

## Babylon is Falling : The Prophetic Significance of 9-11

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### INTRODUCTION

The attack on America on 11 September 2001 has become seared in the consciousness of our generation as television beamed the dramatic pictures of that day around the world. Everywhere it is simply known as “9-11” the well known distress call number. None can forget the incredible images of the twin towers of the World Trade Center collapsing and the attack on the Pentagon in Washington DC. I am frankly not interested in conspiracy theories as to who brought them down. I am interested in the prophetic message that those images convey. I believe those images carry a message to all mankind and it is not the message that the terrorists wanted to convey.

Before the Medes (Arabs) and the Persians (Iranians) attacked ancient Babylon where the Israelites were held captive, king Belshazzar was having a great feast. In the midst of the feast a mysterious hand appeared and wrote on the palace walls. “Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin”. A great fear fell on the great hall. The prophet Daniel was called in to interpret this enigmatic code. Daniel recognizing the words to be weights in the Hebrew tongue and under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit told the assembles lords...”The God of heaven has weighed your kingdom in His balances and found you wanting...” It was over. You are finished, another power is taking over and it was time for God’s Israel people to come out of Babylon and return to their own land to rebuild the temple, rebuild Jerusalem and possess the land.

In Rev. 18 we read another call from the Lord to His Church about our world wide Babylon empire. *“Babylon is fallen, is fallen and become the habitation of devils....the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her and merchants of the earth waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies...Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins.”*

Those twin towers and the pentagon are ancient occult symbols of the vision of a New Atlantis, a New World Order. This New World Order, the New Atlantis was launched in America in 1776. But that New World Order is becoming an old world disorder! Because God created America for His purpose and planted His Church there for the establishment of His New Jerusalem in the earth.

9-11 was a message from heaven to the church and to the rulers of the world...a world empire is coming down, a new empire is rising. But the new world power is not going to be a new military or economic power...it is the spreading Kingdom of God in the earth, that rock that grows till it fills the earth and all other world power structures must now give way. The entire earth has entered into a phase transition, of the kingdoms of this world which are to become the Kingdoms of our God and of His Christ. 9-11 was the handwriting on the wall for the New World Order Babylon...it is over, the transition has begun.

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I remember 9/11 well. I was still living in America outside Washington DC. We had just arrived three years prior to that to expand our business into the booming American economy. I, along with millions of others that fateful morning sat in front of the TV transfixed watching the unfolding tragedy of that day. Later we drove into Washington DC past the

Pentagon to see first hand the damage done by the crashed jetliner. Strangely I did not see any normal crash debris like tail fin or wings or even the fuselage. Strange indeed. It was not long after that, that the Lord made it clear to us that we must return to South Africa. Something had changed in America!

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The 1990's was a different America. It was a prosperous America. I remember discussing with business associates how incredible the booming American economy was. Oil was between \$10 and \$30 per barrel. The concern in the economic press was that America was paying down its national debt with surplus tax revenues at such a rate that within 10 years the Federal debt could be wiped out...the concern being expressed was how then will the Fed manage the money supply with no Treasuries and where will pension funds place their long term investments? Employment was booming. The economy was flush with cash.

### **Then came 9-11...**

And ten years after 9-11? Compare America in the ten years before 9-11 and the ten years after 9-11. In fact expand that to the world economy ten years before 9-11 and ten years afterwards

Need I describe the current American financial, social and ecological collapse? Or the debacle of the "War Against Terror" that began so triumphantly and now 5000 American lives later and trillions in war expenditures there is no talk of victory.

And what about the American economy with more than 50,000 factories closed in the last 10 years and moved to China and the loss of millions of industrial jobs and the decimation of the middle class.

And what about the collapse of mighty financial institutions and the trillions of new debt every year and now the prospect of not just companies and individuals going bankrupt but whole nations going bankrupt.

Oh Babylon, truly in one hour has your judgment has come!

There will be a mighty wailing and crying by the merchants of the earth if the dollar collapses in major debt default of unpayable trillions of dollar debts, pension fund liabilities, and unfunded government liabilities of Medicare, Social Security to an aging population!



Rev. 18: "...Babylon the Great is fallen...and the kings of the earth shall bewail her when they see the smoke of her burning...and the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her for no man buys their merchandise anymore.."



On 9/11 the twin towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington DC were attacked. The Lord tells us to look for signs to understand the times and seasons we live in.

Is there a hidden message from God in the symbols of the pentagram and the twin towers?

