WHY JUDGMENT?

In the last chapter, I shared two experiences I had on the coming judgments of the nations. The first was March 31; the second occurred June 1st and foretold the coming of the Red Horse.

In this chapter, I am going to explain the eight major reasons for this coming judgment. Each one can be found in the book of Amos. It was by Divine instruction that I found my answers to both the vision and the visitation in the book of Amos and in the book of Joel. Consequently, it is primarily out of the book of Amos that I give this portion of the message. Although other prophets mentioned the Lord's judgment as being a "Divine Fire", no other prophet used this terminology so frequently as Amos. However, a scripture found in Jeremiah lends itself as a strong word to awaken the understanding concerning our nation.

God's Word to America:

My wound is grievous and incurable. But I said, Surely this sickness and suffering and grief are mine, and I must endure, tolerate, and bear them. (Jer. 10:19 Amp.)

It is for the following reasons that we are **spoken of** as incurable and are called on to bear the suffering of our sickness.

~God's Law Despised~

They have despised and rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept His commandments. (Amos 2:4b)

The nations of the world are guilty of this. If only God's Word were loved instead of hated. But, how can we as a nation of God's children wonder about the world, when we cherry-pick what we will like and what we will disregard. If the church can't find it in her heart to cherish the entirety of God's counsel, the total dimension of His revealed Word, then we cannot ask the world to regard it. To love His promises yet disregard His commandments is cherry picking, a sort of taking what looks sweet and leaving what looks sour.

If we loved the Word of God, we would carefully obey it. In so doing, the sinner would learn to respect His Word and eventually many more would come to love it through Christ. Yet, in disobeying it, in whatever measure this is true, we have all despised it. Thus, we have perverted the land. One scripture makes the Lord's stand on this issue so clear:

If my people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal there land. (II Chron. 7:14)

A sluggard does not plow in season, so at harvest time he looks and finds nothing Prov. 20:4 (NIV)

He is not talking to the sinner here. He is talking to His own. Our land is sick with the cancer of sin, and cancer without a cure kills. The church has the cure, but she won't use it. So the cancer is eating the land to utter decay and ruin.

Oh, Church! What will it take for the Lord to bring us to tears over our nations? Won't someone hear Him, believe, and take action? The action of fulfilling the just requirements of the revealed will of God found in His Word? If not, at least prepare yourselves and your families. Time is running out. Judgment is only five minutes away!

~Slavery~

I will not reverse the punishment of it or revoke My word concerning it; because [as slave traders] they carried away captive the whole Jewish population. (Amos 1:6b Amp.)

There are two major groups to whom America still owes a debt that she has spent little to repay, and as concerning one of these groups, Canada is equally as guilty.

The first in America is the Native American, in Canada, the Indian. You might say we have never made slaves out of the Indian nations. Look again. From the time the white man embarked on the shores of North America, these people have been treated in inhuman ways. Look at the reservations and inner cities where they have been driven. Notice the chains? Oh, they are not around their necks, their wrists, or ankles. They are around their minds, hearts, and souls.

They are in every conceivable way, chains of dehumanization, degradation, and poverty. Our ancestors came here to establish a "Zion", a New Jerusalem. Somehow, wires got crossed, and instead of winning America with the Word, we sought to win it with things that kill: guns, whiskey, and treaties we had no intention of keeping. We took their land, but that wasn't the worst of what we took. WE took their *dignity*, and we've *never* given it back. We wiped out whole tribes in the name of progress. Then we decided to uproot whole nations from their land and put them into what we would call reservations.

A just weight and balance are the Lords: All the weight of the bag are his work. Prov. 16:11

It wasn't until 1879 that a judge by the name of Elmer Dundy saw beyond a man's skin and his ways and into his soul. An Indian chief by the name of Standing Bear

carried his dead son into Omaha from out of state so that he might bury him with his ancestors. While weeping, he stood before this judge, telling him to relate to his own heart if it were his son. The whole scenario so touched Judge Dundy that for the first time he realized that these people have feelings and reasoning powers not unlike our own.

As a result, he was instrumental in changing national recognition of the Native American by issuing an edict as follows:" Indians are persons within the meaning of the law."

The are not savages without souls. They are people. They have dreams and aspirations and a desire for identity deep down inside that most bury where their hope has been buried, in the grave of hopelessness.

Few people can understand what we have done to these precious people that God loves.

