

The Little Horn, the Beast and the Final 3 ½ Years

The end-time signs are exploding and converging all around Us. How far are we from the END of this age and the coming of the Messiah, king of Israel? How much longer must we wait? Has the countdown to Armageddon and the Day of the Lord already begun?

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According to historians and scholars, the long count Mayan calendar expired on December 21, the winter Solstice. December 22 was the beginning of the first day of the next age and long count calendar. Is this just the end of one long count calendar and the beginning of the next? Is that all that is going to happen, the transition from the end of one long count calendar to the next?

A lot of people thought the end of the world was really going to end and had “end of the world” celebration parties. Others were filled with terror and went into their underground “bunkers” just in case it might be “the end of the world”.

I recently was speaking to a Mormon lady, and remarked to her, “You know today is the last day of the Mayan calendar when the world is supposed to come to an end.” She did not believe it was going to be the end of the world on Friday. I mentioned that it could usher in the “beginning of a new age”.

I also told her the significance of *Ison* which is the coming great comet due to be visible to the naked eye from the earth a year from now in 2013. As the comet swings around its perihelion (closest approach), it is predicted to be just 1.16 million miles from the sun (on 11/28/13). After it loops around the Sun and forms its tail, the comet should then pass relatively close to earth –not near enough to cause any worry, but close enough to put on a super show. It will be circling the sun for 3 months and is predicted to blaze incredibly brilliantly in the skies. Following its peak brightness in mid November 2013, it will remain visible without optical aid until mid January 2014. Northern hemisphere will get the best view. Could this cometary appearance be significant?

Comet brightness predictions sometimes exceed their performance. Even so, it is certain to be spectacular, quite possible a once in a civilization event. *The Scientific American* has an article on *Ison* (10/6/12). I said to the Mormon lady, “I wonder if the comet ‘I-Son’ could be a sign of the return coming of the ‘Son of Man.’”

Our family was privileged to see *Halley's Comet* in 1986 on a Boy Scout troop event, from a mountain top in southern California. Afterward, we enjoyed taking a tour of the Mt Palomar Observatory. That year the appearance of Halley's Comet was very disappointing. It only looked like a greast spot, or a dim snowball, in the night sky.

In 1997, I took our family to the the Griffith Park Observatory in Los Angeles, where we were able view *The Hale Bopp Comet* through the official large indoor telescope, as well as through individual portable telescopes *which had been* set up outside. It was one of the best presentations I have seen. Interestingly, the Hale Bopp Comet made its showing in a very important chronological year.

1997

The Hale Bopp Comet appeared in 1997 which was exactly 6,000 years from the time of the Creation of Adam and Eve in 4004 BC. This date is according to Archbishop James Usher who based his chronology on evidence in the Bible combined with Ancient history. Peter says in II Peter 3: 8—“But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day with the Lord is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day.”

In **Genesis 1** (for the recreation), God gives a detailed outline of the days of Creation. There were six days of Creation and then the seventh day was the Sabbath of the Lord our God, and He **rested on the seventh-day**. The week has seven days. The Jewish people, the early Christians and apostle Barnabas (Acts 4:36; Acts 9:27) show that there are six days of working in the week and a day of rest on the seventh day.

Creation week is a pattern for God's overall plan for mankind. There would be 6,000 years (a day for a year) being fulfilled, and then there would be a 7th day of 1,000 years millennial period and the reign of Christ for 1,000 years as we read in Revelation 20:4. If there were six days of Creation then and each one represents a day (1000 years) of man's journey through the time periods on the earth, six days equal 6,000 years. On the 7th day, beginning the 7,000th year we approach (begin entrance) the beginning of the Millennium and the reign of Christ.

If we count back to year 4004 BC (there was no year zero) it means the 6,000 years expired in 1997 which was the year the *Hale Bopp Comet* appeared as a sign in the heavens. In Genesis 1:14, God says that the sun, moon and stars are to be for signs and seasons. Historians often date certain years as “the year of the comet” when a great comet appeared in that particular year.