### **The Two Origins of America**

To understand the prophetic importance of 9-11 and the call of God upon America and how it affects the rest of the world it is important to realize that America has two origins. The one origin was the Puritan Pilgrims landing in 1620

and establishing the Plymouth Rock settlement with a vision of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and being a “city on the hill” for the world to see. The other settler origin of America was Jamestown in 1607 settled by the world’s first corporation The London Company and built on tobacco, cotton and slaves. But the London Company and the powers behind it had an agenda of their own in terms of a new world view which we need to explore further to understand the world of today and why that world view is now visibly collapsing everywhere.

Jesus explained this two origin phenomenon with the parable of the wheat and the tares. Mat. 13: 24-30:

*“The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat...so his servants said Sir did you not sow good seed in the field?...and the servants said to him will you then that we gather them up and he said no, let them grow together until the harvest and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers gather first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat in my barn.”*

The good wheat that the Lord planted in America in 1620 with the arrival of the Pilgrims has resulted in a world wide harvest of souls coming into the Kingdom of God by the hundreds of millions as we have seen in the last chapter. From America there has flowed a river of revival that has nourished the world. The Lord has truly used His people in America to be a blessing to the nations.

But there is also another seed planted there which has preached a different gospel. The gospel of “democracy”, of every man’s right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”. It sounds so good, it sounds so liberating. But those tares have grown to their full maturity and we now face the consequences of mankind’s mad dash to pursue pleasure and happiness at the expense of morality and the confining restrictions of God’s law. 9-11 was the signal from God to the harvesters...the time of the harvest is now come.

Let’s explore these two origins further and see how our world has been impacted by them...

### **The Pilgrims and the Mayflower Compact...**

By the time the Pilgrims departed Europe for America in 1620, Europe had been in a hundred years of turmoil since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the Wittenburg church door to launch the Protestant Reformation. The Bible finally got translated into the people’s languages across Europe. Theological pamphlets discussing scriptures and doctrine were continuous best sellers with everyone from peasants to nobility arguing the merits of various points of view. The Catholic Church was enraged and used the power of the great Spanish empire to try to crush the Reformation blossoming in Germany, Holland, Switzerland and England. The Armada was launched to invade England, the armies of Spain invaded the United Provinces of Holland but after decades of war they were repulsed.

In the midst of this great turmoil, large sections of the Reformation movement was simply swallowed up into statist structures as kings and princes co-opted the new Protestant churches into the state. The German princes offered the Lutherans state salaries and recognition as the state church. In England the monarch was made the head of the church with the right to appoint church leaders. But sections of the great move of God refused to submit the church to state control. They were called Separatists, Dissenters...Puritans. They wanted separation from worldly control and a church that worshipped in simplicity led by Godly men. They were greatly persecuted all across Europe by all the monarchies...even king James of the famous king James Bible.

A small congregation from the south of England decided they could no longer worship the Lord according to New Testament principles with the persecution from the authorities to conform to Church of England rules and decided to emigrate to Holland where there was complete freedom of religion. After a number of difficult years in Holland they decided the moral climate of Holland was not acceptable...they would head

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for the New World, to America to set up a community of believers that could live and worship the Lord according to Biblical standards.

William Bradford the leader of the Puritan colonists gave the following reasons for leaving Holland for the New World:

*“Lastly (and which was not least) a great hope and inward zeal they had of laying some good foundation (or at least to make some way thereunto) for the propagating and advancing the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world; yea though they should be but even as stepping stones unto others for the performing of so great a work.”*  
(Bradford, “History of Plymouth Plantation”)

In 1620 the Puritans sailed on the Mayflower for America with a right to settle from the London Company in northern Virginia. But something happened when they arrived. They were blown off course and could not get to their allotted place but further north to new and unclaimed territory in what today is Massachusetts. Because they were now in a new land and therefore had to form their own government they prayed, sat down and drew up a new government charter...today known as the Mayflower Compact.



But for Plymouth Colony it was a very difficult first year. Half the settlers died of starvation and diseases. But the Lord was gracious to support them with help from the local Indians. In 1630

John Winthrop with 11 ships and 700 Puritan settlers arrived and set up the Massachusetts Bay Colony in what today is Boston (of which 200 died in the first year). He wrote a wonderful book while on the sea of their vision from the Lord for the New World called “A Modell of Christian Charity” wherein he likened their exodus from England to the exodus of Israel from Egypt. He declared “the eyes of the world are upon us” and that their community would be a “City upon a Hill” for all the world to see as an example of Godly living.