The Indian's life expectancy is about 65% of the white man's in the same country. Why? Drugs, alcohol, and murders are the three major reasons. If that's as far as you look, it looks like it's their problem. Look further. What are the reasons for the above? Grief is number one. Yes grief, and for several reasons. For two hundred years, generation upon generation has known the slavery of dehumanization, mothers being separated from their babies, children growing up never knowing their fathers. One of the greatest cultural problems among them is the now seemingly inherent inability to bond, something only Jesus can restore. Break down the family, and you break down the nation. They are in short, grieving the loss of dignity, identity, love, and hope. In grieving, they have become bitter and self-destructive. It can be likened to the picture of an abused child becoming an abusive adult.

For ten years, I have wept bitter and agonizing tears for these people. They have been the Lord's tears - weeping for their pain. Many, I'm sure, can recall the commercial where the Indian is moving down the river in his canoe with tears in his eyes over the litter that covers the land. For ten years, I have seen Jesus dressed in Indian garb, rowing down the rivers of Indian garb, rowing down the rivers of Indian nations in North America, weeping over the human souls that have been *treated as litter* because their skin is red.

Today, He is going to move among the hundreds of nations of these precious people bringing revival, first to their souls through salvation and then to their hope, their families, and nations. Jesus is going to give them the dignity we haven't. One of the international miracles that will mark this move of God is that millions of Indian people are going to be saved, and multitudes will be used in marvelous ways interglobally. My daughter Ricci saw in a vision, crosses suddenly going up in reservations all over North America.

But, North America, judgment is sweeping your shores for the cruel tyranny over the human soul.

The second group is the African American.

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that the nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate - we cannot consecrate - we cannot hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth. (Emphasis author)

This address was given in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln. Reread the last section.

That this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, *shall not perish from the earth*.

The war that this address responded to was to free the African American people from slavery. The war was thought to have been won at the time of this speech. Abraham Lincoln would have had no way of knowing that these people would still be fighting this war in the 1990's.

You might say we don't have slaves today. Oh, dear Christian, open your eyes. The chains around these people are as real as though they were still being kept as illiterate slaves on plantations. They are still fighting for equality. A black man, by and large, has little more respect in America today than he did 60 years ago. They are not angry without a cause. Young people are still fighting for respect and equality on our college campuses, in the job market, and in our public schools. There are places in this nation where there is still racial discrimination going on. I have ministered in the South where whole cities are firmly established on the principle, "equal, but separate". But, the equal is anything but equal.

Secondly, the "separate" is prejudice. If your skin happens to be black, you feel it twenty-four hours a day in all the spoken and unspoken words by the white race. Yet, this is as common in churches as anywhere else you would go. It doesn't occur everywhere, but it shouldn't be anywhere and certainly not to the degree it is.

People question me as to what I think we owe these two races for the wrongs committed against them. I tell them, it doesn't matter what I might think we owe anyone. What matters is what the Lord is saying we owe.

How can you repay the price of innocent blood? The Lord spoke one time in the depths of incessant prayer, "The blood of my black people is crying out to Me from the ground." Further, He is saying," I'm about to answer that cry." It is the innocent blood that concerns the Lord. It is the wretched mentality of any group of people that can justify any kind of abuse, physical, or emotional, on any race of people because of the color of their skin, or lack of understanding of their ways.

America is still keeping these people, as a whole, in bondage. There are those who have squeezed out and proven themselves but perhaps two-thirds still fight hopelessness in light of the overwhelming mountains of racial prejudice. The Lord is saying "Help them break their chains." He isn't saying to do it all for them. That would be as disgraceful as what we've already done. Just *help* them. *Identify* with them instead of judging them.

Prejudice is in the soil of this land. It operates against many cultures and many people. Some find it easier to rise above than others, but none have lived under the tyranny of prejudice like those two groups, except perhaps the Jews, None of it can be justified.

The Lord promised:

I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the Fathers upon the children. (Deut. 5:9)

Everything we do has a reciprocal effect. How many of us have seen our children suffer the consequences of our sin? We don't want it to be so, yet it happens because there are spiritual laws that are in effect, and always will be. If we don't repent, and as a result our children fall into the same trap or pattern, then why do we think that the consequences won't perpetuate along with the sin?

We must actively engage to reverse the sin and the left over consequences of those sins against people, or we will fit into the same category as the lawyers of old of whom the Lord said:

Woe to you, the lawyers, also! For you load men with oppressive burdens hard to bear, and you do not personally[even gently] touch the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe to you! For you are rebuilding and repairing the tombs of the prophets whom your father skilled (destroyed). So you bear witness, and give your full approval and consent to the deeds of your fathers; for they actually killed them, and you rebuild and repair monuments to them. (Luke 11:46-48 Amp.)

This is a principle. If we don't reverse the sin, we are in effect agreeing to the sin. There is no room for indifference to these issues.