Obviously, Christ did not return in 1997. What happened? Why did He not appear during that year? The answer may be revealed in an intriguing prophecy and historical event during the lifetime of the ancient Jewish king Hezekiah.

We read in II Kings 19:19-20, 32-36, where Isaiah speaks of the days of King Hezekiah when King Sennacherib of Assyria and the Syrian Empire came against Jerusalem. Concerning the king of Assyria, God said “I will defend this city, to save it

for my own sake.” Interestingly, that battle is a “*type*” of the *end-time* battle of Armageddon when the armies of the world, once again will come, circle Jerusalem and lay siege to the Jewish people and Christ will return from heaven and save His people.

Also, in the days of King Hezekiah, Hezekiah became sick unto death and Isaiah came to him and said, “Thus says the Lord: set your house in order; for you shall die and not live.’ Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, wept sorely and prayed to the Lord: ‘I beseech you, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight’” (II Kings 20:1-3). God heard, completely healed him on the third day and extended Hezekiah’s life *fifteen more years*.

If we add 15 years to 1997 we come to 2012 AD. This very year, 2012 was the prediction of the end of the long count Mayan calendar. Could this year, then, be the end of the previous age, and the beginning of a “transition time” toward the beginning of a new age – the Kingdom of God?

Could it be that this transition period is what is known in Scripture as “the time of Jacob’s trouble,” and the “time of the Gentiles” – a period of seven years ending in 2018-19?

Daniel 9:24-27

In the 70-weeks prophecy) sent by God, the angel of the Lord Gabriel gives Daniel insight and understanding. He is told, “Know that this *prophecy of 70 weeks* begins from the issuing of the commandment for your people to restore and to build the city of Jerusalem in the Middle East. There will be 70 Shavuot.” (Daniel 9:24).

Shavuot is the name of Pentecost an annual festival of God. Shavuot in this sense is the plural of Shavua (“week”). Seventy festivals of Shavuot means 70 years. If we can understand (determine) when the command went forth to rebuild and restore the Jews in Jerusalem, then we can count down the days of this prophecy.

Israel has now had 65 Festivals of Shavuot (Pentecost) which leaves five Shavuot left. Five more Shavuot from 2012 brings the year 2017-2018 as the Hebrew calendar year crosses over the Roman calendar year.

The “seventy weeks” of Daniel 9:24-27 were set forth as a period of 62 weeks and a final set of 7 weeks or 62 years and 7 years. Each Shavuot represents a year in fulfillment in this prophecy, because “Shavuot” occurs once a year. Could it be that we are now in the 65th week (year) of Shavuot with five years to go in Daniel’s 70 weeks? In other words, could it be that we have only FIVE YEARS LEFT till the fulfillment of this prophecy and the coming of the Messiah from heaven?

Another interpretation of this prophecy refers it to the first coming of Christ which occurred in 27 A.D., when He began His ministry. The prophecy speaks that

Messiah would come after “seven weeks, and sixty two weeks” counting from the decess the restore and rebuild Jerusalem. In this case, using “weeks” as periods of “seven days,” with each “day” equivalent to a “year” being fulfilled, we see another fulfillment. In 457 BC king Artaxerxes of Persia issued a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem (Ezra 7). If we count 69 weeks of years from 457 B.C. (or 483 years) it brings us to 27 AD the very year that Jesus Christ began his ministry preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.

In this case, then the 70th week of the prophecy remains to be fulfilled. It is the last week of the prophecy and equals seven years (a day for a year) and would refer to the final seven years which leads up to the second coming.

Putting both interpretations together, the 7th week of Daniel may have begun in 2010-2011, ending in 2017-2018.

What is this telling us? Simply that it’s time for all mankind to WAKE UP! It’s time the PREPARE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD!

Both interpretations of Daniel 9:24-27 reveal that the time of Jacob’s Trouble has begun!

