

# Why Troubles and Sins in the World

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services. This Sabbath we are going to cover what is the cause behind all the terrible news and events taking place in America and in the world.

So first we are going to watch a short video, which is an interview of a retired border patrolman:

(<http://stumpknocker77.wordpress.com/2014/07/22/retired-border-patrol-officer-zack-taylor-explains-the-other-side-of-the-immigration-crisis-vivian-blink-jeffrey-hardin/>)

Transcript: Retired Border Patrol Officer Zach Taylor explains surge of illegal aliens on U.S. border; UTube; 7/19/14;

My name is Zach Taylor. I'm a retired Border Patrol officer. My main job was understanding and having intelligence capabilities about drug smuggling across the U.S. border and human smuggling across the U.S. border to bring contraband and people into the United States. That's what I did for twenty-six years.

National security is a component of the immigration laws and the reason that immigration officers exist. Because the immigration laws are designed to primarily do just two things: protect national security and public safety. The component of national security is the economy and American jobs because the foundation of American society, which is the family unit, depends on jobs and the economy for their livelihood. On the other side is the public safety, which includes public health. And that is so the people will be secure in their persons and their property from outside-source threats. In other words people coming in to take over American by force or by subterfuge.

Right now, Department of Homeland Security is in charge of—through Customs and Border Protection—the apprehension and collection of the illegal aliens. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is in charge of the screening with the U.S. Public Health Service. I've never seen the CDC or the U.S. Public Health Service work together with the Border Patrol at the border ever.

The agents are telling us that they're seeing some people who are obviously sick with shivering-type illnesses, with possibly dehydrating illnesses like diarrhea and vomiting, but those people are disappearing. We don't know what

they have, where they're going, or where they're taking them. Surely they're being quarantined somewhere. We just don't know where. And even the agents don't know what the diagnosis is of these illnesses. Tie that in with the fact that these people can come through almost anywhere in the world and are funneling into Mexico and we already know there's epidemic levels of certain diseases in Mexico and Central America. We don't know if these people are showing these diseases—if they're even being screened for them.

The real troubling part of this is we know that in West Africa right now there's an Ebola outbreak that does not meet the parameters of communicable diseases. Normally, Ebola virus starts in the jungle and moves into an indigenous population in the jungle and then from there into a larger population area. What they're experiencing in West Africa in three countries right now is an Ebola outbreak in three separate cities at the same time. This is very unusual. It is almost as if the virus was planted in those three cities to infect that population. In other words the virus is working in the reverse of what it has historically. Before it moved from the jungle into the populated area. Now it's starting in the most populated areas in those cities and working through the population.

If we had a controlled event—I'll give you an example. The Border Patrol has a drug smuggling operation and they've been surveiling it. And after the car loads up and takes off, we stop the car and the person driving the car hands us a diplomatic passport saying they're a diplomatic alien inside the United States, we stop right there. We call the Department of State. The Department of State takes it from there. The person is not prosecuted. Yes, we may or may not seize the vehicle and the drugs. The United States public never knows that happened. That's a controlled event.

In this situation, where you have hundreds of thousands, literally, of people coming across the border and you're only catching a small fraction, if you're not telling the public that 80-90 percent of what's

coming across the border is not being apprehended and you're putting their focus on this ten percent that is being apprehended only showing them the one percent that are six, eight, ten-years-old and appeal to the compassion of the American people and not show them the people with these serious communicable diseases, the fact that they are known gang members. They have the gang tats all over them. Because they do not have a conviction in the United States, they're turned loose free in the United States. We don't know when CDC takes custody of one of these people from Homeland Security and whisks them off somewhere—we don't know where—what disease they have been diagnosed with. We know it's communicable. We assume it's serious. But that is being kept away not only from the agents in the Department of Homeland Security, it is part of the controlled event where America doesn't realize how serious the threat is and they're only being shown the compassionate side of the situation—that one to two percent of those 160,000 that appeal to the compassionate side of the people of the United States. What the people don't realize, that it is putting their own children at risk because these children are gonna be put in schools with their children.

This administration and past administrations have not lived up to enforcing the rule of law with regards to national security and immigration laws. The reason we're having the press of the Central American minors is because this particular administration has invited them to come here. The problem as I see it—and apparently because Centers for Disease Control, Health and Human Services, and Department of Homeland Security are trying to make this a controlled situation—they're anticipating a large national crisis. When you see that FEMA is preparing for 200,000,000 deaths in the United States, that tells you something. When you see that the government is controlling the supply of ammunition and that basic medical supplies are in short supply in southern Arizona, something's wrong. They are anticipating something drastic. If they had enforced the law, if they didn't force the immigration law and if they had expeditiously removed these people that

came here—this group of minors—they would have dealt with the situation. The way they are reacting to it is facilitating and inviting more of the same. So what they're doing is making a bad situation much worse.

The real reason these people are probably coming here from an intelligence point-of-view is to mask or draw attention away from something else that is happening. Since the United States government is encouraging this, it is something that the United States government wants to happen. They have significant CIA, FBI, Department of State, Homeland Security, Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard—you name it—in Central America right now—have been there a long time. They know what's going on. We're not doing anything to stop the obvious threat.