That doesn't alleviate the responsibility upon the Indian and the black people to do their part in seeking God through Jesus Christ and to do their part in the restoration among their people. but for this sin, the hardest judgment will come, as it always does, to the oppressor.

~A Vision for African Americans~

As she gazed intently at the sight before her, she saw a black man in his late 20's standing by a railway blowing a trumpet. The train looked typical to the 1930's and was full of black passengers. The young trumpeter was wearing sun glasses and lightweight clothes as though prepared for a warm summer's day.

"Be not enslaved to the things in the yesteryear. Put on a new robe - walk in a new light. I go before you to prepare the way. Look not to the left or the right. Keep your eyes blinded to the things the world offers. Keep your eyes on the Giver of life and light, and all you need to be restored and satisfied will be yours. For I am coming soon for a holy people, a people set apart from the world. How do you expect to take part in the things I've prepared for you if you have one foot in the things of yesteryear, with the other foot in the world today?" Cried the Spirit of the Lord.

This was given to my dear friend, Bonnie Daughenbaugh, in a vision in the middle of the night.

A warning for African Americans: I saw two men raised up as what looked like Islamic leaders. They had signs and wonders operating through them, particularly in the area of healings; although these were not divine healings. They incited hatred against the white race and promised healing for the African American.

I was given the ability to see their hearts. Their true interest was the wealth of the black man. After healings would be manifested, they would take up offerings. Their followers would fill the bucket with their hard-earned income.

God through Jesus Christ is the only answer to all people everywhere. He will liberate those who are of a willing heart. But all alike must forget the ways of yesterday and move forward.

There is going to be an unprecedented move among both Native Americans (Indians) and African Americans by the Holy Spirit in evangelism and healing of these two nations. But to be a part of it, they must turn from their ways of yesterday and take on the restorative power of Jesus. Forgive and seek victory through love and the power of the Lord's cross.

If something isn't done quickly, there is going to be a major uprising from within the black community. I saw this in 1990. It was shortly thereafter fulfilled. However, it will be

repeated if there are not dramatic changes. The power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in its purity and without segregation, is the only answer.

One might argue, as many have, "Since I didn't cause the problems for these or any other race, I won't take the emotional responsibility for their reversal," To that sincere statement, I'd like to offer the following!

Imagine, if you will, that your great grandfather captured a young eaglet and put it into a cage. His desire was to have the magnificent beauty of this bird in his living room, not knowing that eagles, although one of the cleanest and most majestic birds in their natural environment, are one of the dirtiest in captivity.

Soon, after, your great grandfather passed away, leaving the eagle to your grandfather. Likewise, your grandfather passed away, leaving the mature eagle to your father.

Before long you marry, and your father decide she no longer wants this messy bird, so he gives it to you. A short time later, when walking through your living room, you pass by the eagle and for the first time, notice its condition. It looks as if it is dying of sadness. Deep in your heart you know its only hope is freedom.

You didn't put the eagle into captivity, but the question now remains, "Will you enter into its pain, identify with its plight, and set it free?"

Will you? Can we not all see the various races of humanity, not the least of which are the Native- and African-Americans, which are in generational captivity, as we see this eagle to be? Seeing their captivity, will we enter into their pain, identify with them in their battle, and walk with them as a brother, working together until we seethe chains of imprisonment obliterated? If we will, we can hope to help the wounded!

~Abortion~

Because the Ammonites have ripped up women with child in Gilead, that they might enlarge their border. (Amos1:13b Amp.)

The courts and the nation did everything within human power to legalize abortion. When man won't or can't fight for the innocent, God will. Hundreds of thousands of little babies had no say against their murdering parents, doctors and press agents who were all holding hands with the system that approved abortion. But baby had a very personal audience with "The Most High". His response was, "Come to me, little one-I'll yet vindicate you."

What effect will the abortion bias have on America if, in fact, it remains legal? It really doesn't matter if we believe in a woman's right to kill her unborn infant or not. It doesn't matter what reasons or excuses we might have for the stand we hold. What we believe is going to have nothing to do with what the Lord will ultimately do with what He believes.

Man's hand assaults the flinty rock and lays bare the roots of the mountains. He tunnels through the rock; his eyes see all its treasures. Man does not comprehend its worth; it cannot be found in the land of the living. (Job 28:9, 10, 13, NIV)

There the [captive] prisoners rest together; they hear not the task makers voice. (Job 3:18 Amp)

The Word hands down a principle of God's ways. It teaches that we are given choices and the opportunity to make wise decisions. One response will afford us greater kingdom realities and corresponding protection from the Lord, while the opposing response will cause His protective covering to be removed, and we will begin to learn more about Satan's realities. Once we have headed down this path of darkness and choose to stay on it, God will warn and plead with us and attempt to intercede with us before serious disaster strikes. However, if we persist in serving the enemy, even from a distance, there is a day when all interventions stop. At that point, Jesus will say that the master that we have chosen will now have complete rule over us. Hell's fury can then be released, and God will do nothing to oppose the choice we made.

