

# ***Emerging Successfully from Three Major Storms that Will Soon Dramatically Change America***

*Why We Must Explore Our Biblical Heritages Series Module #01*

*Before the coronavirus unleashed the most severe health crisis in a century, experts were already focused on preparing for two major storms that will hit America in 2020s.*

## **The First Storm**

The first storm reappears every fifty years in America's history. It unleashes a major economic crisis. In every previous cycle, this has been a very **painful and wrenching experience for many Americans.**

- *Policies that worked for the previous fifty years stop working and became the cause of significant harm to the society.*
- *As the crisis intensified, what had been regarded as "common sense" is discarded as leaders grasp for straws to save them.*
- *Members of the political elite class insist that nothing is wrong with the economic institutions they created and control. They tell people to just hang on, the "old normal" will return, and the institutions that caused the problems will save them.*
- *As the segment of the public experiencing real pain grows, they come together and rebel as they realize the old political elite class is the cause of their pain.*
- *New groups with new values, new policies, and new leaders emerge and change America's economic institutions.*

## **The Second Storm**

The second storm reappears every eighty years in America's history. It unleashes a major political crisis. In every previous cycle, **the way America's political institutions work has shifted.**

- *The broad framework of the Constitution stays in place.*
- *Federal and state institutions change their relationships to each other and the ways in which they work.*
- *Extreme political and economic conditions reveal structural weaknesses in political institutions and a new institutional system emerges from the crisis.*

Each of the previous cycles took place when the existing institutions no longer worked. The 2020s would have been the first time in the history of America that both storms hit the nation during the same decade. The experts predicted it would trigger a major crisis that would be much more severe than in previous cycles.

### **The Third Storm**

**And then a third storm appeared out of nowhere -- the coronavirus.** In less than a month it has already clearly exposed numerous weaknesses in America's political, economic, social and religious institutions. **The old power elite that control those institutions are telling everyone to do what they say and "the old norm" will return.**

*If we were only facing the potential damage from the first two storms, history tells us it will take years – not weeks or months – for new institutions and a new norm to emerge.*

In today's world, with super computers coming online and social media networks that link billions of people around the world together – *the emergence could happen much faster.* **And that could radically speed up America's recovery or demise.**

*The key factors in what will determine America's future are the values of the groups competing for control of America's political, economic, social and religious institutions.*

Our work at the *TOV Center* and *Biblical Heritage Center* is designed and coordinated to do the following.

- Help people make **conscious decisions** about **which values they will hold**.
- Provide people **facts-based transparency-creating information**.
- Help people **network together** to **participate in the creation of the next generation of political, economic, social and religious/spiritual institutions**.

*Lives 1<sup>st</sup> Living* is about raising the awareness of, educating and assisting in doing the following:

- *Promoting values that protect and preserve lives, make lives more functional and increase the quality of life.*
- *Valuing human lives above money, wealth, profits, shareholders and corporate executives.*
- *Rewarding businesses and markets that increase the quality of life in the communities in which they are located and serve.*

- *Developing citizenship skills required for people to be informed and engaged in securing the Rights of Life, Liberty, The Pursuit of Happiness, Justice, Domestic Tranquility, The Common Defense and General Welfare of all Americans.*

History indicates that Americans will fall into three classes as they face the storms:

- *protectors of the old institutions*
- *passive by-standers*
- *active creators of the new institutions*

**Lives 1<sup>st</sup> Living** and **Exploring Biblical Heritages** emails are designed to educate **the active creators**. Thank you for reading this and please share and discuss it with others.

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