

***A NATION IN NEED OF HEALING”***  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

***MURDEROUS COWARDS***

This year marks the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the worst act of war ever committed on United States soil. On September 11, 2001, 19 radical Muslim terrorists from the Islamist militant group al-Qaeda hijacked four jets. Two were flown into the twin towers of the World Trade Center. One was flown into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crashed outside of Shanksville, PA.

In each case, every person on board was killed. On that fateful day, at 8:46 a.m., five hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into the World Trade Center's North Tower, and at 9:03 a.m. another five hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 175 into the South Tower. Five hijackers flew American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon at 9:37 a.m. A fourth flight, under the control of four hijackers, crashed United Airlines Flight 93 near Shanksville, PA at 10:03 a.m. after the passengers fought the hijackers.

As America and the world watched in stunned disbelief, three buildings in the World Trade Center Complex collapsed due to structural failure. The South Tower collapsed at 9:59 a.m. after burning for 56 minutes. The North Tower collapsed at 10:28 a.m. after burning for 102 minutes. When the North Tower collapsed, debris fell on the nearby World Trade Center building 7 damaging it and starting fires. These fires burned for hours and compromised the building's structural integrity, and building 7 of the WTC collapsed at 5:21 p.m.

***DEATH***

On that tragic morning, a total of 2,996 people died, including the 19 hijackers and 2,977 victims. The victims included 246 on the four planes (from which there were no survivors), 2,606 in New York City in the towers and on the ground, and 125 at the Pentagon. All the deaths in the attacks were civilians, except for 55 military personnel killed at the Pentagon.

At least 200 people fell or jumped to their deaths from the burning towers, landing on the streets and rooftops of adjacent buildings hundreds of feet below.

A total of 411 emergency workers who responded to the scene died as they tried to rescue people and fight fires. The New York City Fire Department lost 341 firefighters and 2 paramedics. The New York City Police Department lost 23 officers. The Port Authority Police Department lost 37 officers. Eight emergency medical technicians and paramedics from private emergency medical services units were killed.

Since 2001, many emergency workers, and others in the vicinity of the ruined towers, have developed severe respiratory conditions, cancers and other diseases. Many others have died.

***COMPLACENCY'S PRICE***

September 11, 2001 joins those previous days as the day that a generation was rocked from its slumber of complacency and forced to face the truth that America is not invincible. We need to realize that tonight. I could say many more things, but right now, I want to take us back to the final days of the nation of Judah. A prophet named Jeremiah, known as the weeping prophet, had been sent to them to preach to them the Word of the Lord. Judah, like America, refused to hear or heed the Word of God, and they were judged for their sins. America is headed toward the same end, unless she turns back to God with Godly sorrow for sin. I want to speak tonight on ***“A NATION IN NEED OF HEALING”***.

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**I want to show you some of the lessons we can learn from ancient Judah.  
Let's look together in Jeremiah chapter 8.**

**FIRST OF ALL I SEE:**

**I. THE NATION AND ITS APOSTASY (Jeremiah 8:4-7)**

The people of Judah had been given the Law of the Lord, but they had refused to walk in it. In Jeremiah 8:4-7 the Lord states His case against the nation of Judah.

**A. The evidence.**

**SO WHAT WE SEE FIRST OF ALL IS JUDAH'S INSUBORDINATION TO THE LORD:**

**1. INSUBORDINATION (disobedience, rebellion) (Jeremiah 8:4-6; 1 Samuel 15:23a)**

**Jeremiah 8:4-5** *Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? 5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. 6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle. 7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.*

This insubordination you might understand as disobedience. This insubordination is rebellion. First Samuel 15 tells us what rebellion is:

**1 Samuel 15:23** *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*

These people were a stubborn people. They were a rebellious people. They were insubordinate.

**SECONDLY, WE SEE JUDAH'S SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE:**

**2. IGNORANCE (Jeremiah 8:7; Jeremiah 7:30-34)**

**Jeremiah 8:7** *Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the judgment of the LORD.*

***Spiritual ignorance.***

Judah, spiritually, lacked the common sense of the animal kingdom. That's what he is saying there in that verse, verse 7. Even the animals, he's saying, know how to do what they were created to do, yet the people of God seemed unable to walk for God, or live out His will in the world around them. They had turned their back on God and on His truth and they had embraced the false gods of the Canaanites.

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**LISTEN CAREFULLY:**

The people of Judah were guilty of terrible sins against the Lord. They had become involved in the worse kind of idolatry. The people of Judah were guilty of sacrificing their children to the false gods of the Canaanites.