This is how that principle will be played out in America. From 1979 to 1989 there were over 100 million abortions in the Republic of China (most were coerced, said Christopher Smith to the House of Representatives.) That means nearly 100 million little mommies *never had any say* as to whether or not the little baby in their womb would be held in their arms or ripped out of their bellies and murdered.

If America and Canada decide to legalize abortion(or in the case of America, retain that law), the day will come when we too, will be given over to coerced abortions by the millions. If we decide to serve the murder of innocent babies with our voices today, soon the beast will tyrannically rule over us. It's our choice.

The Lord spoke to my fried Bonnie one night, indicating, "If you (the church) don't fight for the rights of these unborn babies when they are in need, who will fight for you when you are in need?" Although I have not quoted it word for word, this is in fact, the dynamics of the impact He made. Many months later we were in prayer together regarding the abortion issue when she received a vision. She saw smoke coming out of the Lord's nostrils and immediately knew it was God's wrath. From the depths of her inner being, she cried out, "Weep, weep, weep for your very lives."

I share these instances to point out that I'm not the only one the Lord is speaking to so strongly. Perhaps He is even now speaking to you. We must as the church fight this issue with our votes, money, prayers, and physical involvement. Our only hope is to effectively bury this issue thus establishing two pro-life nations by law, America and Canada.

~Greed~

...they have sold the strictly just and uncompromisingly righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals; they pant after the sight of the poor [reduced to such misery that they will be] throwing dust of the earth on their heads [in token of their grief]. (Amos 2:6-7 Amp.)

This is reflective of greed in the church first, then greed in the nation. Now, I'm going to knock over some golden cows, but we all need to understand why judgment is coming.

When a man can live a life of luxury and that lifestyle absorbs most of his income, there is something wrong. Its name is *greed*. There are sufficient enough teachings within the body justifying this flagrancy that as a church we can do it without guilt. That is as long as we give the Lord a tip of 10% for doing a good job of blessing us.

There would be nothing wrong with that lifestyle if the world were completely evangelized, and no one in it lacked for their needs. But, that utopia doesn't exist. Consequently, neither should ours. Cain was the first one that cried out to God, "Am I my brother's keeper?" He was the same one that, after killing his brother, wanted to make sure God would protect him so none of his other brothers would kill him.

When we spend money on our own lusts and passions, things we don't need, and we don't help the needy, we have just sold him for a "pair of sandals". When we know there are those in our own cities who don't have homes and who are living on the streets, even with children, and we own a 3,000 square-foot home and are doing nothing for the needy, we're in sin. We have just sold the needy for a "pair of sandals".

The examples I could use are endless, but the point is made. New Testament standards in this area are much higher than the Old. New Testament is all. (Acts 2:44-47 and 4:32-5:10) Why? Because Jesus gave all. He didn't just tell the twelve disciples to sell everything and give to the poor and come follow Him. That was for everyone with a near to hear, anyone that wanted to be His disciple.

Yet, I'm not saying you're in sin if you have a nice home and car, etc. What I am saying is that the gospel message is not being carried through down to our pocket books. The church is still striving for wealth and fame instead of seeking after the lost and fulfilling the call to mercy ascribed to us in Matthew 26:32-46. Jesus is saying of the Laodicean Church of today:

You say, I am rich; I have prospered and grown wealthy and I am in need of nothing; you do not realize and understand that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked. (Rev. 3:16Amp.)

Jesus further instructed them to buy salve to put on their eyes that they would truly see (See Rev. 3:18), and He chastised them for their Luke warmness, and said, "I

will spew you out of my mouth."(Rev. 3:17) Then after all those rough reproofs, He added, "Those whom I love, I tell their faults." (Rev. 3:19)

God is going to bring the focus of materialism that pervades the church to an end. In turn, we're going to get our eye son true gold and jewels, which are human souls. The North American continent, saved or unsaved, is going to hear that the Lord is not at all pleased with the greed that currently rules us. I say this, not in judgment, but love!

Understand, the Lord loves blessing His own as long as the blessings don't own us. Right now it looks more like the blessings own us, than the Lord. Our very lives and manner of living, while others so severely lack, is proof enough that God is justified in His judgment.

