
AMERICA, WHITHER GOEST THOU?

Welcome to Bible study. It is the 18th day of Sivan which is the third month of the Hebrew year, beginning with the spring month of Nisan. I ask the question, Whether America? Where are we as a nation going today? Are we in a nose dive to destruction as a nation, or will we set a different course and pull out of it? Or are we headed for a crash like the unsuspecting passengers aboard the German Airbus A320 that crashed into the French Alps while en route from Barcelona to Dusseldorf killing all 150 passengers aboard. The co-pilot refused to allow the captain back through the cockpit door or respond to air traffic control after initiating the plane's dive—a suicide pilot was in control. Is our nation headed for suicide or will there be redemption and therefore survival? What does the evidence show? Where is America going?

There are a lot of mockers in these last days. The Apostle Paul prophetically told us in **2 Timothy 3** that “in the days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good...” There are many mockers today in the Christian religion—mocking the Bible,-- Old Testament and New Testament and mocking Christ. Chief among the mockers is our President Barack Hussein Obama. He mocked the Bible June 4, 2009 during his major infamous speech “A New Beginning” in Cairo, Egypt –a major address to Muslims from a Muslim capital during his first few months as president. The first democratic Egyptian government was overthrown in a military coup. Libya, Syria, Iraq, and Yemen have all collapsed in civil war. It's a new beginning for a 1300-year-old conflict between the two branches of Islam. Have a look at the battle lines, not by country but by faith.

At the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. (2.6.15) President Obama informed Christians, “Unless we get on our high horse and think that this is unique to some other place, remember that during the Crusades and Inquisition, people committed terrible deeds in the name of Christ. In our home country, slavery and Jim Crow all too often was justified in the name of Christ. So it is not unique to one group or one religion. There is a tendency in us, a simple tendency that can pervert and distort our faith.” Obama has a history of insulting Christianity and Judaism while upholding Islam. In 2006, Obama bashed the Bible and religious Christians and Jews in particular: “Which passages of Scripture should guide our public policy? Should we go with Leviticus, which suggests slavery is ok and that eating shellfish is abomination? How about Deuteronomy, which suggests stoning your child if he strays from the faith? Or should we just stick to the Sermon on the Mount – a passage that is so radical that it's doubtful that our own Defense Department would survive its application? So before we get carried away, let's read our Bibles. Folks haven't been reading their Bibles.” He has commented, “Should we go by the New Testament that says ‘turn the other cheek?’ Is that practical for a nation to do?” When Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, should America have just turned the other cheek?

What does the evidence show of where America is going and what does the future really hold? What does it hold for Christians? Increasingly, America is becoming very inhospitable to those who believe in Christ and those who hold the Christian faith, and hospitable and even under the control of those who believe in Islam, the Muslim Brotherhood and the homosexual population. Especially, since Obama took charge of the White House they appear to be running things. When Obama was in London for a summit meeting in early 2009, he was photographed and videotaped bowing low before King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. American presidents do not bow before kings. An American president is a super-power leader and ruler and is equal to or the equivalent to a king.

Time is rushing by like we are in a storm with the winds building to a hurricane force and rapidly approaching the shore. Let's look at some of the evidence that is increasingly buffeting America. Let's take a look at the current news. One line of evidence is what is taking place in the retail market. It is being called the "retail apocalypse" in America. This year and next year big major retail chains are scheduled to close permanently 6,000 stores in the west and Midwest. Tremors have been felt across multiple states in the west and Midwest. It appears to be a sign that something bigger is brewing on the horizon in the line of earthquakes. Did you know that Michigan was just hit by the worst earthquake that state has experienced in more than sixty years? In recent days there have been a series of alarming earthquakes all over the United States. America has been experiencing "social" earthquakes on the horizon since the recent riots in Ferguson, Missouri and Baltimore, Maryland and lawlessness is building which is apparently all being condoned by the U.S. Attorney General, the White House Administration and the President. It is called the Ferguson effect. What is that? It is the explosion of violent crime in major U.S. cities thanks to the way the police have become demoralized and not longer feel that they have the backing of their government. At the same time criminal gangs have become emboldened thinking they can get away with anything today. Looking at Ferguson, they are probably right.

In Baltimore 43 homicides occurred in the month of May; the highest rate of murders in forty years. At that time the population was 50 percent bigger than it is today according to statistics. Based on the exodus, the attitudes of the young people and the agitation of the race baiters Haddon McDonald and Thomas Smith of the Manhattan Institute have called these happenings the new nationwide crime-wave—the consequences of the Ferguson effect are already appearing. The main victims of growing violence, of course will be the inner-city poor—mainly the blacks and Hispanics residing in the metropolitan area. They will not only be the greatest victims, but the greatest predators upon themselves. It is black violence on blacks. It doesn't make sense, but the young people lack proper education and disciplining.