By 1640 many thousands of Puritans, Mennonites, Amish, Anabaptists, Dissenters from all across Europe were flooding into New England to escape persecution and to set up Godly communities. These colonies were eventually formed into states. For instance the Baptists under Roger Williams settled Rhode Island and the Quakers led by William Penn settled Pennsylvania. Winthrop’s son settled what became Connecticut.

The founding constitutions of these New England states clearly expressed their vision of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and being a beacon to the nations of a Christian people who would be governed by the laws of God as expressed by the Bible. For example:

### **The Articles of Confederation of the United Colonies of New England – 1643**

“Whereas we all came into these parts of America with one and the same end and aim, to advance the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ and to enjoy the liberties of the Gospel in purity and peace...”

These states all required in their constitutions that government officials had to be Protestant Christians to qualify for office. An example from the Delaware constitution:

### **Charter of Delaware 1701**

“And that all Persons who also profess to believe in Jesus Christ the Savior of the World shall be capable...to serve this Government in any capacity both legislatively and executively..”

### **The Delaware Constitution of 1776 says..**

“Art. 22. Every person who shall be chosen a member of either house or appointed to any office...shall take the following oath..

I, A B, do profess faith in God the Father and in Jesus Christ His only Son and in the Holy Ghost...and I do acknowledge the holy scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be given by divine inspiration.”

Examples like this can be given from all the original thirteen colonies of America. **America was founded by Godly Protestant Christians for the purpose of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth and as an example to the world of Godly Christian government.**

This was the precious seed the Lord planted in the New World. This was the seed that came to bless the world for hundreds of years. From this seed sprang the Word of God to all parts of the world. God founded America for His purposes and with His people. God brought many nations, tongues, tribes and people to America to get saved there, to learn His Word there and for those people to return to their nations to carry that vision and that gospel to their nations.

But then the enemy sowed his seed as well...

### **The Masonic Coup: the Creation of the United States of America**

Most Americans have little understanding of the founding of their nation. When they speak of the “Founders” they refer to men like Washington, Madison, Jefferson. But never to the real founders like Winthrop or Bradford. But what most historians recognize is that the men who gathered in Philadelphia in 1787 to draft a new constitution to form what would become the “United States of America” were mostly Masons who had an entirely different vision of what America was to be in the world than the original Puritan settlers.



The 55 delegates who gathered in Philadelphia were not only largely Masons but they were also mostly “Deists”. That is they believed in a “Supreme Being” but not in Jesus Christ as the personification of that Supreme Being. In a nation of some 2.5 million at that time there were about 200 Masonic lodges with a membership of anywhere between 1500-5000. Their views were certainly not the views of the vast majority of Christians in the nation. Thomas Jefferson famously took the New Testament and cut out all the miracles and said that was the Bible he could believe in. George Washington went to church on a Sunday but refused to take communion. George Washington was a Mason and the Master of the Alexandria, Virginia lodge (Number 22). For the Masonic brotherhood, God was the great Architect of the universe who operated all things by natural law. To understand God was not an issue of faith, but reason. The human mind was capable to understand the creator through His creation and therefore the “special revelation” of the Bible was rejected and lumped with all other religions that required faith rather than reason.

For these men their guiding vision of the destiny of America was not taken from the Bible as “city on a hill” to proclaim the gospel of Christ to the world. They were what we would call “secular humanists”. Their worldview came from the Greek philosophers like Plato with his vision of “The Republic” ruled by philosopher kings. They looked to the ancient mysteries that prophesied of a Golden Age to come written by the Roman poet Virgil in the classic epic “The Aeneid”. There he prays to Jupiter king of the gods, “Audacibus annue coeptis” or “Favour our

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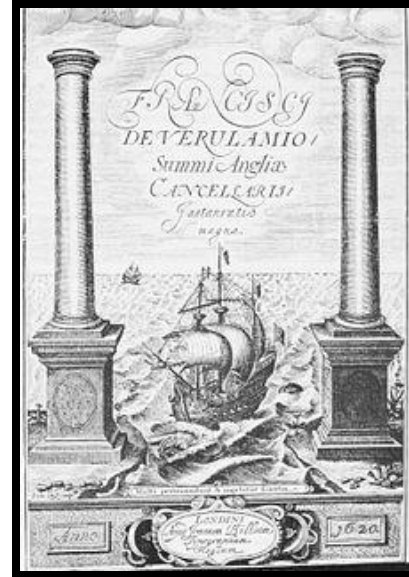
daring undertaking”; “Novus Ordo Seclorum” a “New Order of the Ages”. These inscriptions are found on the dollar bill, the Seal of America.