Let us turn from the demands of material and carnal wealth and give to the church, the poor, and the needy. Give for the saints. *Give* to the Lord! In the hour that judgment comes, He will hide us in the shelter of His wing, and in the peace of His presence. You will not know fear by day nor terror by night. If we learn mercy in fair times we won't have to learn it in hard times. As we have mercy on others, God will have mercy on us.

Hear-please hear-judgment is coming. If all this is true for the church, how much more is it true for the world? Greed is the underlying factor of most sin within every nation. It gives reason enough to do anything to anyone, including murder, to have its unquenchable desire satisfied.

God grants wealth to bring healing to the world. Greed perverts the blessing and destroys the nations in order to have more wealth. How can we wonder why God's judgments must come?

If greed is a problem in the Church, how much more is it a problem with the world. God is soon going to deal against it!

~The Judicial System~

Hate the evil and love the good and establish justice in the [court of the city's] gate. It may be that the Lord, the God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. (Amos5:15 Amp.)

America tried to form a system that would protect the people. The only problem is that the system is more perverted than many of the people it is supposed to be prosecuting. Furthermore, the people within the system have greatly aided in its increasing decline from a more puritanical judicial system to one of degradation. Of course, not all of those people within the system are a hopeless measure of injustice, but a large percentage are.

Many are the reasons for the decline. I'll mention just a few. One loss which was suffered by sinful humanity when separated from God was discernment. It is impossible

to have an unregenerated heart and mind, which are able to consistently discern truth. When a soul is cut off from the very source of wisdom, how can it make wise decisions? It isn't that many don't want to make wise decisions, they simply don't have the ability.

Diverse and deceitful weights are shamefully vile and abhorrent to the Lord, and false scales are not good. Prov 20:23 (Amp.)

Another reason is that Christians tend to shy away from government jobs, including major areas of the judicial system. Or, if they do get involved, before long, they compromise their Christian standards and are of little value to the Lord for His work to be done through them.

Then, of course, we can always look to find the extreme, in this case, "extreme perversion". There are those whose standards are so perverted they are actually dangerous in their positions. Unfortunately, this category is increasing at an alarming rate. These are people who are involved in witchcraft, sorceries, and Satan worship. They are not going to be real zealots for a pure justice they don't even understand.

Finally, working in harmony with God's plan, the only perfect justice is to come through the church, and that won't happen until we are ruling with Christ. However, had the church been on her knees, the Lord would have had much more to interject in the affairs of our judicial system. Furthermore, if more Christians would have gotten involved physically and mentally, integrating into the many crucial areas of need, and kept their righteous standard up, things would be in a much better posture than they are today.

What we have as a consequence, is a governmental and judicial system that is being headed by Satan, and it is ripe for judgment. The Word states:

Speak every man the truth with his neighbor; render the truth, and pronounce judgment or verdict that makes for peace in [the courts at] your gates. (Zech. 8:16 Amp.)

This command was born out of the evidence to the contrary, as is seen in the Psalms:

How long will you magistrates or judges judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? (v. 5)-The magistrates and judges know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness [of complacent satisfaction]; all the foundations of the earth the [fundamental principles upon which rests the administration of justice] are shaking. (Psalms. 82:2 & 5 Amp.)

It is beyond the average American to know how corrupt the system really is. It is sufficient to know, God says the very foundations of the system are shaking. We would never be foolish enough to build a home on an active fault line. We would never get the foundation laid to build a house upon if an earthquake were actively in process. Before

the first brick would be laid, the chances are you would be devoured amidst the breaking earth. Yet, this is the very picture the Lord is trying to paint. The justice system is shaking as though it had been laid on an active fault line, which of course, is the case. Anything that has not been built on the rock of truth doesn't stand a chance of survival in the processor God's judgment. Yet it is here that we've put our trust.

The issues that blatantly strike out at the righteousness The Lord requires are known to all of us on the surface level. It would take experience or deep probing to get a heart grip on the potential effects of these issues.

The platform of abortion is currently one that strikes the central nerve of North American society. This issue is being made the crucial and pinnacle basis by which our new government is to be elected. Politicians are campaigning, not on their qualities or wide variety of qualifications, which would distinguish their overall ability for leadership, but on whether or not they believe we should have a right to kill babies before they are born. The issue of abortion has become a tremendous polarization of the people in America and Canada. That issue is intricately interwoven in our judicial system.

