

“WHY WAS AMERICA ATTACKED ON 9/11/01?”

ISAIAH 1:1-20

INTRO: What a beautiful morning September 11, 2001 was up until shortly after 8:30 AM. But how quickly that beautiful day changed as we began to hear of the planes crashing into the World Trade Center in NYC, the Pentagon in DC and Shanksville, right in our own backyard. DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAY? I AM SURE MANY OF US WHO ARE OLD ENOUGH CAN...(Remember some of the events that day and that week). After the smoke cleared from the plane crashes people began to ask some serious questions:

- 1) Who was behind this terrible attack on our native soil?
- 2) Why did the attackers desire such destruction on America?
- 3) Was God attempting to get our attention?
- 4) Would America now repent of how God had been erased from our culture?
- 5) What lessons did we need to learn?

Many tried to answer those questions and some thought that this was the time when REVIVAL WOULD COME TO AMERICA! **BUT IT DID NOT!** NOW THAT 9/11/01 IS FIFTEEN YEARS BEHIND US, LET'S REFLECT A BIT AND ONCE AGAIN ASK THE QUESTION: **WHY WAS AMERICA ATTACKED ON THAT DREADFUL DAY?**

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NOTE: My personal opinion is that GOD WAS TRULY ATTEMPTING TO GET OUR ATTENTION AND WAS SHOWING US A MEASURE OF HIS JUDGMENT FOR THE SEVERAL PREVIOUS DECADES OF RESISTING HIS WORD. I admit, that may be speculation, but when we see how America was closing its doors to God for 30 years or so, and when we see how God deals with nations that do the same, THE SPECULATION DOES HAVE BIBLICAL FOUNDATION.

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WHY WAS AMERICA ATTACKED ON 9/11/01?

I. AS A NATION AMERICA IS HATED FOR OUR BASIC QUALITIES

- A. For our Economy – The financial center of the world.
- B. For our Strength – The first real SUPER NATION of the world.
- C. For our Influence – The way America has impacted the world.
- D. For our Government – The Democratic Republic that has worked.
- E. For our Religion – The foundation of biblical truth.

ILLUSTRATION:

II. AS A NATION AMERICA IS HATED FOR OUR FOUNDING PRINCIPLES

(ONLY ONE OTHER NATION IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD WAS FOUNDED WITH THE SAME PRINCIPLES – ISRAEL – THE DISTINCTION IS THAT THEY WERE GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE, WHEREAS AMERICA IS GOD'S ESTABLISHED NATION WITH A PURPOSE TO PROTECT ISRAEL AND SPREAD THE GOSPEL).

- A. America was founded on Biblical Truth
- B. America was founded as a Governmental Experiment
- C. America was founded with Two Great Freedoms
 1. Political Freedom
 2. Religious Freedom
- D. America was founded recognizing “Certain Unalienable Rights”
- E. America was founded with Evangelistic Desire

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III. AS A NATION AMERICA HAS TURNED AWAY FROM GOD

(COMPARE AMERICA WITH JUDAH IN ISAIAH 1:1-20)

- A. The Comparison
 1. Verse 2 - Judah was Nourished by God and so was America
 2. Verse 3 - Judah has Forgotten God and so has America
 3. Verse 4 – Judah was Laden with Sin and so is America
 4. Verses 5,6 – Judah Continuously Rebelled and so has America
 5. Verse 7 – Judah was Devoured by Strangers and so is America
 6. Verse 8 – The Capitol City of Jerusalem was overgrown with godless brush and so is Washington DC
 7. Verse 9 – Judah had a small Remnant of True Believers preventing

Total Judgment and so is America

8. Verses 10-15 – Judah was Swamped with False Religion and so is America

9. Verses 16-20 – Judah had a call to Repent and so has America

-Many preachers called for repentance after 9/11/01...but the nation refused-

B. The Condition (Of America today)

1. America has Violated God's Foundational Institution of the Family

-Homosexuality, Refusing to Marry, Transgender

2. America has Forgotten God

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IV. AS A NATION AMERICA MUST FACE THE JUDGMENT OF GOD

(BIBLICAL HISTORY TEACHES THAT GOD JUDGES SINFUL NATIONS)

(NOTE: I CORINTHIANS 10:11)

A PERSONAL NOTE: AS I STUDY THE WORD OF GOD AND SEE HOW GOD JUDGES NATIONS MY PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT 9/11/01 WAS GOD BRINGING A FORM OF JUDGMENT ON AMERICA TO GET OUR ATTENTION AND BRING US TO REPENTENCE! YET REPENTENCE DID NOT HAPPEN!

CONSIDER THE BIBLICAL MODEL:

A. God Judged the Whole World during the Flood in Noah's Day due to Sin

B. God Judged the Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah due to Sin

C. God Judged Israel and Judah due to Sin

D. God Judged Gentile Nations due to Sin

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V. AS A NATION AMERICA MUST REPENT

(OR GOD'S JUDGMENT WILL BE COME SPEEDILY)

CONSIDER 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

A. Repentance Begins with the Individual

B. Repentance Continues in the Church

C. Repentance Reaches into the Nation

D. Repentance Results in God's Mercy

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APPLICATION/LESSON:

Israel and Judah were destroyed by God through Assyria and Babylon because of the lack of repentance. God is giving America opportunities to repent. IF WE DO, GOD WILL REVIVE...IF WE DON'T GOD WILL JUDGE!