Two years ago, I became acquainted with a person that lives in Mexico City—have complete, total confidence in this person as an informant, he's beyond reproach—and he told me when I asked him—I was concerned about two things—and that was the trafficking of human organs in Mexico and the extreme violence—the beheadings and dismemberments that were going on in Mexico. Now understand this person is pretty much an unbiased observer that has almost unlimited access to all levels of both government and society in Mexico. Without hesitation, he told me that the most influential drug—criminal—organization in Mexico City at that time was the Russian Mafia. And through other sources I knew that they were a very important component in Ecuador and in the tri-border area in South America. So when you start to think about the dynamics of what's going on in Mexico, think transnational criminal. Think of people beyond Mexico. Think beyond Central America and think of criminals, period. The reason they come to the United States is because this is where the money is.

The agent is much more afraid of his own government than he is of the transnational smuggler because they're not only messing with the agent's pay right now, they're telling him to run away from an assault. You know if somebody wants to fight, leave them alone. Don't shoot at anybody. They just told the local Border Patrol here that they're not going to get any ammunition for their rifles until 2015.

What's that about? They're not gonna have any practice ammo for their CAR-4's until 2015. Well that's over a year away. FY2015 starts in October 2015. So what is it that the Border Patrol agents aren't gonna get where historically the Department of Homeland Security used to buy ammunition for the Border Patrol by the boxcar load.

Off-camera interviewer: You're saying the Border Patrol agents in the Tucson Sector have to ration their ammunition for the next 14-15 months?

They can't use it. They're doing zero accountability. In other words, they can't shoot any of it and it's being accounted for round-for-round. The rules are you have to qualify, demonstrate proficiency at a minimum level with each firearm that you're authorized to use: handgun, shotgun, rifle. When the agent is—one—not allowed to maintain his basic proficiency with the firearms that he uses and train with them on a quarterly basis, he is less proficient. If he is less proficient and doesn't have access to ammunition, he's less likely to take that firearm into the field and have it available should he need it. That raises the risk level to the individual agent because the purpose of having the superior fire force is to deter someone from attacking you.

The whole idea of asymmetrical warfare is to defeat your enemy from within. It is not to attack him from without. Of course the threat comes from without, but they have to be inside of the United States to effect a successful warfare strategy. If asymmetrical warfare is going to be successful, the first thing that has to be done is to compromise America's defense against invasion because they have to have their personnel inside the United States to affect the infrastructure—our hospitals, our schools, our electric grid, our power supplies, our water supply—basically what we call infrastructure. All of those things create—are infrastructure. But they have to effect the degeneration from inside the United States.

The markers that we're seeing that indicate this is asymmetrical warfare is because the reaction that the United States is taking is they're taking the opportunity of inviting these illegal aliens to come here. They're concentrating them in one place in the United States—the Rio Grande Valley—

and they're drawing the resources that are protecting the rest of the United States border to care for the illegal alien children, to help with the overflow of the minors, to transport, to take care of the needs of these people while they're in Homeland Security custody. All this takes the resources that are protecting America at the border off of the border. So now the borders are wide open. This gives the people that are trying to get their infrastructure, their personnel, their drugs, their dirty bombs, their biological weapons, their chemical weapons into the United States without being noticed because this part of the border is open. It is not being patrolled.

It is a perfect military strategy. It doesn't raise any eyebrows because we're focused on the children, but we need to focus on our children because this is asymmetrical warfare. Everything says it is. And the way the United States government is responding to it is concealing that fact from the American people. In other words, they're assisting in the downfall of America. And you need to understand that.

Here's part of it. Deuteronomy 28:45: “And **all**... [doesn't say some, doesn't say just the worst, doesn't say the ones that you might count as minor] ...these curses shall come on you and shall pursue you and overtake you, until you are destroyed because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.”

We're going to look at the ones who are responsible for this. First of all, it is the **religious leaders**; because the Protestants like to say, ‘Well, that's all been done away.’ All right, why are the curses coming upon us? The Catholics say, ‘Well, that's the old law and we don't even need the Bible.’ What does God say?

Verse 46: “And they shall be on you for a sign and for a wonder, and on your seed forever”—from the time this was given until the return of Christ. Then you have to tie in all the prophecies concerning the ten tribes, the Jews, and all of those together. You have to put a lot of it together to get a full picture of it; that's why you need the whole Bible.

Here is the reason, v 47: “Because... [for this cause] ...you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all *things*.”

Look at what we have today. Look at all the sins worldwide. It's right there, you can bring it all into your front-room

- all the crime
- all the murders
- all the sex problems,
- all the rebellion of children
- all of the music
- all of those things that take you away from God
- all the sports
- all the entertainment
- all the soap operas
- *All of them!*

Put them in one great big ball; *they are all responsible*. How many are calling for people to repent? *There are a few Protestants trying to do that!*

As a result, v 48: "Therefore, you shall serve your enemies which the LORD shall send against you in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in the want of all *things*. And he shall put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you."