It doesn't take long in scouting out this country to find many children who have been abused by the court system, from physical to sexual abuse. The courtrooms, Child Protection Services, and institutions, which have been set up for the protection of these abused children, afford little refuge. It has been not only my experience, but the experience of multitudes of others who have been forced to share the same heartbreaking course, that even with sufficient evidence, the courts lean toward favoring the abuser over the abused. The Lord said of these magistrates that they are blinded by the darkness of complacent self-satisfaction. Power can be a dangerous thing in the wrong hands.

Abused women and rape victims are other groups that feel the sting of prejudice. The symbol of blind justice is a mockery today. Though judges are blind to righteousness, they are not blind to race, sex, and age, as well as social status. These elements can weigh heavily on the verdict in a negative respect if it's within their lines of prejudice. With this distorted vision, they blind true justice on behalf of the needy. The Lord said that they don't even know how dark and without understanding their vision is.

Yet the church should know. We are consistently seeing criminals getting off with little or no sentencing. There are people in the Mafia who don't even fear the law, but mock it. There are lawyers who make it their specialty to get people off, whom they know are guilty. They manipulate through loopholes in the books and then gloat on Dan Rather's "60 Minutes" over their victories.

As the victim becomes ever more the victim and the violator the winner in our courts, the church should recognize something needs to be done. We need to get involved with our prayers and lobbying groups and take on positions that count, and can make a difference. We need to prayerfully and financially support those who are trying to fight for justice.

The Bible further states:

Do justice to the weak (poor) and fatherless; maintain the rights of the needy. Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the wicked. (Psalms 82:3-4 Amp.) (Emphasis added)

. . .pronounce the judgment or verdict that makes for peace. (Zech. 8:16)

What is the verdict that makes for peace? It is the verdict that has honored truth and protected the innocent. What we see at the lower levels of the courtrooms is virtually minute compared to what we see at the higher levels. The higher the power structure, the more power one has over a wider span of people. So the umbrella of influence has substantially increased until one judge has the power to swing the country this way or that.

Laws are being misrepresented, even misquoted, to the general public until black has been painted as white, wrong is represented as right. The Lord says the system is built on a foundation that is trembling with instability through falsehood.

The angel said one thing over and over again so I wouldn't miss it-"Judgment is sure judgment is coming at midnight-the hour is now II.-55 (p.m.).Judgment is sure."

He would have given us peace if we would have made the way for it by obeying His commandments-protecting the innocent, helping the needy, delivering the oppressed, and bringing forth justice. But few have had ears to hear. It's five minutes until midnight. Are you ready for the hour of judgment? If you are saved by His blood, walking in purity, if you're a person of prayer and you know the Word, then you're undoubtedly walking in the ways of God.

If not, you're not ready!

~Sexual Sins~

And a man and his father will have sexual relations with the same maiden, so that My holy name is profaned. (Amos 2:7 Amp.)

I have overthrown some among you as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. (Amos 4:11 Amp.)

~Homosexuality~

Close to twenty years ago while on a rather lengthy fast, I was in prayer for America. Suddenly my eyes were opened to a vision:

I saw a map of the United States. It was as if I were looking down upon it from high in the sky. Stretched from one end of it to the other was a "dragon". Its head was on the West Coast and its tail was on the East. It looked like a dragon you might see in pictures from the Orient. I asked the Lord what it was, and His reply was, "The Spirit of Sodomy". It is the ruling spiritual monarch over America. Its name is "Rothshon" which means "head of the goats".

While ministering in Canada in 1990, 1 asked the Lord for one word for Canada and quite frankly would have expected just about anything but what I received. I heard a voice cry out from the very heavens:

"Oh, Sodom and her sister Gomorrah-how long shall I suffer with you?" Then He spoke to me in my spirit: "If America is Sodom, then Canada is Gomorrah and both are ripe for judgment. Tell them- -Prepare!"

The major sin they will both be judged for is every hideous variety of sexual sin imaginable. I am not going to go into all the outrageous perversions that accompany homosexuality. There is literature available that gives in-depth understanding. It is not just a harmless alternative lifestyle. It is, in fact, one of the most militant and brutal moves of perversion in North America today. I also want to note that according to C.A.S.E. many school systems in America are using books that teach children about homosexuality and other forms of illicit sex as "recommended reading" for grades as early as kindergarten.

I want to reiterate here that while God hates the sin of homosexuality, He loves the homosexual and wants them to be freed of the bondage of that sin as much as He wants anyone free and born into the kingdom of God.

~Other Perversions~

Incest is rampant, perpetuating itself through the generations. It's a sickness that destroys human lives. Not that it's a physical illness; it's a spiritual sickness. It virtually sabotages every life it touches. It imposes untold suffering on children that have little control over their abuser. The irony of it is, the ones who could help them often don't.