According to the article, gun violence is spiraling upward in cities across America. In Baltimore, the most pressing question every morning is "How many people were shot the previous night?" Gun violence is up over 60 percent compared to this time this last year in Baltimore. In St. Louis, robberies were up 43 percent during the first three months of this year and homicides up 25 percent. In Atlanta, homicides were up 32 percent in the first five months of this year. Chicago is the murder capital of this country with their homicides up 17 percent this year. New York City with Mayor de Blasio's liberal-leaning, leftist government the homicides are almost up 13 percent so far this year. All too often the media are now beginning to portray the police

departments as racist and racist killers, and public officials are playing into this popular narrative which happens to be a false narrative. The police generally are very well trained, and they are not racist killers at all, but this is the race-baiting, racial agitation mantra today. The police are being demonized. In Ferguson, Missouri even though it was later proved that Brown attacked the police officer Darren Wilson. Brown wasn't trying to surrender with his hands up at all, but the demonstrators took over and committed violence to the city because of a false slogan and a rush to judgment.

Al Sharpton the biggest architect and chief race-baiter of all race-baiters got massive exposure for every scurrilous attack he made against the police. Who cared for the truth?

John 8:32--Jesus Christ said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The U.S. government administration does not want the truth, but wants to sweep it under the rug or hide it in the closet. They do not want to know the truth of what the causes are. Things are not only not getting better today in America, race-wise, but getting worse. Violence in the cities is getting worse with the possibility of getting a whole lot worse. I call it the Obama effect. It is the real effect of President Obama and his leftist, Communist-Socialist enterprise gangsters in the White House.

The America that we have today is beginning to be called Obama's America.

Article: "2016: Obama's America – the Fall of Liberty." Did you know that between 2008 and 2015 there have been over 75 million internet searches on the keywords "Obama Antichrist" and "Obama Messiah?" This is one of the most incredible internet statistics to accompany any American president. It brings up the question: "Does Barack Obama have an apocalyptic role given the global financial circumstances in which he has risen to power?"

On the radio show, "Understanding the End Times with Jan Markell, former Senator Michele Bachmann (Rep., R-Minn.) stated that President Barack Obama's policies on Iran's nuclear program (nuclear deal with Iran), marriage equality and his opposition to Israel, is going to bring economic and natural disaster on the U.S. and would lead to the end of times. Obama referring to her remarks turned her statement into a glowing review of his presidency at the 2015 White House Correspondent's dinner. "Just this week, Michele Bachmann actually predicted that I would bring about the biblical end of days. Now that's a legacy. That's big. I mean Lincoln, Washington – they didn't do that."

What Bachmann meant was Obama was setting the stage for the end of America and for the coming of the New World Order and the antichrist. Maybe he is that personification. He certainly is anti-Christian, and in many ways anti-American and very anti-Israel. When are we going to see clearly and discern the evidence? Pray to God for wisdom, understanding and discernment to recognize the antichrist by his fruits. **Matthew 7:16**--Jesus Christ said, "You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" How does Obama's messianic influence and attitude towards the Middle East tie together, because some people do regard him as a coming Messiah. Actor and comedian **Jamie Foxx** called Obama 'Our Lord and Savior' at Soul Train Awards. He does not consider such a statement blasphemy, but considers Obama as a black Messiah. Brethren, there is only one Messiah and that is Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Acts 4:10-12—“let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by **the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is **no other name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Why is Obama’s relationship with Israel one of the worst for a U.S. President in decades? Why does he seem to be actively promoting the formation of a United States of the Arab world, bringing Arab nations all into alignment under the Muslim Brotherhood? One of those nations is Turkey. The bitter differences between the Shia and Sunni have hindered Muslim dominance in the Middle East, as the two groups have warred for decades in bitter rivalry with each other. President Erdogan said instead of fighting each other, the two groups must unite against their common enemy. The Turkish president has called for Muslims to invade and re-conquer Jerusalem which Turkey controlled up until 1917? General Allenby freed Jerusalem at the end of WW I from under the control of the Turkish Empire which ceased to exist in 1917. The amazing speeches by President Erdogan and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu on 5/5/15 made a comment to the Islamic world, on the desire to conquer Jerusalem and form a universal Islamic empire--a revival of the Ottoman Empire which controlled Jerusalem for nearly 500 years.

