

Past the Point of No Return

America – into the Stygian Darkness

Has America gone past the point of no return? Have we gone so far down the road to collapse and ruin that there is no hope left? Is the future bright and shiny, or does our doom and utter destruction, cataclysm and oblivion, beckon us onward down our present path? Is it too late to avert and forestall calamity and a chamber of horrors such as the world has never known?

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Is it already too late?

To change the course of a mammoth ocean liner, a small helm change can do the trick, but it takes time to alter the direction of a massive vessel on the high seas. By the time the helmsman on the Titanic woke up to his plight and the iceberg in his path, it was too late to change the course of the vessel, and she struck the iceberg with all her weight, and sank to the bottom of the sea.

How about U.S.S. America? Where is our ship of state heading?

State of the Nation

In 62-63 the Supreme Court voted to remove prayer and Bible reading from the public schools. In 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand in the Roe vs. Wade decision. Since then nearly 60 million unborn babies have been slaughtered. In 2001 Congress passed the Patriot Act, which has shredded the Bill of Rights and propelled our country toward a police state. What has happened?

How did we get to this place?

America still considers itself as the “land of the free and the home of the brave”. But things have changed. Every one knows it. Things have really changed, and not for the better. Since 2008 when we had the financial meltdown, things have gotten worse – much worse. -- as gas is high, wages are low, the debt is high, sentiment is low, the future looks bleak, Washington are not suffering, but the rest of the people are, with unemployment at record levels. Corruption is out in the open, new laws and executive orders are a weekly event, all of which take away more liberties and freedoms from the

people. Governments don't serve the people any more, they only serve the banksters and big business.

Corruption is everywhere. The judgments of the Great Tribulation could be triggered at anytime, now. The world has reached the saturation point of evil. Jesus Christ said of the time just before His second coming, "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all" (Luke 17:26-27).

In the days of Noah, "The earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence" (Gen.6:11). "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually [all the day]" (Gen.6:5).

We are living in the period before the storm.

Christ also said, "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed" (Luke 17:28-30).

Sodom was infamous for its homosexuality. The world today once again endorses homosexuality, and the Obama government pushes for its universal acceptance. It is even being taught in the schools, from grade school on up! Your tax dollars are being spent to study the private parts of homosexual males and the reason why lesbians are fatter and drink more than other women! The state push for recognition and legalization of "homosexual marriage" continues unabated.

Moral standards have sunk to the gutter. God thunders, "How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me and sworn by those that are not gods. When I fed them to the full, then they committed adultery and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. They were like well-fed lusty stallions; every one neighed after his neighbor's wife. Shall I not punish them for these things? Says the LORD. And shall I not avenge Myself on such a nation as this?" (Jer.5:7-9).

Most thinking Americans know that the system of government and big business is totally corrupt. Wall Street, Washington, the FBI, the CIA, DHS, and the Supreme Court just to mention a few are all puppets of the shadow government, led by Obama and his cabal of secret and not-so-secret backers – the "puppet-masters." With nary a protest, our liberties are being taken away, one by one.

What chance does an American have when the vast majority of the people themselves look to the government for support, food stamps, hand-outs, and sustenance?

Look at what happened to Joe Arpaio. His Cold Case Posse has proven that Obama's birth certificate is a fraud. But now he is not able to get any government department or official to take it to the next step. They shut him down.

Our government is in love with the Muslim Brotherhood, sponsors of violence in the Middle East, fanatical devotees of Sharia Law, who also seek to overthrow the governments of Europe and the United States. Spouting "freedom of religion," Obama brings Muslims into his government big time and places Muslim devotees in high office, including Homeland Security. Bizarre, since Muslims pose the greatest threat to the American way of life!

Terrorist Training Camp Near You?

One of the investigators who worked on a report about terror training camps operating inside the United States describes the network as no more or less than an infrastructure for attack.

It has been reported in a documentary called "Homegrown Jihad: Terrorist Training Camps Around the U.S." that "Muslims of America" operates a series of training camps in the U.S.

Jason Campbell is project manager for the Christian Action Network, which was behind the training camps investigation. He describes some of his visits to the camps, which have been located in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, Michigan, Colorado, California and Washington.

