

A Perfect Storm: America's Destiny Can Turn on a Dime!

I am nervous! Someone is at work. Is it God? What about Satan? Or is it both? I do not want to ascribe to God what Satan is doing and, most assuredly, I do not want to attribute to Satan what God is sovereignly allowing to come to pass. But something ominous is going on. It seems that America is being set up for a great fall.

Satan would like that because America has been a force for good in the world for more than 200 years. Many millions have come to know Jesus Christ because of the missionary efforts of this nation over the past 100 years. The name of Jesus has been carried throughout the world due, in part, to the high regard of many nations for America. So, I completely understand why Satan would want to see America's role in the world greatly diminished.

On the other hand, it would surely seem that God must soon unleash the judgments that His righteousness demands. Murderers go free on technicalities in clear violation of God's covenant with Noah; the sin of homosexuality is legalized and protected by the courts in explicit disregard of God's covenant with humanity; the murder of the unborn generates untold dollars for clinics of death; men lie, cheat, and steal in the name of business, while widows and orphans are neglected, scammed, and suffer want. Again, the President instructs the nation that marriage between men or between women is constitutional, and it is discriminatory to think to oppose and act against it. The list is endless. Yet many continue to claim that they not only believe in the God who created the heavens and the earth, but that He sanctions these attitudes and actions. I completely understand why God must – sooner or later – take action against our nation. After all, the Bible is crystal clear: these sins are an abomination before God!

Satan has always been America's foe, but Americans have now made an enemy of God, and it is only a matter of time before one or the other acts successfully against us. It would appear that America is heading into a perfect storm – a storm of her own making to be sure! Slowly and nearly imperceptibly, forces are aligning themselves in such a way that a single spark will set off a dire chain of events that will bring great suffering upon our people. It is difficult for me to believe that these things are happening by accident.

Allow me to make my case. First, there are over 310,000,000 people living in the United States. Of that vast number, less than 1% claim farming as an occupation (with about 2% actually living on farms). There are only about 960,000 persons that farm as their principal occupation, and a like number of farmers are mainly involved in a line of work apart from farming. The number of farms in the U.S. stands at about two million. Keep in mind that the number above does not distinguish between those who farm to feed America and those who farm to grow corn for ethanol production, etc. A mere 46,000 of those two million U.S. farms account for 50% of the sales of agricultural products (USDA, 1997 Census of Agriculture data). America now imports

more food that it produces. Just one growing cycle interrupted by a significant drought or pest infestation would produce a major crisis.

Second, while America's ability to feed its people is declining, our large cities are growing larger and larger. There are 366 metropolitan areas in the United States with a population greater than 50,000. The top twenty areas have a combined population of just fewer than 115 million people. Thus, one-third of America's population lives in areas where the production of food cannot sustain the population. New York City alone could not feed itself for one week during a crisis. Do you remember the crime rate in New Orleans just after Katrina? How long would it take for murder in order to steal food became rampant if a major crisis hit a large urban center in America? The concentration of 10, 15, or 20 million people in a small area, with neither the ability to grow food nor secure it elsewhere, would lead to unparalleled crime in a very short time. Yet, people continue to move into the big cities.

Third, cities, states, and the federal government have all but filed for bankruptcy. Yet, instead of strongly encouraging and incentivizing the American people to buy and completely pay off their home mortgages as soon as possible and purchase hard assets such as land, gold, and silver, which are not ever likely to lose total value, the government prefers its own plan.

The government encourages Americans to invest our pension plans in the stock market (which, by the way, has collapsed three times in the past!). The stock market subsequently invests those pension plans in risky ventures like the dot.com and housing bubbles, both of which burst with the result that millions of people have had to delay retirement. They are hoping that the market will get back to its all-time high. Paper money has and always will have a very uncertain future, especially as we go ever deeper into debt. With the United States presently over 14 trillion dollars in debt, our future is more precarious today than it has ever been. Many of the same economic conditions that preceded the 1929 collapse of the American economy are present once again, but with one difference: America is now more than 14 trillion dollars in debt. One true crisis with the dollar and the American economy will have nowhere to go but down. Millions and millions will lose their hopes and dreams in a market crash. So far, we have too many people that need to eat, too few people working to feed them, and most people's money invested in a stock market that is artificially bloated and supported by debt.

Fourth, in the 70s, the world began to lose respect for America. Jimmy Carter's decisions to negotiate with terrorists have emboldened our enemies. Radical fundamental Islamists are now quite willing to use their bodies as bombs to kill and strike fear in our hearts. They think they are succeeding in lulling Americans into the silence of passive resignation and a willingness to go along to remain safe. Islamic extremists are now employing America's values to gain access and set up their network for a final blow against Western democracy in America.

Al Qaeda extremists have stated and demonstrated that their ultimate goal is the destruction of the West by any means necessary. Their hatred for us, their commitment to Islam, and their willingness to die in order to achieve their goals suggests they are biding their time – waiting for the perfect opportunity to hurt us severely.

Fifth, in just a few years America will have the largest elderly population in the history of the nation. The same generation that is responsible for the death of more than 80 million abortions is now reaching the age when to have had children is the most critical aspect of growing old. Those unborn children were supposed to secure their parents' and their grandparents' future in their old age. But with so few workers, Social Security cannot provide enough income to sustain the population. Healthcare for the nation is now under serious assault. And with great numbers of people in the senior citizens' category, many of whom living carefree lives without much attention to taking care of themselves, and then adding a medical system that is proving itself more and more inadequate to care for the elderly, a crisis or epidemic among the elderly would result in the death of millions. With no money or medical help, the elderly will be on their own, and many without children to care for them.

Sixth, the past forty years have witnessed a slow searing of the American conscience. Our youth are trained from birth to see the killing of others as nothing more than a game. The graphics in video games are extraordinary in their ability to make their imaginary scenarios look and feel real. Game makers are now experimenting with adding smell to their games. Not only do they want our young people to see events with incredible graphics so close to reality that they forget it's a game, but they also want them to smell the gun powder, and the burning and decaying flesh. They want the gamers to experience every possible sensation necessary so that the game is perceived to be reality. The downside is a generation of kids that have a difficult time distinguishing between what's real and what's make-believe. Not only do they not fear death, but they have no qualms about killing others. A society no longer fearful of killing or being killed is a dangerous one.

It's a perfect storm if the dollar suffers a significant weakening, and if a strategic terrorist attack is successful against a particular American interest, and if a health epidemic among the elderly occurs (drug resistant diseases are increasing exponentially, perhaps one more AIDS-type epidemic), and if a significant natural disaster strikes America's food production or our ability to import food. There are five or six more "if scenarios" that I shall not name, but if our country experiences several of these events, a significant portion of our nation's population will suffer. Someone is positioning the circumstances and situations of our national life like pieces on a chessboard – to the end that America could fall with profound and lasting consequences. I do not know what the end of all these things will be! Yet, the potential is frightening. Jesus said, "Watch and wait." So let's become "Wait-Watchers". And may we wait and watch well!