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From our studies of the prophets and the historical settings that sent these messengers from God, we can see the many times when God's people have turned to other nations or other gods for protection from their enemies…whether from other peoples, environmental (i.e., weather events), or plagues. As God's people sought these remedies spawned by their disobedient life-styles, the outcome of these decisions resulted in God's anger and punishment.

We are no different today than those of ancient days. The often missed studies of Leviticus and Deuteronomy are filled with the "ifs" and "if nots" of disobedience to His Word. For instance:

> ***Deuteronomy 8:10-20 (NASB)*** *10 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you. 11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; 12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them, 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 15 "He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. 16 "In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. 17 "Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.' 18 "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. 19 "It shall come about if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you today that you will surely perish. 20 "Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God."*

America, founded on Christian principles with Christ intentionally placed at our helm "by the people and for the people," we Christians have allowed a mutiny from God's Word. If you don't believe we were born by God as a Christian nation to be our Lord's final nation of His choosing to glorify Him as the "salt of the earth…the light of the world," then you are need of researching our birth from across the pond. The facts are there in the annals of history, if you seek the truth and you want to take the effort rather than listen to those who fail to either learn their history or choose to deny it.

As with ancient Israel, America has consequently lost its moral compass, chosen instead to follow the quest for the fame, fortune, and pleasures of this world, rather than adhere to the course that leads to an eternal blessed life without the trials and tribulations found on this earthly plain.

As America has ignored its call to illuminate the world with the light of the Gospel (one tiny step of corruptible behavior at a time), we have effectively ripped the fabric of our Christian heritage from our very foundation.

What may have started out as "insignificant" grants of tolerance for a peculiar people who reveled in their lust for the unholy passions of their lives has morphed into a national drought of spiritual truth.

As a testimony of our prostitution from God's Word, our recent and current democratic presidential candidates have presented our spiritual "ill-health" to our Creator and Benefactor. Their support of abortion-on-demand, gay marriage, contempt for Christian values, hatred of Israel, and the absence of other Godly fruits of their labors are an abomination to the one and only Sovereign God of the universe.

Here we are, as President Trump has proclaimed, fighting an unseen enemy. We have received this "shot-across-the-bow" as a warning from God to repent and return to Him. So, to whom will have we thus turned to solve this life-threatening pestilence? Our government?

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Our military might? Our physicians? Our industrial might?

Which of our leaders from any level have proclaimed the need for us to turn to our Creator/Benefactor for help in this trying time?

> ***2 Chronicles 7:14-20 (NASB)*** *14 "…**if** My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land…19 "But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, 20 then I will uproot you from My land which I have given you, and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples."*

To whom will we turn…to whom will our nation turn?

> ***Matthew 6:19-21 (NASB)*** *19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

We are at a moment in time for reviewing our priorities. What things in your life are most important?

We are together (hopefully) in Christ,

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