Can we say that what's going on in Iraq today? in Gaza today? in Jerusalem today? Evidence that it will come here? *Yes, indeed!*

The cause is *sin!* Remember when Cain gave his offering and he was all mad. There are people who are mad at God because these things comes along. 'Why can't we live in sin and be blessed? Why can't we do anything we want and have total freedom and have no consequences to pay?' *That started with Cain!*

What did God say to Cain? He said, 'If you do well, you will be accepted.' That's true for any people, from that time to this time, in obeying God in the letter of the Law. *A calling to salvation is entirely different!* 'If you do well, shall you not be accepted? But if not, *sin lies at the door* and its desire is for you.' So, right there God was saying that all these laws and penalties of breaking the laws and commandments of God act just like the force of gravity. It is there, *always!*

But what else did God say? *But you shall overcome it!* That's what you shall do. Take any one of the Ten Commandments, even in the letter.

- Is it hard to have the true God, Creator of heaven and earth? *No!*
- Is it hard to not make any idols and bow down to them? *No!*
- Is it hard to have your language pure and don't take the name of the Lord in vain and use His name for purposes that are not true? *No!*

- Is it hard to keep the Sabbath and identify which day it is? *No!*
- Is it hard to honor your father and mother? That is a little more difficult, but it's all possible

They had it on the news, I think it was Fox News, they had this one family. One husband, one wife—I say that because a lot of people want to have polygamy now—19 children: prosperous, obedient, loving, fearing God, children all disciplined. It can be done, but human beings don't like to do it. They would rather rebel.

Here's a good Proverb that you can apply this how many different ways. You can apply this to

- an individual
- a family
- a community
- cities
- countries
- the whole world

—because everything of God works automatically just like the law of gravity.

Proverbs 26:1: "As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, so honor *is* not becoming for fool. As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse without cause shall not come" (vs 1-2). What we are seeing is the result because of what God has said, *for this cause!* God gives plenty of space for repentance, plenty of time to come to Him.

Look at the ten tribes of Israel after they departed from the throne of David—232 years. Was that patience? Was that longsuffering? *Yes!* They had war and different things that come along, but would they turn to God? *No!* It's not recorded that there was one righteous king.

What did the first one do? Set up a satanic religion. Curse does not come without cause. Who are you going to blame? We're going to see, everybody. However, which is the #1 category? *Religion!* They are the cause of causing the curses to come, because they teach people to go against God.

### 1. The Religionists!

Some Protestants come part of the way. Seventh Day Adventists come quite a bit further. But God wants us to love Him *with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, with all our strength and to keep all the commandments!*

I talked to a man recently who had a conversation with his Protestant minister in the church that he was in before he discovered the Sabbath and so forth. He brought it up similarly to this to the minister. The minister admitted that the Sabbath was Saturday. Then he said, 'If you're

going to keep that, then you have to keep all the Law.' What does God say? Keep some of it? part of it? that which you like? **OR** all of it? *All of it!*

Then you have the next one, after honoring your father and mother, which is murder. How much of that is today? Adultery, stealing, bearing false witness, and coveting? Oh, coveting everywhere, everything!

Number one are the religionists, because they cast the law of God behind their backs and tell them you are justified. When different times and things like we're going through now that are difficult, they come along, the people want to hear smooth things.

As a matter of fact, the Barna Group runs surveys with Protestant ministers and rabbis and priests, and things like this. Ninety percent of them know that there are difficulties in the world and in this nation, and in the lives of people. How many of them preach those warnings and repentance from the pulpit? *Ten percent!* They want to preach smooth things.

I have to get to it, and Dolores isn't going to let me get away from it, I have to finish *the rapture hoax*. But there are so many things going on, and another reason why they don't preach the warning is because, 'Well, if you're in this church and you love Jesus, when Jesus gives the secret message, you will hear it and be raptured away. Keep coming to this church so that you won't miss the rapture.' Yes, indeed! *Ten percent!* Think on that!

## 2. Education!

Look at what it is now. Worthless! They are creating dumb, ignorant, stupid, pleasure-driven, sex-driven kids coming out of school that they know nothing. If you ever watch Watters World on Bill O'Reilly, they are ignorant, they are stupid, they are dumb, they don't know anything, and they are happy to be that way as long as they have their media device, their music, their sex, and they have food and shelter provided for them. That's it! Oh, yes, and some drugs to make it interesting and fun and exhilarating.

## 3. Government!

Look at the government at all levels. Don't have time to go into it.

## 4. Commerce and business!

## 5. Science!

All the genetic engineering. Yes!

## 6. Agriculture!

Because those who produce the crops could tell Monsanto, 'We don't want your nasty seeds.' But farmers aren't driven by greed—are they?

## 7. All the people, everyone collective!

Let's look at this for just a minute. Why is it that people sin? *We know why!* The thing that is hard to understand, for those who are church-going people, and maybe even some in the Churches of God, even the most sinister person, and Satan as well, can appear very upright, can appear very good.

Jeremiah 17:9: "The heart *is* deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" Does having good behavior on the outside count for something? Yes, of course! That'll keep you out of a certain amount of trouble, keep you out of jail. That's worth something.

- But what does God look to?
- How is God judging?
- Why are all these things coming?

Yet, Americans keep saying, 'We're good people. Yes,

- with all the drugs we take
- with all the entertainment we have
- with all the abortions that we have
- with all the lying from the pulpit that we have
- with all the lying from the government that we have

Oh, yes, we just have to be industrious and set up the right kind of business way so that it will prosper.