America’s role in the New World Order is of very great significance. To understand where Obama is leading America in the next year or two might send shock waves of betrayal among the people, if they really knew the truth. His poll numbers of disapproval are going up as people are beginning to wake up and see the fruits. The economy is still on life support. No one trusts the stock market—a big gamble today. *Weiss Research Institute Financial Letter* predicts that October 7, 2015 the stock market is scheduled to explode and will be the most painful crash in world history. World forces are coming together and converging financially and geopolitically in such a way that it will be far deadlier than anything before—“Black October”.

Personal Liberty—(6.4.15), *Proof we have a suicide bomber in the White House*. Wayne Allyn Root. “Forget ISIS. Forget al-Qaida. Forget Vladimir Putin. Forget China. The worst threat to America is Barack Hussein Obama. I have told all who would listen for almost seven years that Obama is following the exact plan he learned as my college classmate at Columbia University, Class of ’83. The plan is called ‘Cloward-Piven.’ The plan is simple: to destroy capitalism and ‘American exceptionalism,’ you overwhelm the system with spending, entitlements, regulations and debt. The economy comes to a halt; full time jobs are killed; businesses fail in record numbers; the middle class is murdered financially; the debt implodes; and the economy is overwhelmed. Capitalism dies as a majority of Americans wind up hooked on welfare, food stamps, and free healthcare and government checks like a drug addict is hooked by a drug dealer on heroin, or crack cocaine, or crystal meth. Obama is America’s drug dealer. But his drug of choice is government dependency. To make this plan work, Obama needs you hopeless, helpless, clue-less and losing all faith in God yourself, individualism, personal responsibility and capitalism, He needs you scared out of your wits and desperate. He needs you believing that only government can save you.”

“How does this end? According to Cloward-Piven, a majority of Americans wind up dependent on government; they vote out of desperation for whatever political party promises to keep the

checks coming or, better yet, expand the checks. Then slowly, like boiling a frog that doesn't realize what's happening until he's dead, capitalism dies." And that opens the door to a Big Brother socialist economic system. It's happening right in front of our eyes.

If you check in *The Antiquities of the Jews*, by Flavius Josephus, Ch. 4, "Concerning the Tower of Babylon," and you will find that Nimrod was the first great architect of the New World Order after the flood of Noah's day. He excited the people to an affront and contempt of God. Nimrod brought all the nations of the world at that time together and caused them to dwell in cities and to be dependent on his government. "He persuaded the people not to ascribe it to God, as if it was through his means they were happy, but to believe it was their own courage which procured that happiness. He also gradually changed the government into tyranny, seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God but to bring them into a constant dependence on his power." He promised them freedom from the laws of heaven and that they didn't need to fear God because he would be revenged on God if he should have a mind to drown the world again and for destroying their forefathers; for he would build a tower too high for the water to be able to reach! He was the first drug dealer this side of the flood and the people fell for his sales pitch. Barack Obama is doing the same thing today and selling the same type malarkey to the nation. He got himself re-elected by lying about Benghazi. Both, he and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton covered it up, but knew it was a terrorist attack when it occurred. He wants everyone to think he is the "Savior of the Nation."

Many are familiar with the story of the Pied Piper of Hamelin. This town was facing a rat infestation, and a piper, dressed in a coat of many colored, bright cloth, appeared. This piper promised to get rid of the rats in return for a payment, to which the townspeople agreed too. Although the piper got rid of the rats by leading them away with his music, the people of Hamelin reneged on their promise. The furious piper left, vowing revenge. On the 26th of July of that same year, the piper returned and led the children away, never to be seen again, just as he did the rats. Nevertheless, one or three children were left behind, depending on which version is being told. One of these children was lame, and could not keep up, another was deaf and could not hear the music, while the third one was blind and could not see where he was going.

Under Obama our nation is going down the wrong path and going to disappear. Some years ago I wrote "America at the Crossroads." Today America has gone way beyond this, and is on the road of no return, but Obama does not want you to know that. Wayne Allyn Root says the economy is in reverse—sinking in quick sand. Obama's seven first quarters as president are at a combined average of -0.43 percent. Here are the facts. The first quarter gross domestic product, which is the measurement of our economy, was just revised on Friday to -0.07 percent. That number is a disaster. Obama is the only president in the history of America's recorded economic measurement to accomplish this. Obama is also the only president in history to have produced four separate first quarters that were negative. We started measuring GDP (gross domestic product) in 1947. Obama is one of a kind trendsetter. He is setting records for disaster and futility never before imagined in the greatest country in world history. Obama is dive-bombing our nation's economy the same way that the German airline co-pilot crashed his plane into the ground in France two months ago. Except this is not one plane and a couple hundred souls. Obama is taking the entire America economy and all of us with him.