Dividing the Land

It is very significant that this year on November 29, 2012 the Palestinians were granted non-member recognition (gives their territory limited privileges including the right to join international treaty bodies) by the 193 nation United Nations General Assembly as a sovereign nation state (*status*) this year on November 29, 2012 with a vote of 138 in favor to 9 against and 41 abstentions. *The U.N. decision means the world has come together to agree to divide the land of Israel.* This is just when the 6,000 years would be up. (The 15 years extension of Hezekiah’s life is a type).

Interestingly, it was also on November 29, 1947, when the United Nations voted to divide up the Middle Eastern lands of the British Mandate, controlled by Great Britain since the end of World War I, and approved a homeland there for the Jewish people.

The Palestinians are overjoyed with their new status. However, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, says that no decision made by the U.N. can break the bond between the land of Israel and the people of Israel, and that no power in the world can disconnect the Jewish people from the land of Israel. He is right about “no power in this world can,” but the power of Almighty God can and did in 135 A.D. and he did back in the days of King Nebuchadnezzar in 486 B.C. when he invaded Israel for the second time, destroyed the Temple and took the people captive. Then the Romans did it in 70 A.D. and finished the job in 135 A.D.

No power can do this without God’s help. At times Judah and Israel became so rebellious and full of iniquity God turned his back on them and allowed them to go into

captivity. The Palestinian Authority now says that they need East Jerusalem to complete the Palestinian state.

War Preparations

In Psalm 83:1-13, a Psalm of Asaph, the Psalmist called upon God to not hold His peace or be still, “For behold, your enemies make an uproar and exalted themselves and have taken crafty counsel against your people—consulted together with one consent against your sheltered ones. They have said, “Come let us cut them off from being a nation, let us exterminate Israel so that the name of Israel be remembered no more. They conform a confederacy against you.”

These nations who unite against Israel include the tents of Edom (Turkey), and the Ishmaelites (Arabs), Amalakites (Palestinians), Assyria (Iraq), and Lebanon. Virtually the whole world is uniting against Israel, today. Its chief enemy is Iran.

War preparation is underfoot as prophecy of the end-time unfolds.

This is prophesied by Joel, who declares, “For in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and I will enter into judgment with them there on account of My people, My heritage Israel whom they have scattered among the nations; *they have divided up My land*. They have cast lots for my people, have given a boy as payment for prostitutes, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink” (Joel 3:1-3).

The Jews have been scattered among the nations since 70 AD and 135 AD after the Bar-Kochba rebellion, and now they are beginning to return to Israel. The latest population statistics for Israel on September 2012 stood at 7,933,200 (jewishvirtuallibrary.org). Just under half of the Jewish population lives in the center of the country either Jerusalem or Tel Aviv metropolitan areas. Sixty percent of the Arab population lives in the north. Israel has been restored.

The state of Israel was created by the U.N. vote on November 29, 1947, exactly 65 years ago on the very same day that the United Nations voted to recognize a Palestinian state. The nations (UN) are dividing Israel again by giving part of the inheritance God gave to Israel to the Palestinians. This U.N. move is an attempt in the spirit of Esau to supplant the inheritance of Jacob’s children.

Obama’s Intentions

. 2013 will be very interesting under President Obama who has been re-elected for a second term in office. Now he feels free to put in place his real agenda. His first four years were merely a prelude to what he plans to do during his second four years.

Obama wants an open ticket to do as he pleases – to rule as a virtual dictator – and to unite the world under his agile hand. He plans to destroy the effectiveness of the Republican Party and all opposition. Obama wants the power to decide about escalating America’s indebtedness without any oversight.

On August 1, 2011, when speaking to the National Council of La Raza, President Obama confessed that he’d like to “bypass Congress and change the laws on my own.” He added, “Believe me, the idea of doing things on my own is very tempting, I promise you.” The audience erupted in cheers!

Guess what? *Time Magazine* has declared President Barack Obama to be once again, *the man of the year 2012*. He is secretly working with the Muslim Brotherhood, President Morsi of Egypt, and others on the creation of his version of peace in the world, especially in the Middle East. If we look at world affairs today and what is happening in America with the budget, the escalation of nuclear weapons in Iran pointed at Israel, and look in the Bible at the prophecies of Daniel, we have to conclude we are facing “end of days” and transition to the coming of Messiah to rescue us from all of our troubles.