**No!** God looks at it differently. The heart God judges, *the heart*: that includes all your thoughts, all your emotions, that which drives your life. "...and desperately wicked..." If you don't think that, watch the news, but in particular, watch *Forensic Files*. I know I mentioned that before. It's amazing what they can do with *one drop* of blood. They can find who did it.

God knows the heart and mind. Is that not what God is called *the heart knowing God*? So you can be as nice as you ever want to be on the outside. And how many times when something really goes bad, people say, 'Well, I never **expected it from that person.**' **Yes! Desperately wicked!**

What are we told by the Apostle Paul to do with our minds? *Bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Jesus Christ!* Think on this. make a note of it; it will help you with repentance; it will help you understand that all of us, even who have the Holy Spirit of God, have a long way to go to perfection. The Holy Spirit of God does this: ***it reveals in your mind to you when you have evil thoughts!*** So, don't just examine how you look and what you do. That's fine, but ***God is examining the thoughts!***

And the curses will come. God judges the whole world. How many Psalms say, 'The Lord comes to judge the world.' What are the seven last plagues in Rev. 16? *The final judgments of God!*

This is going to be pretty bad. When those come, it's going to make what we see with ISIS today look like kindergarten. But it's judgment for sin. What do the angels say? 'Holy and righteous are Your judgments, O Lord.' *Yes!*

Here's how God judges the nations and the nations today are administered under the angels of God, Satan the devil, and his demons. There are occasions of war, as we find in the book of Daniel that Gabriel had to go help Michael fight because of the demonic action in the kings of Persia, and so forth there. God looks down here. He's in control of everything and it's not a tremendous job for God to do. He takes care of His creation. He gives blessings, and He gives judgments. He brings curses, and He gives forgiveness.

Someone will say, 'How can God do this?' Look out to the whole universe. Did He do the whole universe? Does He control that? Then look at the itty-bitty, teeny-weeny earth. Yes, there may be 7-billion people on the earth, but compared to trillions of galaxies? Is it difficult for God to do it? *No!*

What was Adam made out of? *The dust of the earth, or clay!* This is interesting, Jeremiah 18:1: "The Word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 'Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words' Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he was working at this wheel. And the vessel that he made of clay was ruined in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it" (vs 1-4). God is saying, 'I'm the Potter, I'm making what I'm making. I have a plan.'

Notice how He likens this, v 5: "Then the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'O house of Israel, can I not do with you *even* as this potter?' says the LORD. 'Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hands, *so are* you in My hand, O house of Israel'" (vs 5-6)—all ten tribes, all the time. Who are those who are so idiotic as to say, 'They just disappeared'?

He's in charge, v 7: "If at any time I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck it up and to pull it down, and to destroy it."

That's what's happening here. God has given us various ways, just like Jonathan Cahn. He showed the seven-year cycle and all the things that happen according to the seven-year cycle. How many of

those have we already had? Then go back and read Deut. 26: seven times, *seven times, seven times!*

God gives it a chance. He gives warnings. Have we had warnings? *Oh, yes*, but how many people pay attention to it? *Not very many!*. God says, '**If**.' Here is a combination of the choice of the individuals and the collective choice of the people.

Verse 8: "If that nation, against whom I have spoken, will turn from their evil..."

- Can they repent? *Yes!*
- Did the people repent at the message of Jonah going to Nineveh? *Yes!*
- Were they God's people? *No!*
- Did God spare them? *Yes!*
- Why? *Because they repented!*

Verse 8: "If that nation, against whom I have spoken, will turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them. And if at any time I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build it and to plant it; If it does evil in My sight, that it not obey My voice, then I will repent of the good with which I said I would do them good Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the people of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am forming evil against you, and devising a plan against you. Return now, each one from his evil way..."'" (vs 8-11).

What if they did that in Jerusalem today? Would God honor that? *Yes, He would!* What did God say about taking care of your enemies? ***If you diligently keep My laws and commandments and obey My voice, five of you shall chase a hundred!***

"...and make your ways and your doings good" (v 11). That's quite something for us to understand.

- God does it individually
- God does it collectively

Now let's see the cause. There is a *cause* for all these judgments of God and the causes bring curses. God knows that the human heart and deceitful above all things; therefore, He gives *repentance*. He accepts repentance.

You go back to Psalms 78 and read that. It talks about how they turned to God and repented with flatteries, but God said, 'I still forgave them.' It would at least bring some relief—wouldn't it? *Yes, indeed!*

Mark 7:21: "For from within, out of the hearts of men... [women and children, young and old, individually and collectively] ...go forth evil thoughts..." Do a survey. Do some channel surfing. How many good thoughts do you really see? When you come to all the medical ads, put on the mute and

let it give you all of the side effects. But they are all happy. *That's a lie!*

Sidebar: I've had people writing to me because they have had emotional problems; they've had depression problems. I would e-mail them back and say, 'You need to—if you are taking medications or drugs, you need to look at the side effects—ask yourself and your doctor if you really need this.'

I had one woman write me back about three weeks later and said she was no longer depressed. She had checked out the side effects and it was making her have depression thoughts. Even some of them say, 'If you take this, you could even have suicidal thoughts.' That's a good deal for ObamaCare, don't have to pay anything. I'm being a little cynical here.

"...evil thoughts, adulteries... [sex thoughts all the time] ...fornications..." (v 21). More sex thoughts, over and over and over again. Look at the television and see all these ads. They can't even sell toothpaste anymore without having some good-looking babe selling the toothpaste. You certainly don't want to get a donkey up there with its big teeth hanging and say, 'Use Crest, it'll keep them in good shape.'