On March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 I stood in this pulpit and I brought a message on the little word “*IF*”. That little word “*IF*”, I found in second Chronicles 7. And we'll get to that at the end of the message tonight. I brought that message on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 and may I say that this country has continually from that point on, and before that, continually, been sliding down the slippery slopes to hell.

**Jeremiah 7:30-34** *For the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.*

(May I say in the Book of Mark chapter 13 and verse 14 we read about another abomination that's going to take place in the future. The “*Abomination of Desolation*” will stand in the Temple where the Jews are, where they sacrifice unto the Lord. The “*Abomination of Desolation*” will stand there and he will sacrifice the pigs, he will sacrifice the ungodly things that God said is unholy to be sacrificed unto Him. Yet these people that we read of in Jeremiah they were guilty of this even at that time. He says “*you've polluted it*”).

**Verse 31 of Jeremiah 7 says:**

*And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. 32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place. 33 And the carcasses of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away. 34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.*

The word “*Tophet*” (vv. 31 & 32) means, “*place of fire*.” It refers to the fires that burned inside the bronze idols built to honor Molech (Moloch). The pagan priests would stoke the fires, heating the idols until they were red hot. The worshipers would then cast their children into the arms of those superheated idols. The word “*Tophet*” comes from the root word “*Toph*”, which in Hebrew is the word for “*drum*.” While the children died, screaming in agony in the arms of a pagan idol, the priests of Molech would beat their drums to drown out the cries of pain and torment of those dying children. Think of that. Think of how inhuman that is. Think of the ungodliness that was taking place during this time.

**This is the place to where the people of Judah had come.** They had totally forsaken the God of their fathers. They had totally forsaken the Law of the Lord. They had abandoned His ways for their own ways. God calls their behavior “*backsliding*,” which means, “*to turn away; to go off into apostasy*.” It speaks of “*a total desertion of or departure from one's religion*.” Apostasy means to “*totally abandon God*.”

**Of course**, not every person in Judah was guilty of apostasy. In Elijah's day in the northern kingdom of Israel, God gave the forlorn prophet some encouraging news. God said, “*Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him*,” (1 Kings 19:18).

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Even in the dark in which Jeremiah ministered, (remember it was dark days for these people) even during that time there were some who still clung to the ways of God, but as a general rule, the nation was filled with apostates. People who had turned completely away from God and forgot God and didn't want to know anything about Him. They had turned away from the things of God and the judgment was coming!

**And I submit to you that this is a clear picture of modern America.**

We all know that men and women who came to these shores seeking a place where they could worship God without fear of governmental intervention, they founded our nation. They came here to establish a country where people would be free to worship according to the dictates of their hearts. We all know that people who believed in God and in His Son Jesus Christ founded our nation. People who believed in the Bible founded our nation. The Word of God permeates the foundational documents of our nation. Our nation was born having been saturated in prayer and biblical truth. The writings of our founding fathers are by and large Christian at their very heart. They quote the Bible freely, and they invoke the name of God on a regular basis. The True God!

**Patrick Henry summed it up like this:** He said, *“It cannot be emphasized too much or repeated too strongly that America was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not upon religions, but upon the gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

Do not be ashamed to hold up Jesus Christ to this lost and dying world. Do not be ashamed to say Islam is wrong. Do not be ashamed to say that anyone who does not name the name of Jesus Christ as Saviour is lost. Do not be ashamed of that. Do not be afraid to say that. That is the only way that people will ever know Jesus Christ as Saviour if you and I as saved people will get the Word out. And, it is His Word that does the job.

Now, when Patrick Henry made that statement we look and we see that was America then, but we live in a different nation today. We shudder when we think of nearly 3,000 Americans slaughtered in the name of Allah on September 11, 2001 was terrible, they were slaughtered, in the name of Allah. But, you see we forget that on that same day at least 4,000 unborn Americans were slaughtered, in the name of convenience. The day before September 11, 2001, 4,000 were slaughtered. And the preceding days, 4,000, and the days afterwards, 4,000 a day. It is estimated since Roe v. Wade became the law of the land in 1973, well over 60 million, human beings, unborn human beings, unborn children slaughtered by an ungodly nation. You see the doctors are wrong, but this nation is wrong. This nation is going to be held accountable for what is going on.