It was a vision of these men that the United States of America would be the start of the “New Order of the Ages” where all men could enjoy in the words of the new constitution, the rights of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”. To achieve this goal mankind would be freed from the capricious tyranny of kings, nobility and clerics. Instead they would be ruled by “reason” and “natural law” as discovered and applied by men of reason.

Although Freemasons describe their formal origins to be in 1717 as the founding of the first lodges in England, most historians trace their roots much farther back in time. One of their spiritual fathers was certainly Francis Bacon the prime mover behind the London Company and the establishment of the Jamestown colony in 1607. Bacon was a very influential man of his times, suspected of being both the illegitimate son of Queen Elizabeth as well as the secret author of most of the “Shakespeare” plays. He was also a noted occultist with a vision for the establishment of the “New Order of the Ages” on the new continent of America.

He wrote a vision of this new order in a book entitled, “The New Atlantis” outlining his view of the coming idyllic age of reason; the new golden age patterned on Plato’s vision of Atlantis the land of the gods.



**The Significance of the Twin Pillars or Twin Towers**

To these believers in the coming New Age, the land to the west beyond what was known as the Pillars of Hercules (the straits of Gibraltar) was to be the place where the New Atlantis was to be founded. Here the return of the “Golden Age”, the dreams of the ancients of peace, plenty and prosperity under the rule of the ancient gods that brought civilization to mankind would be established.

For the Masons the twin pillars also had great significance for they heralded back to Hiram king of Tyre who assisted Solomon in building the magnificent Temple in Jerusalem. When it came time for Solomon to build the Temple in Jerusalem he sent for Hiram the king of Tyre to help him with the construction and supplies. He had no need to do this as David his father had accumulated during his reign all the wealth and the building materials that Solomon would need for building the temple. David also had the design for the Temple and God commanded that it be built according to this design. In the original design of the Tabernacle the Holy Place would have five pillars (this prophetically stood for the Five-Fold ministry leadership of the Church). Instead Hiram and his builders changed the design and placed two pillars in front of the Temple and called them Jachin and Boaz (1Kings 7:21; 2 Chron. 3:15-17). These were pagan symbols brought in by a pagan king

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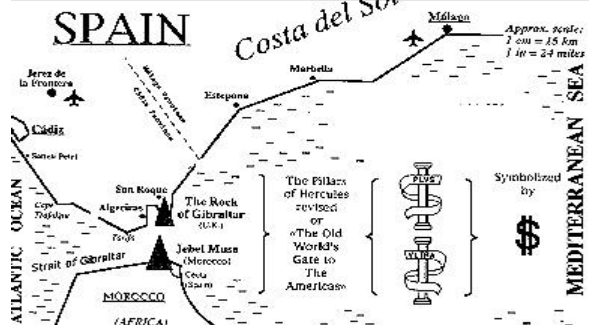
Hiram. This king Hiram and his builder in chief are the main characters at the center of Masonry! For the Freemasons this redesigned Temple of Solomon by their chief architect Hiram Abif is central to their mysteries. This temple with two pillars was also the same symbol for the Philistines where Samson was taken when he was blind. Between the two pillars he stood and toppled those towers...killing about 3,000 people...the same number who died on 9/11 in the twin towers crash.

Solomon carried on in his apostasy with King Hiram in trade and commerce, marrying foreign wives to make foreign treaties with foreign powers. He did not carry the law of the Lord to the world...they brought their gods into Jerusalem. His income yearly from this trade was 666 talents of gold.

But Ezekiel 28:12-16 tells us who the real king of Tyre was behind the scenes:

*“Son of man take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; You seal up the sum, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You have been in Eden the garden of God ...you are the anointed cherub that covers ...you were upon the holy mountain of God...you were perfect in your ways from the day you were created until the day iniquity was found in you. **By the multitude of your merchandise** they have filled the midst of you with violence...therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God and I will destroy you O covering cherub...”*

This is a description of Satan. During the time of David and Solomon he dwelt in the city of Tyre as his residence to corrupt Solomon and lead him astray. An ancient coin from the city of Tyre was found which looked like this:



The sign of Satan’s rule in the ancient city of Tyre was the snake entwined around two pillars. Today that symbol is found in America as the sign of the mighty Dollar! Satan, the king of Tyre enticed Solomon into a multitude of merchandise and made him enormously wealthy. But his wealth drew him away from God leading him to worship pagan gods. Today this god of wealth and power sits in New York and Washington DC where he has also seduced many good people of God and many preachers into the futile pursuit of money and riches. And like Solomon lost his kingdom through his apostasy, so also have many in the church in America lost their vision of what the Lord called America for.