Prostitution, pornography, adultery, and promiscuity all are cancers eating away at every culture. Sexual sin of any kind not only does emotional damage, but it often causes various forms of physical sickness that affects the innocent as well as the guilty. It erodes every level of human existence within a society. In addition, it opens the door to every kind of Satanic oppression.

Next to the religious affinity, the sexual drive is the strongest force in a person. Bend that part of a person to any degree of perversion, and you control them to that same degree. Of course, the reverse is true when there is sexual purity in mind, soul, and body. If Jesus owns that part of a person, the major battle for that saint's eternal strength in righteousness is won. If Satan is the personification of the carnal man, then

sexual perversion is the highest form of its expression. Only God knows the devastating toll this one sin alone has had on North America's children and adults alike. myriads of heartbreaks and shattered lives it has left in its fiendish trail tells the story well enough.

And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns,[and] nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, [and] considered [it] well: I looked upon [it, and] received instruction. {Considered...: Heb. set my heart} Prov24: 31 – 32

When I first saw the vision of the spirit of Sodom nearly twenty years ago, America still had a sense of shame, a sort of puritanical honor she was trying to uphold. The blatancy that typifies this nation today did not then exist. It does now because of minimal intervention by the church against these sexual atrocities. However, before judgments fully realized, we will long for today's standard as one would long for an absent best friend. The vile extent of perversion will compare tothe day Sodom and Gomorrah died.

~Sodom and Gomorrah~

In their sexual permissiveness, their lusts owned them. Homosexuality was the accepted lifestyle. In the drunkenness of their lusts, they knew no restraint. Everyone was open game. If they couldn't have what they wanted by asking, they took it by force. Consequently, rape was a common problem. When the angels came to deliver Lot, gangs of men came after them and were willing to kill in order to rape them.

This leads us to the next point, sex with demons. The aforementioned ambassadors were angelic beings. Yet, the fact that they were spirit beings in no way hindered the aggression in the hearts of those perverted men, which tells us how common this sort of practice was in those days.

In addition, the Bible clearly indicates the massive size of these gangs coming together to rape two angels. In this story, you see the following points about the "days of Sodom".

- 1. Homosexuality
- 2. Gang rapes
- 3. Sex with demons
- 4. Violence
- 5. Murder

Ezekiel lists six other facts about Sodom for which it was judged (Ezk. 16:48-50)

- 1. Pride
- 2. Overabundance
- 3. Prosperous Ease
- 4. Forsook the needy

- 5. Haughtiness
- 6. Many abominable offenses

Jesus said that in the day of His return and at the time of final judgment, it will be as in the "days of Sodom". Our streets will be filled with every kind of perversion. The question will be asked, "Who then will be safe?" The answer will be, "Those who are redeemed by the blood of our dear Jesus, people living pure and holy lives, who love the Lord and love His Word."

The Bible says, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." (Matt. 24:12) One version reads, the love of the great body shall grow cold."

Because of lawlessness, the heart will grow indifferent. Everywhere one looks, it will abound in open view until the mind becomes callous through overexposure. Christians who are not wholly given to the Lord and His purity will become defiled by multiplied lawlessness, grow weak, and eventually fall away.

Those who choose purity will be vexed by that to which they are exposed, but will grow ever stronger in holiness, seeking to redeem souls for Jesus.

By the time His judgment has fully come, His church will agree that God has indeed been long-suffering with man. Our hearts cry will be, "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

~Persecutions of the Saints~

He pursued his brother Jacob with the sword, corrupting his compassions and casting off all pity .. (Amos 1:llb Amp.)

The ultimate issue that will press the Lord to release His judgment upon the land will be the persecution of the saints. One might say it will be the straw that breaks the camel's back. Zechariah wrote," For he who touches you touches the apple of My eye," (Zech. 2:8 Amp.) and "I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for herewith great wrath [against her enemies]." (Zech. 8:2 Amp.) Further, the Psalmist wrote, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." (Ps. 116:15)

The first promise we see is that of His identification with us in suffering. It matters to the Lord when we are caused pain, affliction, and sorrow by another. His identification with us in suffering is so complete that He even says, "What you do to one of these, you do to Me." When He addressed Paul on the road to Damascus, Jesus asked him why he was persecuting Him. It wasn't in Paul's heart to persecute the Son of the Living God. He thought he was vindicating God by persecuting these impostors called Christians. Yet, the Lord's identification with the saints in their suffering was and still is absolute. It is as a result of identification that He is able to impart grace, enabling us both to forbear and ultimately prevailing victory.