You see, on Sept. 11, 2001 what we saw that day was two vastly different cultures in collision. On the one side you have the radical Muslims. They think America is the Great Satan. They think our way of life is decadent that means ungodly, immoral, and godless. Their philosophy can be stated like this, *“Become like us or die!”* That's their philosophy. Become like us or die. Nineteen of those radical Muslims gave their lives in a desperate attack designed to bring America to her knees. It about worked, didn't it? People didn't know what to do. Every one of those men, those radicals, died believing they were going to become martyrs for Allah. They died believing that they would go to paradise and that each one would be given 72 virgins, and riches beyond their wildest imaginations. They did what they did because they hated America and all that America stands for. And, by the way, they still hate America in the deepest regions of hell where they are at tonight!

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**FIRST YOU HAVE ISLAM.**

**On the other side you have the United States of America.** This is a nation founded on freedom. A nation that sees itself as the “good guys” in every situation it faces in the world. We’re the “good guys”! Our philosophy as a nation can be summed up as follows, “Live and let live.” America stood against the actions of the radical Muslims, and with good reason. **These Muslims were not martyrs; they were selfish, lost, repugnant, vile cowards, who carried out their wicked attack on this nation!**

***But, I want you to hear me well:***

Both sides believe they are in the right, but what if I told you that both sides are wrong? America does not have some kind of mandate from God to do the things we do. God never promised to bless America. There is no reason why He should. Now before you turn me off you need to listen to the whole message. There is no reason why God should bless America. America is as pagan and as godless as those who attacked us on September 11, 2001!

**I didn't say there were not good people in the United States. I said in America. I said this nation.**

***I want you to consider something.***

**B. Consider where we are as a nation.**

**1. Culturally** we are fighting a losing battle. The divorce rates have quadrupled in the past 30 years. Probably more than that now. Teen suicide (we hear this all the time) has doubled and violent crime has risen 500%. One out of every three children is born to a single mother. In some cities the illegitimacy rates are as high as 80%!  
**Culturally we are fighting a losing battle.**

**2. Morally** we are totally bankrupt. Our government spends nearly 200 million dollars per year teaching kids how to use condoms. They use that same money to attack abstinence based sex education (*just don't do it*). Fifty-six million Americans are suffering from a venereal disease of one kind or the other. Homosexuality, lesbianism and gay marriage have all become mainstream in our society.

We do not sacrifice our children to pagan idols, but we do hand them over to be educated by a godless state. Far too often, think of this, their secular education is not counterbalanced by any spiritual instruction from mom and dad at home.

We do not sacrifice our children to pagan idols, but we do allow them to put others things in their lives ahead of God. We do not sacrifice our children to pagan idols, but we do allow them to adopt the dress, the language and the ways of the world. In America today, even in our churches, our teens are more familiar with the lyrics of Justin Beiber, Katy Perry, and Lady Gaga than they are with the words of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are mor familiar with Harry Potter than the Potter who formed us from the dust of the ground.

***GOD HELP US! ONLY HE CAN!***

**Culturally** we are fighting a losing battle.

**Morally** we are totally bankrupt.

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3. **Spiritually** we are in a deplorable condition. Let me say, I'm not mad at anybody tonight. The Bible and prayer have been removed from our schools. The Ten Commandments continue to be attacked and regulated to the dustbin of history. The Supreme Court has decided the Ten Commandments cannot be displayed in our courthouses. Some people actually fear the Ten Commandments, they believe they might pose a danger to some child who might read them. I don't know about you, but I would rather take my chances with someone who had been exposed to the Bible, prayer and the Ten Commandments than someone who had been taught that there is no such thing as right and wrong. Churches, the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ are the butt of jokes, ridicule and outright attack tonight in our country.

**Whether we like it or not, we might as well face the truth: (*Listen carefully*) America (I never thought I'd say this) is a post-Christian, pagan nation, and the judgment of God upon this nation has already begun, Rom. 1:18-32.**

***ROMANS 1, GOD'S JUDGMENT HAS ALREADY BEGUN.***

**Romans 1:18-32** *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

***25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (Do you see where I'm going? Do you see what's happened to this country? This is a narrative. This is describing America to the T. Later on if you would keep reading that, down to verse 32 of Romans 1.)***

***Jeremiah, Judah, America.***

***I. The Nation And Their Apostasy***

***II. THE NATION AND ITS ADMONITION (Jeremiah 8:8-13)***

Jeremiah chapter 8 verses 8 through 13 talks about this.

Having defined their sin now, the sin of Judah, and spoken to their spiritual condition, God now speaks to the people of Judah to confront them on a very personal level. He admonishes them concerning three important areas of their spiritual lives.

