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## America—An Object of Scorn

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**INTRODUCTION:** America, as a nation, is about to become the joke of the world, the object of ridicule and scorn. No longer will this nation be viewed as a blessed place of great opportunity. Instead, it will be seen for what it has become—a moral cesspool, godless, virtueless, clueless, irresponsible, irrelevant and also **BROKE & BANKRUPT**—both morally and materially.

This is what happened to ancient Israel and also to Judah.

Lam. 4:1-2 How the gold has lost its luster, the fine gold become dull! The sacred gems are scattered at the head of every street. How the precious sons of Zion, once worth their weight in gold, are now considered as pots of clay, the work of a potter's hands!

**\*\*\*\* Becoming an object of scorn is one of the many curses that come upon a nation, once devoted to God, who has abandoned God and His covenant and scorned His laws and precepts. The nation who scorns His words becomes an object of scorn.**

Deut. 28:15 However, **if you do not obey the LORD** your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

Deut. 28:37 **You will become a thing of horror and an object of scorn and ridicule to all the nations** where the LORD will drive you.

Jer. 19:8 **I will devastate this city and make it an object of scorn;** all who pass by will be appalled and will scoff because of all its wounds.

Ezek. 22:4 you have become guilty because of the blood you have shed and have become defiled by the idols you have made. **You have brought your days to a close, and the end of your years has come. Therefore I will make you an object of scorn to the nations and a laughingstock to all the countries.**

Dan. 9:16 O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath from Jerusalem, your city, your holy hill. **Our sins and the iniquities of our fathers have made Jerusalem and your people an object of scorn to all those around us.**

Ezek. 23:32 ¶ “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: **“You will drink your sister's cup, a cup large and deep; it will bring scorn and object of scorn, for it holds so much.**

Mic. 6:16 You have observed the statutes of Omri and all the practices of Ahab's house, and you have followed their traditions. **Therefore I will give you over to ruin and your people to derision; you will bear the scorn of the nations.”**

### **1. VISIT A SHOPPING MALL AND OBSERVE IT. THEY WILL SOON BE SHUTTERED.**

**\*\*\*\*** Around 1985 I visited New York City. While on a boat near the Statue of Liberty I viewed the New York City skyline. I had the most horrible feeling of doom, as if I was viewing a lost Atlantis—a city that would be no more. I felt like I was viewing something that would soon disappear. I happened to be looking straight at the Twin Towers.

Sixteen years later 16 blocks of downtown Manhattan were obliterated in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The twin towers vanished into a pile of rubble and smoke.

\*\*\*\* Now I'm getting that same premonition of doom when I walk into shopping malls. I urge you to walk into one and notice all the stores. They are the sign of prosperity, because only prosperous nations have them. BUILD A BEAR stores—are an example of stores that cater to a rich culture. So many of the stores feature clothing and beauty items for women. Most of the Mall stores aren't selling ESSENTIALS. One after another they are going to close until there will hardly be a shopping mall as we know it left in America.

**What happened to the women of Judah will happen to American women.**

Is. 3:16-17 The LORD says, “The women of Zion are haughty, walking along with outstretched necks, flirting with their eyes, tripping along with mincing steps, with ornaments jingling on their ankles. Therefore the Lord will bring sores on the heads of the women of Zion; the LORD will make their scalps bald.”

Is. 3:18-22 **In that day the Lord will snatch away their finery:** the bangles and headbands and crescent necklaces, the earrings and bracelets and veils, the headdresses and ankle chains and sashes, the perfume bottles and charms, the signet rings and nose rings, the fine robes and the capes and cloaks, the purses

Is. 3:23-26 and mirrors, and the linen garments and tiaras and shawls. Instead of fragrance there will be a stench; instead of a sash, a rope; instead of well-dressed hair, baldness; instead of fine clothing, sackcloth; instead of beauty, branding. Your men will fall by the sword, your warriors in battle. The gates of Zion will lament and mourn; destitute, she will sit on the ground.

\*\*\*\* These are the items sold in the malls—non-essentials—jewelry, purses, linen garments (as in Victoria's Secret) perfume, bangles, and so on. **IT'S CALLED “FINERY”.** The Lord is going to SNATCH it away. When He does—the stores that sell “finery” will close, which means—the Malls as we know them will be a thing of the past.