Signs of the Times

The Scriptures give us many “signs” to look for which will occur in the end of the age and foreshadow the coming of the Messiah. These include wars, rumors of wars, pestilences, earthquakes, and famines in the world (Matt.24:6-7). Following these would come persecution on Christians, which is increasing alarmingly around the world at this very time in nation after nation – especially in Muslim and Communist countries (Matt.24:9-10). Then many false prophets would rise up out of the woodwork, deceiving many (verse 11). This too is happening today.

Then Christ said, “And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold” (Matt.24:12). A recent example of this is the senseless and multiple murders of twenty first graders, six to seven years old, and their teachers at Sandy Point School in Newtown, Connecticut. *The Daily Mail* of London, England (12/19/12) reports that evidence has now been found that Lanza, the twenty year old responsible for the multiple murders, was a practicing devil worshipper with an online computer page dedicated to Satan. He had also apparently become very angry after learning that that his mother was planning to have him psychiatrically evaluated for the purpose of placement in an mental institution.

Christ then declared that the gospel – the good news of His coming kingdom – would be preached in all the world, before His return (Matt.24:13). That phenomenon is occurring today, with the internet, radio, television, and the printing press. The signs are being fulfilled, one by one, and the end is rapidly approaching!

But what would come next? What did Yeshua warn about next?

He said, “Therefore when you see the *abomination of desolation* spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing in the holy place (whosoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains” (Matt.24:15-16). Christ pointed us to a specific prophecy in the book of Daniel.

What did Daniel have to say about this mystery?

Daniel's Visions

Let's try to put this together to see where we are in prophecy. In Daniel, chapter 7, we read about a vision of Daniel pertaining to the end of the age. He sees four great kingdoms, one like a lion with eagle's wings (the USA), a bear (Soviet Russia), a leopard (Egypt and the Arab nations), and then a composite kingdom – a “New World Order” comprised of the previous kingdoms or world powers, which will be “dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong,” which will have “huge iron teeth” and which will be active “devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet” (Dan.7:7). It will have ten “horns” – that is, be led by ten powerful nations (v.7).

Daniel then declared, “I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words” (Dan.7:8).

Daniel asked an angel to explain about the great beast, the ten horns, and the “other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous [literally, “great things”] words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows” (v.20). As he watched, he saw this horn “making war against the saints of the Most High” vs.21-22).

Daniel was told this little horn would “subdue three kings, speak great words against the God of Heaven, and persecute the people of God, “And shall intend to CHANGE TIMES AND LAW. Then the saints will be given into his hand *for a time, times, and half a time*” (verse 25).

Could these three horns which are plucked up be the three nations in the Middle East which Obama has overthrown or is in the process of overthrowing – Libya, Egypt, and Syria? President Obama's foreign policy has created an apparent defacto alliance with the Muslim Brotherhood which he supported in its overthrow of Quaddafi, in Libya, and President Mubarak, of Egypt.

Egypt's first democratically elected Islamist President Morsi has announced on state television that any challenges to his decrees, laws and decisions were banned. “The constitutional declarations, decisions and laws issued by the president are final and not subject to appeal.” Prominent Egyptian opposition figure, Mohammed El Baradai has accused Morsi of usurping authority and becoming a “new Pharaoh.”

The Three and One Half Times

What are three and one half “times”? The prophecies of Daniel are interpreted by the Bible itself, specifically in the book of Revelation. John speaks of this same kingdom and figure who will rise up and persecute the saints. He says, “And he was given a mouth speaking great things [“pompous words”] and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for *forty two months*” (Rev.13:5). He will “make war with the saints” and “overcome them” (verse 7). Notice! The “time, times, and half a time” are here interpreted as “forty two months” – which is three and one half years!