"...murders." (v 21). Did you know that in one year in New York City at the height of the drug plagues in the 1970s that they had, I think, 7,000-plus murders.

Verse 22: "Thefts..." There's legal and illegal thievery—right? Illegal is called *fees, usury*. 'Oh, yes, get this credit card. You only have to pay 18.9% interest. That's thievery!

...covetousness..." (v 22)—always wanting something. You see it even in little kids. I was watching a baseball game the other day and here comes a foul ball. The attendant who gets the foul balls and gets them off the field, got the ball and went over and gave it to a little boy. Wonderful, wonderful! His little brother looked at it and you could read his lips. 'How come I didn't get one?' He had a temper tantrum. It's everywhere. Get, get, **get!**

"...wickednesses, guile, licentiousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; All these evils go forth from within, and *these* defile a man" (vs 22-23).

Let's see what happens to society when that takes place. Remember, the first thing you do is get rid of the true God. That's what Satan the devil does. Always remember this: ***Satan the devil is there as an angel of light with a host of benefits that you can imbibe on!*** This is what happens to the world. This is what we are looking at today.

Romans 1:18: "Indeed, *the* wrath of God is revealed from heaven upon all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the Truth in unrighteousness."

- Think about that, and what the media and the government does just here in America.
- Think about what all the Protestants and Catholics do in relationship to God's Word.
- Think about all those people who believe it.
- Think about this nation's judgment that is coming because we have more Bibles than any other nation on earth and no one can say that you didn't receive warning.

God does not come against those people who do good, but against those who reject Him. Think about all the Protestant ministers that lie and say Sunday is the day that God has made. And all the pagan holidays. *All of those lies stacked up wide and deep!*

There are millions of books written about the rapture and it's all a hoax. What is God's judgment going to be? *Just when they think they are going to be raptured away, they are right in the middle of it!* They could know about God. Remember the video we saw about that Baptist minister who repented and the whole church repented. They could do it, but they won't do it. *Unrighteousness!*

Verse 19: "Because that which may be known of God is manifest among them, for God has manifested *it* to them."

- with His Word
- with His Spirit

Verse 20: "For the invisible things of Him are perceived from *the* creation of *the* world, being understood by the things that were made—both His eternal power and Godhead—so that they are without excuse." Remember Jer. 18.

Verse 21: "Because when they knew God, they glorified *Him* not as God, neither were thankful; but they became vain in their own reasonings, and their foolish hearts were darkened." Made them even more evil.

Verse 22: "While professing themselves to be *the* wise ones, they became fools." Most of those who succeed in the world today, though they are paid a lot, though they may have good abilities, though they may be scientists working to improve mankind.

Like it was asked of Raymond Kurzweil, 'Do you believe in God?' He says, 'There isn't one yet, but we're working at it.' Because they're working on

all the trans-humanism to try and make man God and to live forever. When God says, 'I'll give it to you free.'

Here's what they did, v 23: "And changed the glory of the incorruptible God..." As I read this, I want you to think about all the pagan temples of the different religions of the world. Think about St. Peter's Basilica with all of the statues and everything that are there.

"...into *the* likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and four-footed creatures, and creeping things. **For this cause...**" (vs 23-24). The curse does not come without cause. That's what we are seeing happen today. ***If you don't come back to God:***

- doesn't matter how great your army is
- doesn't matter how great your medical profession is
- doesn't matter how magnificent your cities are

They are going to be all taken from you:

- look at Gaza
- look at Iraq
- look at Africa

That is a preview for us. Will we repent and return to God as a nation? And yes, even as Churches of God?

Sidebar: One Church of God is so absolutely insane that they will not allow family members to visit each other if they are not in that particular church. I know of two suicides of young teenagers because they couldn't visit grandma and grandpa. As the Church of God, do we sit here and say how good we are? Listen, where did we start? *God judges the heart!*

Verse 24: "**For this cause...** [here's what happens to society] ...**God also abandoned them...**" He left them. Just like the worse thing in the world to do is leave a child alone to its own devices. The worse thing in the world that can happen to a person or a community or a nation is for God to leave them.

"...to uncleanness through the lusts of their hearts, to disgrace their own bodies between themselves, who exchanged the Truth of God for the lie; and they worshiped and served the created thing more than the one Who is Creator, Who is blessed into the ages. Amen. For this cause, God abandoned them to disgraceful passions..." (vs 24-26).

Once you go down the chute of sin, it goes to a worse and worse degree. That is especially brought out for addiction to drugs and alcohol.

Verse 28: "And in exact proportion as they did not consent to have God in their knowledge, God

abandoned them... [third cause] ...to a reprobate mind... [What is a reprobate mind? *A mind void of judgment.* Does that sound like a lot of government officials? *Yes!.*] ...to practice *those* things that are immoral." Let's see how this has been deliberately done.

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Someone might ask, 'Why are you railing at all the brethren?' I'm not, this goes beyond the brethren. But also for us to understand. *God is going to send Christ to redeem the world!* We can't be going around wondering, 'Why this, why that, why the other thing.' We need to know. We can't be like the 90 percent of the Protestants who don't tell their brethren what's going on in the world. They are lost; they don't know.