Says Campbell, "The one that really gets you concerned is in Georgia. You go down a road and all of a sudden it's just woods, and there are two roads that go straight down to the camp. It's dark because of the trees. And one of the roads is named Mecca and the other Medina. If there ever was an infrastructure for terrorism, this is it," he told World Net Daily.

Campbell also said the camps he's visited have a mosque and frequently the living conditions are "miserable." The locations are run by Muslims of the Americas Inc., a tax-exempt organization, and it has been directly linked by court documents to Jamaat ul-Fuqra. The organization operates communes of primarily black, American-born Muslims throughout the U.S. The investigation confirmed members commonly use aliases and intentional spelling variations of their names and routinely deny the existence of Jamaat ul-Fuqra.

The group openly recruits through various social service organizations in the U.S., including the prison system. Members live in compounds where they agree to abide by the laws of Jamaat ul-Fuqra, which are considered to be above local, state and federal authority.

U.S. authorities have probed the group for charges ranging from links to al-Qaida to laundering and funneling money into Pakistan for terrorist activities. The organization supports various terrorist groups operating in Pakistan and Kashmir, and follows Sheikh Mubarak Gilani. He boasts of conducting “the most advanced training courses in Islamic military warfare.”

The jihadist organization is thought to be responsible for nearly 50 attacks on American soil, but the U.S. government refuses to list it among foreign terrorists. Yet they are still thriving in the “land of the free” – as they plot to bring Americans into subjection to Islam.

But this is only one peril facing America and the western world.

The Obama Government

Wayne Allyn Root declares in a blistering indictment of the Obama government:

“Obama desperately needs your money, and he’ll stop at nothing to confiscate it. Whether it’s raising income taxes, payroll taxes, Obamacare taxes, online sales taxes or taking away exemptions and deductions, he’ll find a new and creative way to claim your money as his money.

“How does Obama steal your money? Let me share a few highlights of Don Obama’s larceny in action.

“First: through massive taxation and redistribution of wealth. Don Obama targets, hunts, demonizes, intimidates and punishes his best customers (business owners and high-income taxpayers). Even the Gambinos treated their best customers better than this.

“But taxation is only the tip of the iceberg for the Obama crime family. They can rob widows and orphans blind without ever touching their income or bank accounts. The Obama crime family’s weapon of choice is the Federal Reserve. If Don Obama can’t get his hands on your money, he merely orders the Fed to print trillions in new dollars. That makes your life savings worthless. It threatens your retirement. It even threatens the financial future of your children and grandchildren.

“All of those trillions of fake dollars printed by the Fed need to be repaid by future generations. That “Obama money” that props up the stock market — and pays for “free” Obama phones and “free” healthcare — isn’t actually “free.” It’s debt, and it all must be repaid by *your* kids.

“Don Obama is a genius. He has enslaved your heirs to a life of misery, unimaginable debt and excessive taxation — even though some aren’t even born yet. That qualifies Don Obama as the meanest, most dastardly gangster who ever lived. No wonder babies cry upon taking their first breath. At the moment of birth, they owe more than \$300,000.”

Says Root, “This Don Obama is one bad-ass killer. Just last month, 660,000 Americans left the workforce. *In one month!* There are now 90 million able-bodied, working-age Americans no longer working. That’s almost one-third of the country’s population. The workforce participation rate is the lowest since 1979. For men, it’s the lowest since 1948. Don Obama has killed so many jobs that he should be on top of the FBI’s Most Wanted list.”

Obama’s Biggest Lie of All – the Benghazi Cover Up

Benghazi – a name that will go down in history. A “crime of the century.”

Will we ever get all of the truth about the false explanations and misdirection from the Obama Administration after the terrorist assaults on our consulate in Benghazi, Libya, on Sept. 11, 2012? The cover up was fantastic. Lies, lies and more lies.

Most Americans may be too jaded and worn out looking for work to pay attention to what happens overseas – or what transpired in Benghazi, during the U.S. presidential election campaigning last fall. The stone-walling still continues. However, we’ve gotten a lot closer to the true story in recent weeks. Kudos to three courageous State Department whistleblowers who refused to be part of a shameful cover-up and to a House committee that dug long and hard to get down to more of the truth.

It is now indisputably clear that the murder of Ambassador Chris Stephens and three other Americans was planned by an al-Qaida affiliate in Libya. The CIA knew it — and told Washington. Our staff in Libya knew it — and told their superiors. Top Libyan officials knew it — and repeatedly said so. But the Obama Administration blamed it all on a wacky video which had nothing to do with it!