The first president of the United Nations General Assembly, Paul-Henri Spaak, who was also a prime minister of Belgium and one of the early planners of the European Common Market, as well as a secretary-general of NATO, affirmed, "We do not want another committee, we have too many already. What we want is a man of sufficient stature to hold the allegiance of all the people and to lift us up out of the economic morass into which we are sinking. Send us such a man, and whether he be God or devil, we will receive him." America has found a very charismatic leader and the people are following him, and he is not God. Because of the powers of subversion and perversion there is no transparency in this present White House administration.

Rosh Hoshanna is God's annual holy day also known as the Feast of Trumpets that predicts the going forth of the warning message to the people of the world to get their house in order and repent of their sins in readiness for the Day of Judgment. Ten days later is Yom Kippur which is the Day of Judgment and wiping clean when God will judge the world. That day pictures the day when Jesus Christ of Nazareth the Messiah returns to the earth in clouds from heaven in great glory to put down rebellion and judge mankind. In that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. He will go forth to fight against all those nations that fought against Israel (Zachariah 14:1-4). The fact that there is ten days between Rosh Hoshanna and Yom Kippur signifies 10 years—the final ten years of this age and the countdown to Armageddon and the Messiah. If the beginning of those ten years began in 2012, then it will end in about 2021 to 2022. If 2015 is the beginning of the 70th week (Dan. 9:25-29), then the final week would be 2015-2021 or 2022.

The book of Revelation speaks about a beast and a false prophet. The beast is the antichrist leading the New World Order, and together with him comes up another beast in **Revelation 1:13** which looks like a lamb and has horns like a lamb but speaks like a dragon. That beast is the religious beast who works together with the first Beast as a dynamic duo. What is so interesting about this is that Obama and Pope Francis have had meetings together and they both have the same agenda—they both want a New World Order and they both want an official state of Palestine. According to *The Jerusalem Post* former President and Prime Minister of Israel, Shimon Perez, visited the Vatican recently and proposed to the Pope that he should head up a United Nations for religion and should be the man in charge of that United Nations for religion. Can you imagine a world under one world religion? This would be a head start according to a few observers. When they met a few months ago the main topic of conversation was Perez's idea to create an UN-like organization to be called the United Religion. According to Perez, the Argentinean born Pope would be the only world figure respected enough to bring an end to wars raging in the Middle East.

Could the Pope really do that? No, but the Pope who is in favor of a Palestinian State, is anti-Semitic and pro-Palestine will give it a try. President Obama is anti-Semitic and pro-Palestine, and he wants to force Netanyahu to endorse a Palestinian State even though Palestinians have sworn to crush Israel drive them into the ocean and wipe the Jews off the face of the earth. Of all the Popes in recent history, Pope Francis is the Pope of change, just as Obama is the President of change in America. Thus far. Pope Francis has had some pretty radical ideas for the Papacy including everything from sexual ethics in an open arms policy on gay rights and homosexuality to embracing Darwinism and the theory of evolution. Pope Francis delivered a speech last year in 2014 where he referred to Muslims as worshipping the One God. How can that be, since they deny Jesus Christ as the Savior who is the Son of God?

Pope Francis, just like President Obama is aligning himself against Israel. In a treaty that finalized in Rome, last week, the Roman Catholic Church fired the first salvo in its 2,000 year rule in its struggle to disenfranchise the Jewish people and agreed to formally recognize the state of Palestine as part of a deal concerning Catholic activities in the Palestinian controlled area. So the Pope has already recognized the Palestine as a State—Muslim and Christian together. That cannot be and is of Satan the devil. By so doing, the Pope is attacking Israel and disenfranchising the Jews. The Muslim still have their eye on conquering Jerusalem, and Barack Obama is in league with President Erdogan of Turkey. Both leaders are supporting the Muslim Brotherhood. This is just another sign of where we are headed.

The political beast and the religious beast are rising up in our midst. It does say in **Revelation 13** that the whole world is going to worship the beast that rose up out of the sea. The second beast that came up out of the earth that appeared as a lamb but spoke like a dragon exercised all the power of the first beast before and caused the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. The whole world will worship him, except those who are called and chosen of God and are faithful.

So we look again at all the evidence played out before us and we see the truth of the book recently written by Ann Coulter, *Adios America*. In the book, she shows that the America that we have all grown up in is becoming a thing of the past after a cultural and political upheaval in our nation since Ted Kennedy's 1965 Immigration Reform. America is now disappearing like the fading smile of the Cheshire cat described in Lewis Carroll's book, *Alice in Wonderland*. Coulter says, "This is not the America I grew up in. Things are now being taken over by a new class of illegal aliens and immigrants." They have no legal right or business to be here, but they are being brought in by waves by President Obama. The majority of the refugees brought to this county since 2005 have been Muslims. The Obama Administration wants to bring in up to 50,000 more Syrian refugees to Detroit. This influx is all part of Obama's plan to change America radically from the grass roots up.