We see then, that when the wicked afflict the righteous for righteousness sake, Jesus remains in the midst of His own in total identification. His Word records it like this:

In that day will the Lord guard and defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he who is [spiritually] feeble and stumbles among them in that day [of persecution] shall become [strong and noble] like David. (Zech. 12:8 Amp.)

The second promise is that of defending His elect. It will be a righteous act to justify His godly ones by the means of judgment. If by any means the word can bring a sinner to the saving knowledge of Christ by the testimony of His persecuted church it would bring Him great pleasure. However, for those who refuse to repent scorning His Lordship, it will be judgment. This is a divine stroke worthy of the Lord alone.

~Idolatry~

We don't have to look far to see the reality of idolatry in the land: Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses, Hinduism, Satanism, and the New Age Movement, which is slowly ingesting all the rest. The list is endless. Then we have what the world calls the "church", those of the Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, now even Baptists, that can't makeup their minds whether the Bible is the inherent Word of God or not. I suppose it's "to each his own" as we say in the Midwest. Man's illustrious mind is now so expanded that he thinks he can decide truth over the Holy Spirit. Does that make the mind the idol, or the heart? My heart hurts for those preposterous theologians who worship what is in the skull, rather than its Creator, and call it God.

Humanism flows like mighty rivers through every vein of the church. Only those who have been sealed away with the "Majesty" Himself, have drunk of His cup and truly eaten of His bread; those who have walked into the inner court and have heard the secret of His counsel when His Words tasted like honey out of the rock and burned like fire in their bones-those who have opened their spiritual perception and have seen Him and in seeing Him have cried, "Woe is me. I am undone, a man of unclean lips dwelling in the midst of an unclean people." Only those who have bowed under the holiness of His presence, realizing that He alone is the creator and maintainer of all that is, and in understanding this one paramount truth, "God is", have been subsequently ruptured in the realization of His wondrous mercy; only those select few, know in a small part how much humanism lives in the church.

[It is] not good to eat much honey: so [for men] to search their own glory [is not] glory." Prov 25:27 KJ

For all the idolatry of self, greed, pride, and every idol that has a religion, mysticism, or cult bowing to it, North America is ripe for judgment. The ax is being laid to the root of the tree.

Man has ripped the covers off of idolatry and exposed the nakedness of their souls to open shame. The Lord said:

... neither shall you use magic, omens, or witchcraft [or predict events by horoscope or signs and lucky days]. Turn not to those [mediums] who have familiar spirits, or to wizards; do not seek them out or be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God. (Lev.19:26 & 31 Amp.)

When the people [instead of putting their trust in God] shall say to you, Consult for direction mediums and wizards who chirp and mutter, should not a people seek and consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? (Is. 8:19 Amp.)

Yet, in rebellion to the God that created them, they say there is not a God. Then turning around, as though they couldn't hear the words of their own mouths, they bow down and worship the god of their own making. This they call wisdom? When they could consult the Creator of all that exists, they turn instead to a dead tea leaf or paper cards with no capacity to think and ask, "What is my future? Where am I going? What is my hope?" Again, not realizing that a thinking creature is asking an inanimate object to speak wisdom.

When one turns away from the living God who knows your name, the amount of hairs on your head, the day you were born and the day you will die, he has turned away from wisdom and in his deception is given over to every foolish thing. He is lost and without hope. His doom is hell. While he mocks at righteousness, Satan mocks at him because he knows the day is near when this soul will be eternally his, bound in the Lake of Fire with no remedy. It is little wonder the Lord weeps.

The land is overflowing with idolatry. Throughout His Holy Word, God says the land given to idolatry will be judged and brought to ruin. Who can save it now, but God?

In conclusion, it is primarily for these eight sins that America and Canada are soon to feel the sword of judgment scathing their landscape:

- 1. Despising God's Law
- 2. Slavery, primarily of
 - a. Indians (in Canada) and or Native Americans
 - b. African American
- 3. Abortion
- 4. Greed
- 5. The injustice of the judicial system
- 6. Sexual sins (including)
 - a. Homosexuality
 - b. Other perversions
- 7. Persecution of the saints
- 8. Idolatry

The truth of any one of these sins justifies the Lord, and yet it's all eight and many more besides.

God is One of infinite mercy. Yet, He is rigidly righteous. He can't deny any one part of Himself. This is not a time to wail over the discomfort of the prophetic future. It's not a time to even consider the loss. Rather now, like never before, turn to God with weeping and repentance. Turn with desperate need to Him, obey Him, love Him, worship Him. Serve Him by serving humanity and get involved with the issues. Then you'll know the comfort of His presence in the storm and the joy of His strength to face the future, confident of His tender care for you.

-PREPARE-