It was deeply moving to listen to Gregory Hicks, the former deputy chief of mission/charge d’affaires in Libya. He was in Tripoli, a two-hour flight from Benghazi, when Stevens called to tell him, “Greg, we’re under attack.”

Hicks told the committee that none of his efforts to get military assistance for the beleaguered Americans in Benghazi was successful. He revealed that a Special Operations team in Tripoli was ordered to “stand down” and not fly to Benghazi. The officer in charge of the team told Hicks, “I have never been so embarrassed in my life that a State Department officer has bigger balls than somebody in the military.”

Hicks said he was absolutely “dumbfounded” when he heard that an obscure anti-Islamic video was being blamed for turning a group of demonstrators into a murderous mob. “I was stunned. My jaw dropped, and I was embarrassed,” Hicks told the committee. He knew it wasn’t true. But that was the Administration’s story; and, by golly, they were going to stick with it.

Representative Darrell Issa (R-Calif.), the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, no doubt engaged in a bit of hyperbole when he told

Sean Hannity before the hearings began that his committee would force the Administration to come clean about “the biggest lie of all.” Issa said:

But despite the revelatory hearings, Benghazi-Gate does not now come up to the standards of “Watergate,” during the Nixon presidency, even though that was merely an attempted break-in and political burglary and hi-jinks. At Benghazi, four brave and loyal Americans died, including an Ambassador – and help was never sent, despite having armed special forces on the ground at Tripoli, and despite the fact that hours of siege went on, while the Obama Administration twiddled its fingers and did nothing.

Says the Word of God, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Prov.14:34). The Libyan scandal and cover-up should embarrass the American people, and bring outrage to their hearts and an iron will to punish the perpetrators and politicians involved, from top to bottom.

But most people today have a blasé, ho-hum, “What’s for dinner?” attitude, and could not care less. For shame!

Obama’s Great Depression

Says Wayne Allyn Root, “At this moment, despite the lies and distortions you hear from the Barack Obama-adoring mainstream media, we are experiencing an Obama Great Depression to rival anything we experienced in 1929. But the truth is being covered up by an ever-rising stock market (that is completely disconnected from the economy) and a country awash in ‘Obama money.’”

Says Root, “The Kool-Aid-drinking media is shocked by hundreds of hard facts I’ve put together proving we are in a Great Depression. They ask me: ‘Well then, why is the stock market doing so well? Why are there no bread lines or tent cities like 1929?’

“The answer is simple: Big-government spending on an unimaginable scale masks the true picture of our economy. What you’re seeing is a fraud: the biggest Ponzi scheme in world history. There would certainly be bread lines and tent cities, if government wasn’t handing out billions of dollars in checks, paid for by the Federal Reserve printing trillions in fake dollars.

“You’ve seen the numbers. Obama is the biggest spender in world history, adding \$6 trillion to the debt in only four years. Where do you think that money is going? To all-time record numbers of Americans on food stamps, disability, welfare and unemployment benefits. Now, of course, we’re embarking on free healthcare for 40 million new patients, with money we don’t have (and no new doctors to treat them).

“And just to be certain that the U.S. economy is completely destroyed, now for good measure we want to legalize 12 million illegal aliens, giving them access to more than \$9 trillion in entitlements. Makes sense, doesn’t it?

“The government is borrowing 46 cents for every dollar it spends. It’s all crazy... literally. We have borrowed from China to pay entitlement checks to Americans who no longer feel it pays to go to work, and to hand out billions of dollars in foreign aid to countries that hate us and support terrorism.

“All of this while the Fed is running the printing presses day and night to fund its weapon of mass distraction: Wall Street. As long as the stock market is up, the lapdog media can report the economy is “in recovery.”

“The plan is brilliant. You’d almost think Obama is relying on Bernie Madoff as his chief economic consultant — except even Madoff wouldn’t have the cajónes to pull off this scam. Obama has succeeded in turning Wall Street into a rigged craps game. The government is guaranteeing the results. Obama demands the Fed hands out \$85 billion of fake money each and every month and drops it onto the plates of the richest publicly traded companies. This guarantees the stock market goes up while their CEOs get filthy rich with rising stock options, which guarantees banks, Wall Street and billionaires like Warren Buffett continue to support Obama.