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**A. Judah Is Admonished Concerning Its Pride - (Jeremiah 8:8-9)**

**Jeremiah 8:8-9** *How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly in vain made he it; the pen of the scribes is in vain. 9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?*

The people of Judah were guilty of believing that just because they had the Law of the Lord, they were under special protection from judgment. But, God says they are fools, and not wise, because they have forsaken the Word of God. I am convinced that our nation lies under the same delusion. I hear our politicians as they stand and make their speeches. They often close their remarks with “**God bless you and God bless America.**” What God are they asking to bless us? “**God bless America!**” It has a nice ring to it. Most of us grew up believing that because we were Americans, that we were America we could count on the blessings of the Lord. But, I say to you tonight that you can search the Bible from front to back and you will find no promise from the Lord to bless this nation.

God does say this, however, **Psalm 33:12** “**Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance,**” **Psa. 33:12**. Don't be lulled to sleep tonight simply because we call ourselves a nation that was founded upon the principles of God. Don't lull yourself to sleep tonight by thinking this is still a Christian nation. I never thought I would ever say that. This nation is under the judgment of God right now. God cannot honor us as a nation because first of all we have forsaken His Word. He will not honor us because we have abandoned His house. Look around you tonight. He will not honor us because we have ignored His commandments. He will not honor us because we have refused His Son. America is no different from ancient Judah. They were guilty of foolish pride, and so are we, speaking as a nation.

**B. Judah Is Admonished Concerning Its Pretense - (Jeremiah 8:10-11)**

**Jeremiah 8:10-11** *Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.*

Plainly stated, that verse says, “**They have treated the wound of my people as if it were not serious at all. They say, ‘peace, peace;’ when there is no peace.**” In other words, Judah was guilty of looking at the tragedies they were suffering as a nation as being just a minor bump in their spiritual road. They were guilty of putting a band-aid on a severed limb. God was judging them, but they were clinging to the false hope that God was somehow obligated to bless them just because they were His people. God is not obligated to bless us tonight as a nation unless we turn back to Him as a nation. There are many things that could be said.

**America is guilty of the same foolish thinking as Judah was.** Our leaders, both secular and religious, are busy slapping Band-Aids on the gaping wounds that are killing our society. They tell us that they have everything under control, while the patient is bleeding out, right before their eyes. This nation is a nation wearing the blinders of self-deception. **Americans are blindly following their leaders off the cliffs of immorality, ungodliness, and paganism like a herd of \*lemmings.** A lemming is a little rat. The old myth is that when they got over populated they would follow the leader and march into the ocean and drown. **That sounds like America. We follow the leader. We follow the person and say “well there's nothing we can do about it”.** We need a new birth. That's America's hope tonight, is a new birth.

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**C. Judah Is Admonished Concerning Its Presumption - (Jeremiah 8:12; Isa. 5:20; Phil. 3:18-19)**

**Jeremiah 8:12** *Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.*

God speaks to Judah and condemns them because they are not ashamed of their sins. When is the last time that you blushed when you heard an off color joke? When is the last time that you blushed when you turned on the TV and saw something that was off color? When is the last time that it offended you when someone took your God's name in vain? Our nation has lost its shame. That's just another sign of judgment at the door. We've been seared by too much exposure to evil, and we have lost the ability to be embarrassed.

*“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth,” **1 Tim. 4:1-3.***

Our churches have let down God. Pastors standing in the pulpit tonight, some churches are open tonight, others are closed because it is too inconvenient for the people to come on Wednesday nights. Some are closed on Sunday nights because it is too inconvenient, its too much to ask for people to join their hearts together on a Sunday night. One time a week is plenty enough for God's people, quote unquote, to join their hearts together and I say that's another reason God's judgment is falling on this land.

**I. The Nation And Their Apostasy**  
**II. The Nation And Their Admonition**

**III. THE NATION AND ITS AWAKENING (Jeremiah 8:20-22; 2 Chronicles 7:14)**

**Jeremiah 8:20-22** *The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. **21** For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. **22** Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?*

He says I am black. That could mean a couple of different things. You remember sackcloth and ashes? You remember when you look at someone and they've been beaten up, how they are black and blue? I believe that's another thing. He said I am so beat up. I am so under the pressure. I'm astonished he says. I'm astonished. Jeremiah laments the fall of his people. How many preachers are standing today, tonight and throughout the year, and how many preachers are saying get things right with God? Get saved. Christians, get things right with God! Pray for revival.

*Is there no balm in Gilead, he says.*

**I fear the same thing is true for America.** In 2002, a memorial service was held for the victims of the 9/11 attacks. On the platform there was a wide variety of people. Included in the group were certain religious figures that offered prayers for the families of the victims and for the nation.