Could this prophecy in Daniel speaking of the three uprooted nationst be Libya, Egypt, and Syria, taken over by the Muslim brotherhood, with the connivance and aid of Barack Obama? Could Barack Obama be the one who shall speak “great words against the most High”, and He shall “think to change tines and laws”, and begin a massive persecution of Christians?

The Obama Administration is the most lawless government in American history. Obama is, more and more, ruling by fiat and executive order. His re-election has pulverized the power of the Republican Party. More and more he is changing laws and times. As Charles Krauthammer has pointed out time and time again, his regime is the most lawless and brazenly contemptuous in American history.

The Final Week

Daniel continues the end-time prophecy in chapter 9, with the vision of the “seventy weeks” (Dan.9:24-27). Note, here, the conclusion of this prophecy. It states, “Then he shall onfirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate [or, desolater]” (Dan.9:27).

Here we see a final “week” of years, or seven year period. It, too, is divided into two halves, each one a period of three and one half years! It is in the middle of this final week of years that the “beast” takes control of the Temple of God, in Jerusalem, stops the daily sacrifices, and pollutes the Temple by introducing an “abomination of desolation” – an idolatrous image – into the Temple’s Holy of Holies itself.

The apostle Paul speaks of this event, saying, “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away [great apostasy] comes first, and the man of sin [lawlessness] is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the Temple of God, showing himself that he is God” (II Thess.2:3-4).

The final “half” of this seventieth week of Daniel corresponds to the final 3 ½ years or 42 months that the Beast or Antichrist will rule the world, occupy the Temple, and persecute the saints and overpower them.

Daniel 11

This great prophecy of the end time is also expounded in Daniel, chapter 11. Here we find one called the “king of the north” who will “muster forces” and “take away the daily sacrifice and place there the abomination of desolation. Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits” (Dan.11:31-32).

This will be a time of great apostasy and egregious error, spiritually. It will be a time of division and discord, anger and betrayal. Daniel goes on, “And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering. Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue [or, slipperiness, flattery]. And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time” (Dan.11:33-33-35).

This is clearly speaking of the same time, and the same great tyrant and dictator. Daniel goes on, “Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall *exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods*, and shall prosper until the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. He shall regard neither the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all” (Dan.11:36-37).

Until the 3 ½ years are accomplished, this antichrist beast power will be unstoppable by God. God says, “What is determined shall be done.” He is the one in charge and working all these things out and that is the way it is going to be. It is our job to get ready, purify ourselves and overcome that we might be judged worthy to be protected by God and escape these things.

The beast will regard neither the god of his fathers, Allah or the “desire of women” – the so-called “Jesus” figure adored by paganized Christian churches, whose image is derived from the ancient pagan god Tammuz, also known as Apollo, who played the flute and had long hair. The Christ of the Bible wore short hair, as did every Jewish man of His time. As the apostle Paul said, it was considered a “shame” for a man to wear long hair (I Cor.11:14). Long hair for men is a sign of rebellion against God.

A “Foreign God”

The end-time Beast will exalt himself above all gods and honor a god of forces— “But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. Thus

he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain” (Dan.11:38-39).

Could this not be a reference to the Papacy of Rome, and the Pope, and the Roman Catholic Church, which he will honor and exalt, for their part in proclaiming him as the Christ, the returning Messiah, the long awaited Saviour? Could this not be his “payment” to the one associated with him in his power quest, the “false prophet” who aids and abets his quest for glory?

This figure would be the “second beast” of Revelation. The apostle John says of him, “Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived” (Rev.13:11-14).

The Time of the End

At the very end, however, things will not go as planned. The worldwide kingdom will begin to crumble and fall apart.

Daniel declares, “At the time of the end the King of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom [Turkey], Moab [Jordan], and the prominent people of Ammon [capital city of Jordan]. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels” (Dan.11:39-43).

This is talking about the days ahead of us now. We are apparently moving toward the middle of the last seven year period of Daniel and this age. It will be a time of great tribulation (Matt.24:21-22)—the time of “Jacob’s trouble” (Jer.31:7).

Certainly we need to be consistently watching these things unfolding around us and praying always, Christ declared, “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pry always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36).