“Meanwhile, on Main Street the real economy is dying. There are no jobs. There is no recovery. Ninety million able-bodied, working-age Americans are not working. The workforce participation rate is setting all-time records for futility. U.S. worker hours are down and U.S. worker salaries are stagnating, while our cost of living is skyrocketing. Recent college grads are drowning in debt, with record levels of student loan default and post-college-graduation unemployment. Older Americans are dipping into their retirement savings in record numbers; 16.4 million Americans live in poverty in the suburbs; and almost 50 percent of Americans have less than \$500 in savings.

“The middle class is being systematically destroyed. Wiped out. Left with the short end of the stick. The real economy on Main Street is dying. And worst of all, our children and grandchildren will get the bill. This \$85 billion per month being used to fraudulently prop up the stock market is all debt being piled onto future generations.

“Then there’s Part II of this Obama Ponzi scheme. Separate from the Fed’s \$85 billion per month of fake money is the government spending scheme. Obama has handed out billions of dollars in stimulus, bailouts, green energy investments and government contracts to the biggest publicly traded companies, the most corrupt unions and the most connected Democratic contributors. But none of the benefit goes to small business or the middle class that is stuck paying the bill.

“Government deficit spending with money we don’t have is now paying for everything, at every level. It’s all to hide the reality that we are living in an Obama Great Depression. There are no bread lines or tent cities because we’re all living on the government dole, paid for with debt. Fraud on a massive scale. The greatest Ponzi scheme in world history.

“Housing allowances and food stamps prevent bread lines and tent cities.

“Free breakfasts and lunches at school make it seem like children aren’t going hungry.

“Earned income tax credits are handed out to millions of lower-income Americans (including illegal aliens) who pay no taxes in the first place.

“At the same time, government keeps interest rates artificially low to pump up home and car sales — and to keep the interest on the national debt from eating up the entire budget.

“And if record low interest rates aren’t enough, government purchases of GM cars are up 79 percent. The government is artificially propping up GM with your tax dollars. It’s all a scam.

“Take away all this spending and printing by government, and it would look *exactly* like 1929.

“We are in an *Obama Great Depression* masked by government spending and debt that didn’t exist during the first Great Depression. The true extent of this economic Armageddon is being hidden, disguised and propped up with government spending, programs and Fed printing never imagined in the 1930s.”

What’s the End Game?

Root asks the question, “What’s the end game?” He declares, “First, all this spending and printing is to prevent economic collapse and total panic. Second, it’s to achieve the Marxist dream: redistribution of wealth to Obama’s voters and contributors. Third (and this is the big one), it’s to create a two-class society.

“Karl Marx hated the middle class. He felt they needed to be eliminated to create equality, fairness and social justice (i.e., shared misery). Will people be hurt? Sure, they’ll lose their jobs and homes. But to Marxists, the end justifies the means. Obama needs a two-class society to make his plan work; the two classes are the super rich and the poor. The key is both are dependent on government to survive.

“The super rich love crony capitalism — with Obama handing out stimulus, Fed printing and government contracts like candy. That’s how the super rich and politically connected stay rich and get richer. The rest of us will be poor, which makes us dependent on Obama for government checks to survive. Government will pay for our lives from cradle to grave, while confiscating most of our income.

“This is a Ponzi scheme that even Madoff could never have imagined. (Wayne Allyn Root, personalliberty.com, May 9, 2013).

Shocking? Disturbing? Why have we been saddled with such a corrupt, wicked government? But, as Wayne Allyn Root asks, “What is the End Game?”

Where is it all leading? What will the outcome be?

A Letter from Israel

A man in Israel wrote to me the following letter, saying:

As you know, from the time that the land of Israel was re-united to the Jewish people in the year of 1948 to the year of 2013 has been 65 years – Isaiah 7:8.

Now according to my K J V the new Scofield reference Bible, in the commentary section, it says in the book of first kings: that the house of Israel lasted for 210 years, before being evicted from the land of Israel, so if the 210 years is correct that means that the 210 years represents (3 generations of 70 years) in the land of Israel as the house of Israel.

So here is the kicker!

So When Ephraim and Manasseh began to become two very important and blessed nations in the year of 1803 after 2520 years of judgment, can you tell where all this new info is leading to? So therefore, if you were to add 210 years (3 generations of 70 years) to the year of 1803, can imagine what year we come to?