Read all of Ezek. 21, because when God says it's going to come, it's going to come, and He gives warning. Ezek. 22 tells us who are the leading ones to be blamed, because the curse does not come without cause. Again, read all of Ezek. 22.

Ezekiel 22:23: "And the Word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'Son of man, say to her...'" (vs 23-24)—to Jerusalem. As I read this remember, God destroyed the temple twice because of sin. This is for Judea and this is for any land, as well.

"...You *are* a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation" (v 24). Why? Remember what Jeremiah wept about. He wept because of the sins and the adultery that the children of Israel and the Jews were doing that caused the wildernesses to be burned up.

Sidebar: We only have 20 major fires in California going right now. You do the math.

Here is the cause, v 25: "There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. Her priests have done violence to My Law..." (vs 25-26). Proclaiming that the laws have been abolished. How is that for violence? *As violent as can be!*

"...and have profaned My Holy things. They have put no difference between the holy and the profane, and have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths..." (v 26—plural. Sabbath and Holy Days. That means they have it right there in front of them, but they close their eyes. Again, we have more Bibles in this nation than any other nation on earth.

"...and I am profaned among them" (v 26). Everything that goes wrong in society lies at the



doorstep of the pulpits. Everything! They are the ones who should say, ‘God says you shall do this, you shall do that, you shall do the other thing. You shall not do this.’ But no, they don’t.

Let me suggest that you go online to churchathome.org and you download and listen to *What God Requires of Ministers*. That’s chapter eleven of the book *Lord, What Should I Do?* This is what we should all do as ministers. We need to

- teach the love of God
- teach the Truth of God
- keep the commandments of God
- teach the people to do that
- love each other
- forgive each other

That’s what needs to be within the Churches of God. But look at what is going on out in the world. Jesus has not taken us out of the world—there’s a good Scripture against the rapture. Jesus said, ***‘I do not pray that you take them out of the world...’*** Isn’t that the rapture? taking you out of the world? ***‘...But that you keep them from the evil one.’***

Hand-in-hand with the religious leaders, v 27: “Her rulers... [all of them from the highest to the lowest] ...in her midst *are* like wolves tearing the prey...”

That reminds me of a couple small cities in California that the councilmen, and especially the mayor, who had the council—and, of course, they shared in on the ‘dibbies’ of the tax money—pay him for this little old city a salary of \$600,000 a year. To them that was just a little thing.

How about all the laws that we have now striking down marriage? *Lies at the doorsteps of the judges!* So when I say government, that is all branches. There are not three branches of government, there are four. The fourth one is *the bureaucracy*: EPA, IRS, etc.

“...to shed blood and to destroy souls, to get unjust gain. And her prophets have covered themselves *with* whitewash...” (vs 27-28). Aren’t we nice and clean? Aren’t we Holy and pure? Interesting! What is the favorite uniform of the current pope? *White!* Aren’t we wonderful?

“...seeing false visions and divining lies unto them, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ when the LORD has not spoken.... [look at who follows]: ...The people of the land have used oppression and committed robbery, and they have troubled the poor and needy. Yea, *they* have oppressed the stranger wrongfully” (vs 28-29).

Does God see all of this? *Yes, He does!* How many honest politicians and ministers are there? And of the people, how many are seeking God?

Verse 30: “‘And I sought for a man among them who should build up a wall for the land, and stand in the breach before Me, so that I should not destroy it. But I did not find one. Therefore I have poured out My fury on them. I have burned them up with the fire of My wrath. I have recompensed their own way upon their heads,’ says the Lord GOD” (vs 30-31).

In coming to Jer. 4 it kind of reminds me about the movie *America, Imagine the World Without Her*. What we need to understand is this. What happens right after two years of the Tribulation, beginning the third year, as we find in Rev. 7?

What happens after all the death, after all the destruction, after all the carrying away people into captivity, after all the fighting, warring, all the plagues and then Christ shaking the earth and the heavens rolling back as a scroll, and everything is just turned upside down on the earth? ***God acknowledges repentance; 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude!***

In spite of everything that is happening, God says Jeremiah 4:1: “‘If you will return, O Israel,’ says the LORD, ‘Return to Me. And if you will put away your abominations out of My sight, then you shall not be removed.’” Remember that Jeremiah’s ministry was approximately 40 years.

Verse 2: “‘And will swear, “As the LORD lives,” in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; then the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him they shall glory.’” But they didn’t do this. *They did not do it!*

Isn’t it amazing. Think about the very reason that we have the Bible in English was because of *one man* that God raised up—William Tyndale.

- Can God use one man?
- Does He look to one man?
- Who was Abraham? *One man!*
- Who was Jesus Christ? *One man!*

Jeremiah 5:1: “Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in her open places, if you can find a man, if there is one who does justice, who seeks the Truth; and I will pardon her.”

How much difference can one man make? One woman? Whether in the society? or Within the Churches of God? The Churches of God: we’re all Laodicean, and we need to be repenting. Anyone who says we’re Philadelphian today is just kidding him or herself. The majority are Laodicean. A lot of people think a lot of them are Sardis, too. Then you also have those of Thyatira that get into bed with Rome. Then you have the dictators like the ones of

Pergamos. Then look at all of those who are being killed like the Smyrnans. As we know, Rev. 17, there are two classes of martyrs:

1. the blood of the saints
2. the blood of the martyrs of Christ

God will not forget anyone who for the name of Jesus *stood* and let their lives be taken away. Now they may not be in the first resurrection, but God won't forget them. God said He would pardon it.