Is there really a secret code in the Torah? In 2014, filmmaker Richard Shaw released a film, *Torah Codes, End to Darkness* which investigates the Codes and what the rabbis and professors are researching. Recently Rabbi Matityahu Glazerson in his research of the *Torah Codes* found out on February 9 over a month before the election took place, sent a Richard a code table about Netanyahu that indicated that he would be elected in 2015 and gave the date. While the mainstream media was telling us that the election would be close, both Glazerson and Shaw knew that Netanyahu would be re-elected in a landslide if the codes were correct, and indeed they were. Rabbis and professors don't like to use the Torah to predict coming events. Nevertheless they often tell us about coming events. The Torah codes are a method of searching Biblical texts in Hebrew using a form of encoding known as Gematria. In Gematria each Hebrew letter in has a numerical value. If you add up the letters in a word or a sentence, you end up with a number. With the ability to now to decode scripture, they are revealing information that has been sealed for several millennia. The Torah codes point to September of this year and also the year 2016 seems to have additional meaning as references to "Messiah" appear routinely now.

The writer says they are “not predicting that Messiah is coming in 2016. That is something no one can do, but they- find it strange at how often the codes appear connected to the times in which we live. The number we are most interested in now is **5776**—the Hebrew calendar year for 2016 which begins this September. According to ancient Jewish texts, the Messiah will come in the 6th millennia that we’re now in. Rabbi Glazerson is always excited about these facts. He points out, if you take the numerical value for the Hebrew expression of the year which we call 2016 and take the numerical value 1335 (the number of days from Daniel 12—til the end time) they both add up to the same number of 3382+. **Both** of these numbers **add up to the same number** of 3382+. It does seem odd that the identical number of 3382+ refers to both the year 2016 and 1335. If you add 1335 days to the year 2016 it takes you to springtime 2020 which would be the end of the 1335 days. Daniel was told by the angel blessed is he that waits until the 1335 days.

In **Matthew 24: 21-22**—“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.” **Romans 9:28**—“For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness, because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.” So the Lord may need to shorten the time. Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened. **Malachi 3:1**—“Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, says the LORD of hosts.”

Malachi 4:4-6—“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: **And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse** (means total destruction and annihilation). In other words the ministry of the ones sent in the spirit and power of Elijah will be effective in turning the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; leading people to repent of their sins and return to the teaching of the patriarchs--Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses and David. People’s hearts will be turned back to Torah and God, or he will just wipe man off the face of the earth. Many are going to hear the message that is going forth now and they are going to repent and turn back to God. **Joel 2:28, 32**—“And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.” **Acts 2:18** –“and also upon my servants and on my handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:” **Joel 2:30**- “and I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.”

This year on the first day of Nisan we had a blood red moon and September during the fall holy days we will have a blood red moon also called the “big or super moon” because it will be so close to the earth during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles. On the Feast of Trumpets (Tishri

1), the first day of the biblical 2016 we are going to have a solar eclipse. This could be an introduction to the last seven years of this age culminating in the coming of the Messiah.

Revelation 6:9-17—“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood, and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”

We are headed for the time of the martyrdom of saints. Many will be beheaded. It is already happening, and thousands are being martyred every year around the world—Syria, Iraq, Libya, North and Central Africa. Christ said it would be this way. **Matthew 10: 16-24**—“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For, it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaks in you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endures to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee you into another: for verily I say unto you, ‘You shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his Lord.’”

Matthew 10:28-42—“Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For, I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household”.

“He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that takes not his cross, and follows after

me, is not worthy of me. He that finds his life shall lose it: and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it. He that receives you receives me, and he that receives me receives him that sent me. He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.”

The Days of Awe and the Great Tribulation is beckoning. It appears to be building up to a spiritual, political and economic storm that is going to smash the earth. Will you be ready for it? I say to you as Elijah said to the people of Israel when he repaired the altar of the Lord.

1 Kings 18:21-40-- “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” **Verse 36** Elijah prayed, “Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord hear me, that this people may know that you are the Lord God, and that you have turned their hearts back to you again.” Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!”

This is the choice that we have to make: If the Lord is God follow him, but if Baal, follow him!
**AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL FOLLOW GOD—THE GOD OF ABRAHAM,
ISAAC, AND JACOB. AMEN.**