$1803+210=2013$

Does history repeat itself? What do you think, good, bad, ugly, etc. or is this info already well known or is in your book about America & Great Britain?"

The letter of course is very interesting. I've never seen that remarkable timeline put forward before. Fascinating, to say the least! It is an incredible parallel, and once again leads us to see and believe that the year 2013 – this very year – will be a humdinger, a blockbuster, a singular phenomenon, a horizon epochal event.

We must “stay tuned,” and “stay in the breach,” and keep on the spiritual firing lines, and stay prepared, waiting for the soon return of our Lord and Master, Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, Yeshua the Messiah! Amen, Amen!

In a follow-up email, the man from Israel declared:

“I forgot to mention in my last e-mail to you a few hours ago and what I forgot to say was, as you know Jerusalem was destroyed in the year 70 A D and once again in the year of 135 A D when the Jewish people were evicted from the land of Israel.

“So here is what I forgot to say: From 135 minus 70 equals 65 years 65 years seems to happen at least three times that I know of in the

Bible at this time.”

The Mysterious 65 Years

The original prophecy, in Isaiah, says, “Within 65 years Ephraim will be broken, so that it will not be a people” (Isa.7:8). This same prophecy speaks of Syria and Damascus, its capital.

Syria is in Civil War at this moment, with the United States – modern Ephraim – supporting the rebels, even though they include the Muslim Brotherhood and members of Al Qaeda. Syria, and the Muslims, have always hated the Jews, and the state of Israel, despising its very existence, and agitating for another Holocaust. The U.S. has become very anti-Semitic, in reality, as it plays its cards close to the vest, but allying with the Muslim nations of the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia, from whence Wahabism, fundamentalism and terrorism were spawned and are supported.

It has been 65 years, now, since the founding of the state of Israel in May, 1948! Will modern day Ephraim now become “broken,” as this prophecy suggests? So much so, that it will not be a “united people”?

Already, the disunity is obvious, and disturbing. Our country appears to be threatened by revolution, and seems to be “coming apart at the seams.” Republicans hate Democrats, modern Socialists hate Conservatives, the “race card” is being played daily, and Obama has become the most divisive president in U.S. history.

The U.S. economy teeters on the brink of disaster, the country is \$16 trillion dollars in debt, and the slightest hiccup could send the economy over the cliff and into a fatal crash-and-burn scenario. We are living on the “edge.” As the apostle Paul wrote, “In the last days perilous times will come. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God” (II Tim.3:1-4).

Our government and people in general are becoming increasingly hostile toward the Bible, and Christianity – especially those who take the Bible seriously. It is almost as if we are tempting God, or thumbing our nose in His face.

And the consequences will be awesome – and catastrophic. God’s Word warns, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (Gal.6:7)

What is the root cause of all our growing ills, today?

We Have Forgotten God

The modern generation has forgotten God. So God declares, “Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the Rock of your

stronghold, therefore you will plant pleasant plants and set out foreign seedlings . . . but the harvest will be a heap of ruins in the day of grief and desperate sorrow” (Isaiah 17:10-11).

God says of our peoples, “I have nourished and brought up children, and they have *rebelled against Me*. The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master’s crib; but Israel does not know, My people do not consider. Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward” (Isaiah 1:2-4).

God declares, “I will give children to be their princes, and babes [margin, “capricious ones”] shall rule over them. The people will be oppressed, every one by another and every one by his neighbor; the child will be insolent toward the elder, and the base toward the honorable” (Isa.3:4-5).

God thunders, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have *rejected knowledge* [of God], I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have *forgotten the law of your God*, I also will forget your children” (Hosea 4:6).

People today don’t want to hear about God or His judgments. They don’t take Him seriously. In fact, as God told Isaiah, “Now go write it before them on a tablet and note it on a scroll, that for time to come, forever and ever: That this is a **REBELLIOUS** people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the LORD; who say to the seers, ‘Do not see,’ and to the prophets, ‘Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us **SMOOTH THINGS**, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us’” (Isaiah 30:8-11).

Because of this attitude, “Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perversity, and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you *like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes SUDDENLY, IN AN INSTANT*. And He shall break it like the breaking of the potter’s vessel, which is broken in pieces” (Isaiah 30:12-14).