Verse 2: "And though they say, 'As the LORD lives,' surely they swear falsely." Don't take the name of God on your lies.

Verse 3: "O LORD, *are* not Your eyes on the truth? You have stricken them, but they have not grieved; You have destroyed them, but they have refused to receive correction; they have made their faces harder than rock;" they have refused to return. Therefore, I said, 'Surely these *are* poor; they are foolish; for they do not know the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God.'..." (vs 3-5)

Then Jeremiah said, 'All right, it's my responsibility,' v 5: "I will go up for myself to the great men, and will speak to them; for they have known the way of the LORD *and* the judgment of their God.' But these had altogether broken the yoke and had torn off the bonds!" You'd expect the great leaders to at least acknowledge God.

Verse 6: "Therefore, a lion out of the forest shall kill them, *and* a wolf of the deserts shall rob them; a leopard shall watch over their cities. Everyone who goes out from them shall be torn in pieces because their sins are many *and* their backslidings are multiplied."

What are we living in the world today? What did Jesus say? '***Because lawlessness shall be multiplied, multiplied, multiplied, the love of many shall grow cold!***' That's what it's talking about here.

Verse 7: "How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me..." Put this in modern-day context with all the young people today.

"...and have sworn by them that are not gods. When I had fed them to the full... [Have they been fed to the full? Have everything they've ever needed or wanted?] ...then they committed adultery, and gathered themselves by troops in a harlot's house. They were *like* lusty, well-fed stallions in the morning; every one neighing after his neighbor's wife. Shall I not punish for these *things*?' says the LORD..." (vs 7-9). *Yes, indeed!*

Let's see what this does. Again, I suggest you read the whole book of Jeremiah. God makes it plain, like William Tyndale wrote. I just got done reading William Tyndale's book, *The Obedience of*

*a Christian Man*. He had everything exactly right, nearly 500 years ago.

Is the Spirit of God 'the same yesterday, day and forever'? *Yes!* He didn't understand prophecies, but he sure enough knew how to really nail the Roman Catholic Church. If you think I'm hard on them, you need to read what William Tyndale wrote. No wonder they hunted him. He knew this. He said, 'Why do countries have bad kings, evil kings?' ***Because of the sins of the people***—500 years ago!

Everybody complaining about the government we have in Washington, D.C., today; stop complaining! Look at your life and get on your knees and repent of your sins. The more that people would do that, maybe some of them would begin to get a little sense, because ***God always honors repentance!***

But here's where we are today as a nation. Three weeks ago you say, 'The news is really bad; it can't get any worse than this.' Then the news the next week comes along, 'Look at that; it's getting even worse.' I gave a couple sermons on it. I look at this week and, oh, it's even worse than it was the other weeks before that. What's going to happen next week? *I don't know*; I think I need to go down to the Army Surplus and get a helmet and get a flack vest, all of that sort of thing. Who knows?. But that's not the solution.

In order for the people of America and Britain and the people of the world to understand what is happening, because Satan has deceived the whole world. The whole world is in his power. All of those who are ruling are servants of Satan the devil, wherever you go.

Isaiah 59:1: "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened that it cannot save... [People wonder, 'How are we going to get out of this mess?'] ...nor is His ear heavy that it cannot hear." Why doesn't God hear my prayers? 'I go to church every Sunday and we really have a good Christmas.'

Verse 2: "But your iniquities... [sins against God] ...have come between you and your God, and ***your sins have hid His face from you***, that He will not hear."

Remember what God told Jeremiah? '*Jeremiah, don't you pray for this people or lift up a cry to Me, because I will not hear*' (Jer. 7). Then that comes down right to where they were sacrificing their children to Moloch.

So, all of you politicians and all of you men and women—I know everyone would scream, 'Terrible things are happening.' What would happen if they outlawed abortion? Stopped the murder of all these innocent people, the most innocent of all? Still

completely dependent on their mothers in their mother's wombs. Wonder what would happen? Think of the riots in the street! But if it did happen, and there was *real repentance*, would God's hand of punishment be drawn back from us for a time? *Probably so!*

Verse 3: "For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness. None calls for justice, nor does anyone plead for truth; they trust in vanity and speak lies. They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity" (vs 3-4).

Everything that is done, in every area of life that we have covered:

- religion
- education
- government
- commerce and business
- science
- agriculture

They all have their hands in a great deal of sin. Don't you think that genetically modifying all the foods with what they do is sin against God? Destroying people? Therefore, there is no way.

Verse 8: "They have not known the way of peace, and *there is* no justice in their ways. They have made crooked paths for themselves; whoever goes therein shall not know peace. Therefore, justice is far from us; nor does righteousness overtake us. We wait for light, but behold, darkness; for brightness, *but* we walk in deep shadows. We grope along the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes. We stumble at noonday as in the night; among those who are strong, we are like dead men. We all roar like bears, and mourn grievously like doves; we look for justice, but there is none..." (vs 10-11).