### The Significance of the Pentagram

The five pointed star is the symbol of Venus or Ishtar since ancient times. This came from the ancients mapping out the movement of the planet Venus in the night sky over a period of time. As the planet Venus moves in the night sky over a number of years it traces out the five cornered pentagram. This is the “bright and morning star” for whom Lucifer is named. But it is always symbolized also in Satan’s female shape-shifting form under various names like

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Athena, Venus, Ishtar or Columba. This goddess of wisdom stands at the entrance to New York as the Statue of Liberty a gift of the French Grand Orient Mason to America.



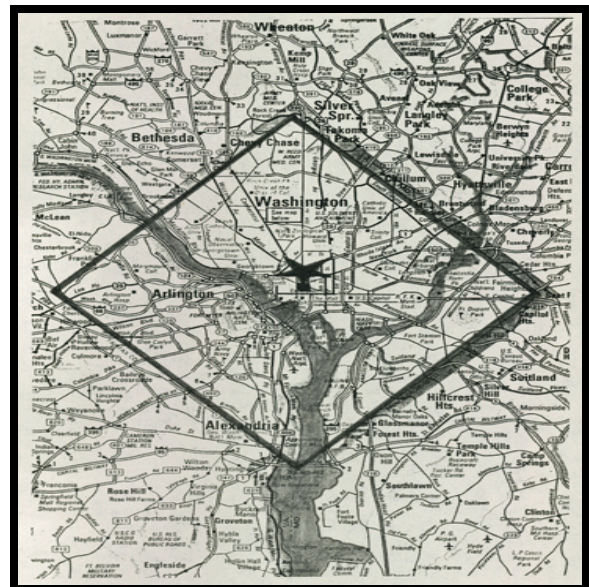
Francis Bacon chose for the symbol of the Virginia colony “Pallas Athena” the goddess of wisdom and civilization. The name “Athena” from which the city of Athens is named comes from two Greek words “a” and “thanatos” which means “not” and “death”, which of course was the lie that Satan told Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, “You shall not die...”. In the city of Athens in the great Parthenon stood her enormous statue with a spear and a serpent at her feet.



She is also known by another name, “Columba” or Columbia. And for her a special place was carved out between two states to be the future capital city of America...the District of Columbia! (also known as Washington DC.)

The District of Columbia was originally carved out from the two adjoining states of Virginia and Maryland which combine to indicate “Virgin”

and “Mary”. As all who have studied esoteric lore know, the veneration of the Virgin Mary by the Catholic Church is nothing other than the old goddess worship of Ishtar or Venus or Athena. But there is another symbolic significance to the District of Columbia. It was originally carved out as a perfect square of ten miles on each side with the Potomac River running through it. This was an allusion to the New Jerusalem of Revelation 21 and 22, which was built “four-square” with a river running through it which was for the healing of the nations and the nations of the earth to walk by the light of the New Jerusalem.



I bought a book years ago by David Ovason called “The Secret Architecture of Our Nation’s Capital: The Masons and the Building of Washington DC.” The 500 page book goes into enormous detail of how the Washington DC was planned and built by Masons to reflect their occult vision of America as the founding nation of the New World Order.

### **Masonic Designs of Washington DC...**

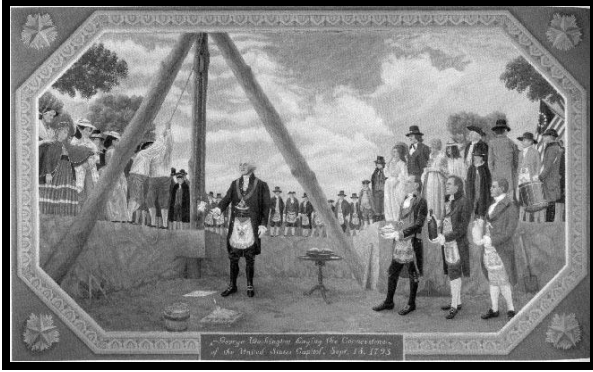
George Washington himself laid the foundation stones in his Masonic regalia.



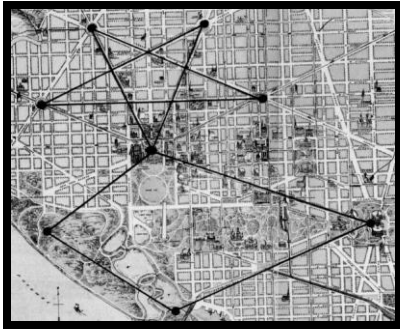
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The street designs of the city also reflect the various important angles and measurements meaningful to Masons.



