Our Present Situation

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Jeremiah 4:5-9 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities. Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant. For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us. And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.

Jeremiah 5:30-31 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

- I. We must face the truth about the situation we are in right now.
 - A. We are facing the imminent judgement of God.
 - B. The die is set and nothing is going to change what is about to happen.
 - C. The situation our country is in is way past the point of no return.
 - D. There is not going to be a great revival that will change the outcome of all this.
 - E. It is very possible that Jesus will come for his bride before the full judgement of God falls upon this country, but we do not know that for sure.
 - F. I have been preaching for at least 12 years that we need to be getting ready for captivity because either captivity is coming or Jesus is coming, and we can't be sure which will come first.
- II. This whole situation is the result of spiritual wickedness.
 - A. It has come to this because of the weakness of the pulpits and the hirelings that occupy them.
 - B. It has come to this because of the divorce of Christianity from righteousness.
 - C. It has come to this because of the pollution of the churches with the doctrines of devils that have divorced Christianity from righteousness, and made sin a non-issue.
 - D. Politicians and worldly powers rush into the vacuum when the people of God lay down their swords that is why we are in this situation.
 - E. Absolutely the only hope there is would be for God's people to turn back to God and righteousness and humble themselves and pray and seek his face, and turn from their wicked ways.
 - 1. But this is absolutely not going to happen.
 - 2. Everything is too far gone.
 - 3. There is not enough salt left to accomplish what it would take.
 - 4. The salt has lost is savor and so it is good for nothing but to be trodden under the feet of men and that is what is going to happen.
- III. Too many people who claim to be Christians, and too many preachers, who are misguided in their zeal, are looking for a way to turn this around and "make America great again,"

- A. There needs to be a call to reality and the truth about where we are in the timeline of God's judgement.
- B. To imagine that people are going to fight against all this anarchy, or the iron fist of a socialist government, or that they will fight to preserve our freedoms is downright foolishness.
- C. There is nothing to suggest this is going to happen, but overwhelming evidence that it is not going happen.
- D. There is too much division even among those who claim to be Bible-believers.
 - 1. They cannot even work together to help one another's churches, but are so separated from one another that they will stand by and watch one another sink without offering a hand to help.
 - 2. There is so much prejudice among those who claim to be conservative, Biblebelieving Christians that they will not have anything to do with a church, a preacher, or an individual Christian who maintains any semblance of holiness in his separation from the world, his dress, or his zeal for righteousness.
 - 3. They have turned away their ears from hearing the truth and have been turned to fables they like story-telling, and entertainment, and emotional highs, and that is what they consider spiritual church services.
- E. There are so few people who are even faithful to church anymore, and if church attendance is too much of a sacrifice for them they are surely not going to risk their comfort, their luxury, their safety, and their possessions fighting for anything.
- F. Even people who attend good churches and hear good, sound preaching are so dull of hearing and rebellious against righteousness that we cannot even hold the ground we still have.
- G. No one agrees with what the Bible says about sin or about holy living anymore and so every man just does what is right in his own eyes, no matter what any preacher says, or what the Bible says.
- H. Likewise, it is foolishness to think that we can turn this situation around by voting.
 - 1. For the same reasons as we have already stated.
 - 2. There are far too few people who believe in righteousness anymore.
 - 3. Even those who sit in the pews of Baptist churches all over this country have the same beliefs and philosophies as the baby-killing, sodomite-loving, insane-thinking world around us.
 - 4. And they will stand with them just like Judas stood with the crowd that crucified Jesus when it comes to voting or fighting.
- IV. So where is this army going to come from that is going to save us in this hour from anarchy and the iron fist of an oppressive government?
 - A. There is no army, and there is no where to get one.
 - B. All there is are people who run their mouths and talk, talk, talk, but never take action about anything.
 - 1. We have listened so long to these talkers that we have become numb to anything else that might be done except talk.
 - 2. Everyone has come to the point that talking is all they are going to do.
 - 3. Talk is cheap, and anyone can talk; it doesn't cost anything, and people somehow feel empowered, or proud, or smart, or as if they have done some kind of good by just running their mouth and pointing out again and again the same evils and foolishness of the "liberals."
 - C. Who do you know in this town, or any other town that you really believe would fight when it came right down to it? Honestly!

- D. Where do you know about any kind of organization of any kind of resistance to this anarchy?
 - 1. If there were people who were really willing to fight they would be organizing and preparing.
 - 2. What is going on is that everyone is buying guns to protect themselves, not anyone else.
 - 3. This will be completely futile against a highly organized and heavily armed enemy who will go about to destroy the enemies of their "state" methodically.
 - 4. The only thing close is the biker clubs that make a showing once in a while and just scare the anarchists off with their intimidating presence.
- E. No one will fight because there is no one willing or ready, and there is no consensus about anything among any that even say they are willing and ready.
- F. There cannot be any organization because there is too much division and too much mistrust.
- G. There cannot be any organization because there are too many different opinions on too many different things, and we cannot find anyone that we can trust to stand with us if we would step out and take a stand.
- H. This is all to the advantage of the enemy, who has been preparing for this for a long time while men slept.
- V. Our only hope for the future is God.
 - A. As a nation, but we as a nation are not about to turn back to God, so there is no hope for the future of our nation.
 - 1. The people of this country are nowhere near giving up on politicians to save us.
 - 2. Therefore, they are not about to look to God to save us.
 - B. As a church, our only hope is that God protect us and guide us.
 - 1. But that hope is vain when the members of an individual church will not truly live for God, but are worldly, loose with their morality, and bitter and selfish, and ignorant of the Word of God.
 - C. As a family our only hope for the future is God.
 - 1. I sometimes wonder how many families are truly prepared to face the persecution and separation such as Hitler and the Nazis perpetrated on the people of Europe 75-80 years ago.
 - 2. Most families are living basically like everyone else in the world.
 - a) Believing that everything is going to continue as it is, somehow.
 - b) Spiritually careless, Biblically ignorant, morally negligent.
 - c) Their dreams and ambitions are about some earthly pleasure, experience, or possession.
 - D. As an individual, our only hope is God.
 - 1. But an individual will not have peace and security in his soul when he is not preparing his heart and mind and body for the loss of all things.
 - 2. If he is simply living like everyone else, indulging carnal appetites, dreaming worldly dreams, and being spiritually lazy in his pursuit of God, he will find himself unprepared for what is coming.