The Need for Repentance

Most Americans do not know President Obama's real agenda—what he truly believes, or where he is from or where he is really going. Like mass hypnosis, the people are drawn to his oratory style with the reverberating promise of “hope and change” even though they don't know what the hope is for or what the change is.

Many in America have prayed for a different person in the Oval Office, someone who will save us. But God has commanded that we do the necessary repentance of our private and national sins, and then and only then, will He remove the yoke of bondage from ruling over the nation, and bless our land, and deliver us from our enemies. That is yet to be done. The vast majority of people have not yet shown any willingness to confess their sins, and to repent. The majority of Americans have brought Divine judgment upon themselves.

Why has Almighty God allowed Barack Obama to become the end-time ruler over America, and very likely soon the world?

Daniel explains it. Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar, “This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: *to the intent that the living may know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever he will and sets up over it the basest of men*” (Daniel 4:17).

The crying need, today, is for national repentance and turning back to God and His laws and statutes. The Bible needs to be the basis of education in all our schools, universities, and institutions of higher learning. The Word of God needs to be the foundation stone of our government, legislation, and judicial system.

God's Word lays it on the line. Almighty God thunders, “But if they confess their iniquity and their fathers' and their unfaithfulness to me and walking contrary to me. If their uncircumcised, disobedient, rebellious hearts are humbled and they accept their guilt and repent, then I will remember my covenant with Jacob and the land. They refused to accept my judgments and abhorred my statutes. Yet, I will not utterly destroy them or break my covenant with them. I am their Lord their God and for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors that I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations that I might be their God. I am the Lord” (Leviticus 26:40-44).

With his hands outstretched Solomon prayed at the dedication of the temple of God and said: “Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple I have built! Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O Lord my God, and listen to the cry and prayer that your servant is praying before You: that Your eyes may be open toward this temple day and night, toward the place where You said that You would put Your name, that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place. And may You hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive” (II Chron.6:18-21).

“Whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads his hands out toward this temple: then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of the sons of men), that they may fear You and walk in Your ways as long as they live in the land which You gave to our fathers” (II Chronicles 6:29-31).

God responded to Solomon’s prayer. “I HAVE HEARD YOUR PRAYER. I have chosen this place as the house of sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no RAIN (as in the Midwest 1930’s) or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence (comets often signify coming pestilence on earth) among my people, If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, THEN I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer made in this place. Now I have chosen and sanctified this house that my name may be there forever and my eyes and my heart will be there perpetually” (II Chronicles 7:12-14).

Are we willing to humble ourselves and to repent and turn back to God while there is yet time before the Holocaust? If not we will go into the Holocaust and when the trials and tests are great enough people will start to repent by hundreds, thousands and millions. The logic of consequences is the most effective teacher.

When I was nine years old, my Dad had just returned home on leave from fighting off the coast of Korea on a tour aboard the battleship Missouri. For some reason I walked into the dining room and heard my mother and him talking about America and made the offhand comment, “I don’t care about America! What has America done for me?”

When my Dad heard that comment and attitude, he jumped up from his chair, grabbing me and half carried me marching into the bedroom and grabbed my mother’s hairbrush. Over his knee I went and he proceeded to “warm” my backside very meaningfully with that plastic hairbrush. OUCH!! I remember yelling and screaming loudly, “I’M SORRY, I’M SORRY!” I really meant it from my heart and really truly got the message. I have never had a problem with that attitude since.

I really learned to love America, my country. It takes immediate correction to rid foolishness out of the heart of a child. As God says, “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction (discipline) shall drive it far away from him” (Proverbs 22:15). God as our Father is a perfect parent and corrects us in perfect love in our attitude of imperial defiance and rejection of His way and law.

Will we listen to God’s divine warnings of impending judgment? The times are fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand! Almighty God declares, “Listen to me, O Israel. The Lord God has sworn by his holiness, I will bring upon you what I have announced because you refused to return back to me. Prepare to meet your God, O Israel” (Amos 4:12).