### The Gospel of the New World Order

From America has gone two “gospels”, two messages of liberation for the people of the earth, two ways of life. America has been mightily used of God to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we saw in the last chapter the Azusa street revival of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit has spread to all nations empowering hundreds of millions with an anointing of power from on High. This liberating gospel has brought liberation from sin, sickness, poverty, demons and brought the joy of the Lord and the hope of heaven and eternal life to people of all nations.

The gospel from Washington and New York is different but also potent in its seduction. Enshrined in the US Constitution is the promise to all people of their God given right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” These rights are to be secured by “Democracy”. For the last hundred years America has been exporting the gospel of Democracy to all nations

and their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. From the financial powers of New York has gone forth the gospel of “greed is good”, free markets, financial manipulations and the road to easy wealth.

**In contrast the gospel of Jesus Christ offers men not life but death of the cross of Jesus Christ; not liberty but the yoke of a bondservant of Jesus Christ; not the pursuit of happiness but seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.**

It seems an uneven and improbable contest. But God is patient, He says let the tares grow side by side with the wheat and let's wait for the harvest. Let us see what we harvest when both are full grown. James in his epistle says it well: *“Then when lust has conceived it brings forth sin, and sin when it is finished brings forth death.”* (Ja.1:15)

The lust for pleasure conceives all manner of sins by which it can be achieved. And when people commit those sins the end result is death.

### Death of the Financial Systems...

Bankers lust for big financial bonuses and conceive of all manners of financial products geared to creating more and more debt from which they get bigger and bigger bonuses regardless of the debtors ability to repay. When that sin comes to its logical conclusion the Ponzi scheme of debt upon debt collapses. New issues of debt are created to pay off the last debt. Central Banks print up trillions in fiat currency to prop up the paper pyramid of debt from collapse. But this only worsens the end destruction as the currency itself eventually will be destroyed. Millions of ordinary people during the years after 9-11 were lured by low interest rates to take on more and more debt and spend it in a massive spending spree. That mountain of debt now weighs down hundreds of millions of people in hopeless poverty. Families are bankrupt, corporations dying for lack of purchasing power in the hands of people to buy products, entire countries bankrupt from lack of tax revenues to service rising service costs of past debt.

### **Death of Nations...**

Nations are not only dying a financial death, they are also dying a demographic death. All across the world nations who have adopted “democracy”, families are not being formed and babies are not being born. The single life is now the predominant way of life. Most babies now born in these nations are being born in single parent homes. Even then the rate of baby births should be 2,1% each year of population in order to just replace the deaths. But across Europe, Japan, Russia, America and other “democratic” nations the birth rate is well below 2,1. The average for most is between 1,3% and 1,5% which means that these nations are dying and will never recover their populations. Japan is far advanced in this process and others like Russia and Europe are not far behind.

What is the cause? Greed for the good life. Woman want careers and independence. Abortions are prevalent everywhere. A baby is a serious obstacle to the pursuit of happiness. In America it will cost you \$250,000 to raise a child from birth to 18. And then a woman has a good chance she will have to do that alone as men pursue their variation of the good life (and that does not include parenting responsibility). As the populations of these nations age they need more care and health services and the elderly consume national wealth. But there are not enough young new tax payers to carry the burden of taxes and pay for the national debt left to them by their greedy parents.

### **Death of the Environment...**

The earth is dying under the weight of mankind who will not care for her. Fishermen will vacuum the ocean of all fish regardless of the need to preserve breeding stock for future fishing supplies. That is why the cod are gone off the coast of Canada never to return. The rivers and oceans are the dumping ground of corporations of all sorts of toxic waste, someone else must clean up their mess. The underground aquifers are being drained at such a rate that starvation lies ahead for India and China as their ground water irrigation systems suck the ground

dry. The Amazon and other precious rain forests are being destroyed by slash and burn agriculture to supply more soya beans for more cattle for more Big Mac hamburgers. Here in South Africa our beautiful Rhinos are being poached to extinction for the supposed sex benefits of their horns!

I can go on and on and list things like the death of cultures, the death of creativity in mass markets catering for the lowest common denominator. The death of human beings and their creative potential through the international drug trade, the death of innocence as young girls are sold into sex slavery. You get the idea....

**All Over the World, Babylon (the New World Order) is Falling from its own corruption!**

### **The message of 9-11: Judgment is coming...**

Understand this...there is coming an international reckoning from heaven! God waits patiently for the harvest, He urges all men everywhere to repent, He sends signs of warning, He sends prophets with warnings (but who in the evangelical church really believe the warnings God sent through Godly men like David Wilkerson and so many others?). But God waits for the cup of iniquity to fill, then He comes to weigh the nations and the people in His scales of righteousness.