God looks down on this wayward, intransigent, stubborn generation of lawless rebels, and declares, “Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out My hand and no one regarded, because you disdained all My counsel, and would have none of My rebuke, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you” (Proverbs 1:24-27).

Our nation and our leaders and people, from top to bottom, have forgotten God, turned their backs on Him, and rejected His laws and counsel. They forget that He rules over all. They think they can carry on, oblivious to Him and His Word – and so a trap has been set for their feet. God declares, “Because they hated knowledge and did not

choose the fear of the LORD . . . They would have none of My counsel and despised My every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies, for the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them” (Prov.1:29-32).

God rules in the kingdoms of men. We have a responsibility to seek His way, His face, and His truth, for self-preservation as much as anything else. Woe be to those who continue to defy the living God and ignore His commandments. Governments steal from their citizens, and their citizens steal from each other, and judgment is surely coming!

2013 in Bible Prophecy

Isaiah declares, “Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, and it will be a ruinous heap . . . The fortress will also cease from Ephraim, the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria. . . . In that day it shall come to pass that the glory of Jacob will wane, and the fatness of his flesh grow lean [economic misery, great depression]. It shall be as when the harvester gathers the grain, and reaps the heads with his arm. Yet gleanings of grapes will be left in it. Like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives at the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in its most fruitful branches” (Isaiah 17:1-6).

When will this happen? When will modern Ephraim-America be punished? When will Syria fall? The two prophecies are intertwined, interlinked, woven together. God says, “Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken.”

Israel became a nation after about 2,000 years of wandering and exile. Israel was given a land by the United Nations, part of their ancient homeland, in November 1947, and became a nation-state May 14, 1948.

Sixty-five literal years brings us to May 14, 2013, according to the Roman calendar we use today!

It would appear that our demise and diminishment are coming upon us at break-neck speed. We will face the consequences of our actions very soon. Our time for repentance is almost up.

The Word of God shows us that the fate of America has been determined – by her own people. Our refusal to repent and turn to God will be our undoing. With almost 50 million people on food stamps, millions more on the government dole, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, and government sanctioned housing benefits, and burgeoning national debt, the whole edifice is teetering, swaying, and threatening to topple to the ground – with no safety net left. It will lead to mayhem, gang violence, starvation, panic, and civil war. The tree of American liberty will topple and crash to the ground.

The prophet Zechariah says, “There is the sound of wailing shepherds! For their glory is in ruins. There is the sound of roaring lions!” (Zech.11:3).

The prophet continues, “Thus says the LORD my God, Feed the flock for slaughter, whose owners slaughter them and feel no guilt; those who sell them say, ‘Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich’; and their shepherds do not pity them. For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land, says the LORD, but indeed I will give everyone into his neighbor’s hand and into the hand of his king. They shall attack the land, and I will not deliver them from their hand” (Zech.11:4-6).

God says to His people, “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezek.18:30-31).

God says again, “As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways. For why should you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezek.33:11).

The hour of judgment is rapidly approaching. God thunders, “They do not direct their deeds toward turning to their God, for the spirit of harlotry is in their midst. And they do not know the LORD. The pride of Israel testifies to his face; therefore Israel and Ephraim stumble in their iniquity; Judah also stumbles with them” (Hosea 5:4-5).

God’s warning goes forth, “Blow the ram’s horn in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah! Cry aloud at Beth Aven, Look behind you, O Benjamin! Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke; among the tribes of Israel I make known what is sure” (Hos.5:8-9).

Jeremiah cries out, “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved! For the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt. I am mourning; astonishment has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there? Why then is there no recovery for the health of the daughter of my people?” (Jere.8:20-22).

The hourglass is almost empty. The sands of time are running out. It appears too late for the nation to repent, and fall on its knees before God. Its course is set. But it is not too late for you. Individuals still have some time. They can take it upon themselves to repent, and to turn to God, now, before judgment strikes like a heavy blow!

As Paul wrote, “Behold, *NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME; behold, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION*” (II Cor.6:2). As Paul told the men at Athens, Greece, “Truly these times of ignorance God overlooked, but *NOW COMMANDS ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT*” (Acts 17:30), “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained” (v.31).

The hour is very, very late. Are you going to “redeem the time, because the days are evil”? (Eph.5:16).