Remember what happened with the ObamaCare? Let's get it up to the Supreme Court; they will overturn it. Why did one judge, the Chief Justice, write a paper saying in his judgment that it was constitutional and a tax? One man responsible for putting it upon the whole nation. Remember what we said about one man?

Look for justice, everyone saying, 'Oh, boy, we know what the vote is going to be.' And when it came down, everyone was stunned. No justice! Why is that?

Here's why, v 12: "For our transgressions *are* multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them... [but they don't know how to stop them] ...in rebellion and denial of the LORD, and turning away from our God, talking

perversity and revolt, conceiving and speaking from the heart words of falsehood. And justice is driven backward, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth has fallen in the street, and uprightness cannot enter. Yea, truth fails; and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey...." (vs 12-15). 'Why would you want to obey God?' Now, have you heard what the organization Freedom From Religion is doing? Yes, they made a secret agreement with the IRS.

So, the IRS is now going to send out spies into churches to see who is carrying on political activity and bring penalties against them. You think: How can that happen? How can a bureaucracy make an agreement with a private organization, that has not yet been revealed what it was, to directly go against the Constitution. Would you say our sins have destroyed the Constitution? *Without a doubt!*

Verse 15: "Yea, truth fails; and he *who* departs from evil makes himself a prey. And the LORD saw, and it was evil in His eyes that *there was* no justice. And He saw that *there was* no man, and was astonished that there was no intercessor. Therefore His own arm brought salvation to Him; and His righteousness sustained Him" (vs 15-16). God is going to bring it.

What is our responsibility? Here's what needs to be from every pulpit. They need to do like that Baptist minister did. He came into the congregation one day and he read them the laws and truths about the Sabbath. He thought he was going to lose all of them. That's what some Sunday-keeping ministers say, 'If I preach the truth about Sabbath, I'd lose my job.' Well, do you have enough faith to believe God that He can take care of you?

He preached it, and he said, 'Next week we're meeting on the Sabbath.' Lo and behold, nearly the whole church showed up. Think what would happen if that were multiplied millions of times over just in the United States of America. Hundreds of thousands of times, let's put it that way. I'm sure there are more than a million churches, wouldn't you say? *Yes, indeed!*

This is what we need to do, Isaiah 58:1: "Cry aloud, do not spare, lift up your voice like a ram's horn, and show My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." That's what needs to be done. Because *the heart is deceitful above all things*. Wouldn't that be something. I wonder what would happen if, say, there were 100 Sunday-keeping churches that did that. Then that multiplied out and another 1,000 Sunday-keeping churches repented and kept the Sabbath. And that multiplied out and 10,000 Sunday-keeping churches. Even some Catholic cathedrals, some of the priests would repent. The first thing they would have to do is get a wife. If you get a wife, then you can have a life.

Then have all the deacons come in, tear down all the idols, tear down all the statues, get rid of all your candles burning, get rid of the 'holy' water. All get there, repent in sackcloth and ashes. Wonder what would happen then. *You have to cry aloud and spare not!*

For all the religious people, v 2: "Yet, they seek Me daily, and seem eager to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and one that did not forget the ordinance of their God. They ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they seem eager to draw near to God. *They* say, 'Why have we fasted, and You do not see?.... [because you didn't repent and keep the commandments of God] ...Why have we afflicted our soul and You take no knowledge?' Behold, in the day of your fast you pursue your business and exploit all your workers" (vs 2-3). Then He explains what should be done there. This is what needs to be for all of us.

Let's see what Christ is going to do when He returns. Those things generally won't happen outside of the 144,000 and the great innumerable multitude. That's going to have a lot to be done. This is what Christ is going to do. First of all He's going to destroy all the sinners who come in battle and fight against Him. That's going to be something! You can read of that in Zech. 14 and Rev. 19.

Satan's going to be put away, then we, as the resurrected saints as kings and priests, we'll know our assignment, we'll know what we have to do. He'll tell us, 'You go here. You go there. You do this; you do that. You do the other thing. Go to the people; heal the sick. Those who have lost arms and legs heal them. I'll put new ones on them.' Can you imagine that? All these people in total shock of what's going to happen that comes on the earth at the return of Christ.

Here's what He's going to do, Isaiah 25:6: "And in this mountain the LORD of hosts shall make a feast of fat things for all the people... [It's going to take a little time to get there, but we will.] ...a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of refined wines on the lees. And He will destroy in this mountain the face of **the covering which covers all people, and the veil that is woven over all nations**" (vs 6-7).

That's what Christ is going to do and we are going to be right there participating in it and doing that as well. During the Feast of Tabernacles I concentrate on that, but just think of what a great thing that is going to be, brethren, that we will be partakers and participating in the removing of all the deception of Satan the devil. That is going to be something! So, when you see all these difficulties taking place, know what the cause is.

- don't get downhearted

- don't get discouraged
- don't let your emotions get carried away with you

because some of these things are going to be awful and cruel and terrible.

Like someone asked me, 'What about all the children that the ISIS people are killing now? Or that the children in Gaza and all of that? Those who die?' Will they be better off in this war-torn place that they're going to live in? *or* At the second resurrection when God is going to give them life?

*God knows!* What we need to do is keep our minds on this as the ultimate goal that's going to wipe it all away. *That's why we are where we are today!*

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