### **The Warning of Isaiah 9 and 9-11...**

Isaiah tried to warn Israel that their open defiance of the Lord and His word will lead to His judgment of the nation. In Isaiah 9:8 the Lord tells Israel He has a word for them. The Lord had warned them through the prophet Isaiah that God was going to send the Assyrians against Israel to attack them and destroy them. But Israel ignored the signs and proclaimed they were not afraid of judgment, they will just rebuild no matter what the attack against them:

*“And all the people shall know...that say in pride and stoutness of heart: **the bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars.**” (Isaiah 9:9-10)*

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And what will they know? Isaiah goes on:

*“Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush in one day. The ancient and honourable, he is the head; the prophet that teaches lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err and they that are led of them are destroyed.” (Isaiah 9:14-16)*

But it wasn't just the boastful leaders of Israel in Isaiah's time when confronted with the judgment of God on the nation that declared they will replant the fallen sycamore with a cedar and replace the fallen bricks with cut stone.

America has been warned by many prophets sent by God that judgment is coming from God. But guess what their literal response was? The same as rebellious Israel: **“The bricks are fallen down but we will build them with hewn stones, the sycamores are cut down but we will change them into cedars”**

On 12<sup>th</sup> September 2001 a day after the attacks Tom Daschle, the Senate Majority leader, on the Senate floor read out a Joint Resolution of Condemnation that said in part:

“The world should know that the members of both parties in both Houses stand united...Nothing, nothing can replace the losses that have been suffered. I know there is only the smallest measure of inspiration that can be taken from this devastation. But there is a passage in the Bible from Isaiah that I think speaks to all of us at times such as this:

*The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone; the fig trees (wrong Senator, the Bible says sycamore) have been felled but we will replace them with cedars.*

That is what **we will do**. **We will** rebuild and **we will** recover. The people of America **will stand** strong together because the people of America have always stood together. And those of us privileged to serve this great nation **will stand** with you.”

Amazing that there was not one person among 535 Congressmen and Senators to point out, before adopting this resolution, that Isaiah 9:10 is the last scripture you would want to be quoting the day after America was attacked by the “Assyrians”.

Sen. Daschle's 5 “we will's” sounds much like Lucifer's 5 “I will” in Isaiah 14. But Sen. Daschle was not around much longer to help rebuild, he lost his safe senate seat the following year.

This astounding scripture was then literally fulfilled not long afterward.

### The Fallen Sycamore tree...



The day after the towers came down people discovered an amazing thing had happened. One of the steel beams from the falling tower had struck a **sycamore tree** standing near St. Paul's chapel (the only structure not devastated on Ground Zero) and had uprooted the tree. Pictures were taken of this amazing event with the roots showing. .



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This amazing event was further symbolized when New York made a bronze casting of the uprooted roots of the sycamore tree and displayed it as a memorial on Wall Street



In further fulfillment of scripture on 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2003, with much ceremony New York replanted a tree in the spot of the fallen sycamore tree. It was a cedar tree! The clergyman officiating at the ceremony said:

“ We are gathered here today on holy ground. Ground hallowed by its witness to the dust and death and destruction of September 11. The ground is sanctified by our presence here as we dedicate this Tree of Hope in witness the divine in each of us. It **replaces a sycamore tree destroyed on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001**, by the collapsing Towers. Our prayer is that this Ground Zero Tree of Hope will be a sign: a sign of the indomitable nature of human hope. As we walk this hallowed ground, may this tree be an icon of hope, a symbol.”

### The Hewn Stone...

In place of the fallen towers New York determined to build a bigger and taller tower called the Freedom Tower... as Isaiah predicted when the bricks fall down they will be defiant and build stronger with stone



On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2004 “The Freedom Stone” was lowered into place to commence the building of a bigger and better tower. At the ceremony Gov. Pataki said:

“Today we lay the cornerstone for a new symbol of this city and this country and of our resolve in the face of terror. Today we build the Freedom Tower....today, we the heirs of that revolutionary spirit of defiance, lay this cornerstone.”

In 2004 Sen. John Edwards was the Vice Presidential candidate for the 2004 election. Just before the election on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2004 at a prayer breakfast in Washington DC he had this to say:

“Good morning. Today on this day of remembrance and mourning we have the Lord’s Word: **The bricks have fallen but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place...** Let me show you how we are building and putting cedars in those three hallowed places, the Towers, the Pentagon, and the Field. Walk with me through this day and you will see that while the bricks fell and the sycamores cut down, our people are making those cedars rise...each time that bell tolls it calls us to a greater purpose. To never forget: it calls us to always remember that when we walk together this day that the cedars will rise and the stones will go up”

The defiance continued. The lack of national repentance continued. The judgment continues!