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Now, I will admit this that most of those who prayed did not pray to the God of the Bible, nor did they call on the name of Jesus Christ, but at least the fact that America is a nation of many faiths was honored.

**Go to the memorial services now.** They are secular. Prayers are not offered. Why they don't even have people up there whose, whose brothers and sisters were killed as they tried to put out the fires and everything. They won't let these people, there's not enough room for these people. But yet they will let the ungodly get up and say their little spiels. And they forget God. **America is a nation that's being judged.**

**Notice the nation and its awakening in Jeremiah.** (Jeremiah 8:20-22)

**America is a nation being judged right now!**

*“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land,”*  
2 Chron. 7:14.

America must turn back to the Bible. America must bow before the Lord God Almighty. America must repent of its sins and embrace the Lord Jesus Christ as its only hope of salvation. For America, the challenge is repent or perish, Luke 13:3. Turn away. Turn back.

**Conclusion:** There are people possibly in this room tonight who have listened to this message who probably, possibly, might think I am crazy. If that were true, and our nation could still be called a Christian nation, I would be happy. The fact is this, I might be a nut, but I think I am threaded on the right bolt today. Our nation is a nation in trouble. The ship called America has been washed up on the sharp rocks of sin and moral bankruptcy. The waves of God's judgment slam against the hull of our nation, and the imminent signs of destruction are clear to see.

### **WHAT ARE WE TO DO?**

I don't want to end this message on a somber note, but I want you to know there is still hope. I still believe that revival could come to this country. I really believe that.

### **WHAT CAN BE DONE?**

**If you are lost,** you need to get saved. You need to come to Jesus tonight. I can't stand here and beg people to get saved. I won't do that. There has been times when I preached messages before and I've made the statement: *“if God has dealt with your heart you come now, or that's it”*. *“We are going to have one stanza”* (I'll say) *“and you come”*. Or I may close and say *“if you want to get saved tonight and you mean business with God you need to get saved you need to ask Him into your heart right now. Right where you're at, you need to get saved.”* If the Holy Spirit can't do it I certainly can't.

**If you are saved, you need to do several things.**

1. You need to search your own heart to be sure your sins have been dealt with according to God's Word.
2. You need to humble yourself to pray for your family, and your nation.
3. You need to do everything in your power to see that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is carried to a lost world.

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God loves us tonight. God wants us as a nation to understand that if we exalt Him, He will exalt us. That's as a nation. He wants us to know that as a nation tonight we better keep Israel at the top of the list. I firmly believe that if this nation turns its back completely on Israel, that's it. Ichabod: it's gone. The glory of the Lord has departed.

We are a nation in trouble, and it is only the prayers of God's people who are keeping this vessel afloat tonight. May I say one more thing? We're running a little bit late, I understand. You've read this book the Harbinger I'm sure. Let me point out a couple of things to you. The Harbinger is actually not a warning. Harbinger is an announcement, or a herald who announces something, or someone that's coming. John the Baptist was a Harbinger. He announced the Lord Jesus is coming. Make straight His paths. When someone stands and says that 911 is a Harbinger, well it's a warning. But remember, I believe that we look to the fellow who wrote that book: he's a Jewish believer. Sometimes Jewish believers look at things a little bit differently than we do. Many Jewish believers do not believe in the Rapture of the Church. They look for the Second Coming of the Lord. The Harbinger as been presented is something looking for the Second Coming of the Lord. We don't do that. We look for the Rapture. Don't we? Or should I say we wait for the Rapture of the Church? Let the so called Harbingers come. But for me, I know the judgment of God is here. I don't need a Harbinger. I know the judgment is here. And I need to get busy for my Lord. Let's pray.

Father I pray this has been taken in the right light tonight. Once again, I pray I have not been a hindrance. I pray tonight Lord as we've studied together, and looked at Your Word, I pray that each one here would, Lord, may our hearts break for our land. May our hearts break for these lost people around us. Help us to serve you more each day. Father I pray for these your people here tonight. May You bless their hearts. May we leave this place knowing that we've received Your Word, and that we are uplifted because of that Word, because the joy of the Lord is our strength. Thank you Lord for salvation. In Jesus name, Amen.

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**\*lemmings**

1. subarctic rodent: a rodent with a small thick furry body and furry feet that lives in subarctic regions. Lemmings are noted for their mass migrations in search of food during population explosions, which has given rise to the myth that they flock to the sea to drown themselves.