just vengeance of God upon those who choose to continue in destructive sin. (Lamentations 3:20-66; Lamentations 5:21)