### The leaders and prophets lead them astray

Isaiah said that the head and the tail, the leaders

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and the prophets lead them astray. Isaiah further describes a nation who once knew God but had turned from His laws when He describes their response to prophets who would call them to repentance:

*“This is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: which say to the seers See no; and to the prophets prophecy not unto us right things speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits” (Isaiah 30:10-11)*

In the aftermath of 9/11 not one national evangelical or charismatic leader would go on a national pulpit or television and say “thus saith the Lord, Judgment is coming, repent” (except for David Wilkerson, but they won’t put him on TBN to give bad news!). Instead the prophets declared the greatest prosperity coming, wealth transfers, we will smite the Arabs! The American nation wanted to hear smooth things and prophets of prosperity!

The saddest moment came four days after the 9-11 attacks when the leaders of America were gathered in the National Cathedral in Washington DC for a memorial service to be addressed by Billy Graham. In times past this fiery preacher was not afraid to name sin by its name and call the nation to repentance. But not on that day. With a national and international audience watching by television and the leaders of the nation before him to hear the Word of the Lord this is what Bro. Graham had to say:

“But how do we understand something like this? Why does God allow evil like this to take place? Perhaps that is what you are asking now. You may even be angry with God... But what are some of the lessons we can learn. First we are reminded of the mystery and reality of evil. I’ve been asked hundreds of times in my life why God allows tragedy and suffering. I have to confess that I really do not know the answer totally even to my own satisfaction...the Bible says that God is not the author of evil.”

Oh really, does it say that? Not my Bible. This is what my Bible says:

*“I (the Lord) will bring evil from the north and great destruction” (Jer. 4:6)*

*“I am the Lord and there is none else. I form the light and create the darkness; I make peace and create evil” (Isaiah 45:6-7)*

*“ and so shall the Lord bring upon you all evil things until he have destroyed you from off this good land..”(Josh. 23:15)*

*“...and shall there be evil in a city (New York) and the Lord has not done it?” (Amos 3:6)*

Now if Jesus had been addressing the nation with regard to the fallen towers of New York what do you think He might have said? What about Luke 13:4:

*“Of those eighteen upon whom the towers in Siloam fell and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwell in Jerusalem? I tell you nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”*

But this is not what America wanted to hear. They wanted to hear “deceit and smooth things”. Bro. Graham goes on with more smooth things:

“A tragedy like this could have torn our country apart. But instead it has united us and we’ve become a family. So those perpetrators who took this on to tear us apart, it has worked the other way – its back lashed. It’s backfired. We are more united than ever before. I think this was exemplified in a very moving when the members of our Congress stood shoulder to shoulder the other day and sang “God bless America”...There’s hope for the present, because I believe the stage has already been set for a new spirit in our nation”.

Yes the stage had been set for a renewed spirit of greed and war in the decade of 2000 and not a new spirit of repentance. In his inaugural address on January 20, 2009 Obama said:

**“We will not apologize for our way of life, nor will we waver in its defense. And for those who seek to advance their aims by inducing terror and slaughtering innocents, we say to you now that our spirit is stronger and cannot be broken...you cannot outlast us and we will defeat you.”**

The prophets in America prophecy smooth things and the leaders cause the people to err. And the people want it so!

### **America's Future**

Pray for the Church in America! The Lord has a great purpose for America that still lies ahead. Satan knows this, that is why he has tried his best to destroy that great nation and its Godly remnant. He will not succeed!

America is destined to fulfill its destiny as city on the hill a shining light to the world. When God starts a work He will complete it! The greatest revivals in America's history still lie ahead.

But as we know from the history of God's dealings with His people...whom He loves He chastens. America will go through a great cleansing. There will rise a new and anointed leadership in the church. There will be a restoration of true Apostles and Prophets who will minister in great power. The cancer of materialism that has gripped the church there will be stripped away in the coming great depression that will be far greater than the depression of the 1930's. The coming great financial and energy crisis will cause the church to realize true community as the suburban, strip mall culture dies and the local church becomes a true community of believers needing one another to survive.

But this is a judgment not only upon America but the whole world. The handwriting appeared on the wall on 9-11 in the midst of the great Balshazzar feast of economic prosperity of 2001. Nothing has been the same since for either America or the world. See the signs of the times...the Lord is speaking, are you listening?