## 2. AMERICA, LIKE ISRAEL, HAD A UNIQUE CALLING AND DEDICATION

The godly Pilgrims who founded the Massachusetts Bay Colony dedicated this land to God and the Mayflower Compact (their ship was called the Mayflower) was the framework for our national constitution. They made a covenant with God. If this new nation followed God's ways it would be most blessed of all nations. And so God planted and built America, raising it up for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the whole world. Jesus Christ said, **“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more”** (Luke 12:48 KJV).

\*\*\*\* Just as King Solomon dedicated the temple and the nation of Israel to God our nation, at it's inception, was dedicated to God. Our Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. But the Government of the USA as we know it came into being in 1789 when George Washington was chosen to be the first President.

At this inauguration day, our first day as a nation, our President said, “No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than those of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency.”

He continued, “It would be peculiarly improper to omit in this first official act my fervent supplications to the Almighty Being who rules over the Universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States a Government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes.”

\*\*\*\* Before his inauguration this proclamation went forth: “On the morning of the day on which our illustrious President will be invested with his office, the bells will ring at nine o'clock, when the people may go up to the house of God and in a solemn manner commit the new government, with

its important train of consequences, to the holy protection and blessing of the Most High. An early hour is prudently fixed for this peculiar act of devotion and is designed wholly for prayer.”

\*\*\* America’s first capital was NOT Washington, DC. It was New York City. President Washington led the first senators, the first representatives, the first cabinet, America’s first government from Federal Hall on Wall Street to St Paul’s Chapel. That church still stands—and it is at the corner of what we call GROUND ZERO.

America’s place of consecration became it’s place of judgment 212 years later because it had turned it’s back on the God who had so blessed it.

\*\*\*\* There is a statue of President George Washington on Wall Street, near the New York Stock Exchange. He’s holding out his hand, palm down—to represent placing it on the Bible for the oath of office. The inscription reads, “On this site in Federal Hall, April 30, 1789 George Washington took the Oath as the First President of the United States of America.”

\*\*\*\* America experienced a great “HEALING REVIVAL” from 1945-1955. God told Kenneth Hagin, “America is receiving her last call.” This doesn’t mean it would be the last time God would speak to America. But a call is friendly. God also speaks through judgments—calamities. That is the way He’s speaking to America now.

### 3. GOD WARNED ANCIENT ISRAEL AND AMERICA OF COMING JUDGMENT AND DESTRUCTION.

In 732 B.C. the Assyrians invaded Israel and caused great damage. They didn’t destroy Israel at this time. Instead, it was a wake up call from God. The Assyrians lived in what we now call Iraq, and they excelled at TERROR. “The Assyrians made terror into a science. They systematized it, perfected it, and employed it as no other people or kingdom had ever done before. They burned cities to the ground, mutilated their prisoners, flayed alive those who rebelled against them, and nailed their skins to the wall for public display. The Assyrians were the masters of terror.” (The Harbinger, page 37)

\*\*\*\* Satan said to God, regarding godly Job, “**Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land:**” (Job 1:10).

\*\*\*\* God put a hedge around Israel—but when they forsook Him this hedge of protection was removed. The terrorists of that day invaded and reaped destruction.

In the same way, God has removed the hedge of protection from America. On September 11, 2001 terrorists struck New York City and Washington DC, our first capital City and our current capital City. This involved two harbingers of judgment—the protective hedge was breached and secondly, it was breached by people who specialized in terror—the most ruthless of all people.

God allowed this first breach to happen but held back national destruction—giving people a chance to hear the alarm and turn back to His ways. But ancient Israel did NOT turn back. Rather, they became more DEFIANT, hardened their hearts, and plunged ahead in their willful rebellion against God. Ten years later (722 BC) their nation was completely destroyed.

### 4. ANCIENT ISREAL’S RESPONSE TO THE FIRST WARNING FORTOLD THEIR EVENTUAL DESTRUCTION.

Is. 9:8-10 The Lord has sent a message against Jacob; it will fall on Israel. **All the people will know it— Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria— who say with pride and arrogance of heart, “The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone; the fig trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars.”**

Is. 9:11-12 **But the LORD has strengthened Rezin’s foes against them and has spurred their enemies on.** Arameans from the east and Philistines from the west have devoured Israel with open mouth. Yet for all this, his anger is not turned away, his hand is still upraised.

The Assyrians had destroyed many buildings in their surprise attack. The bricks had indeed fallen down. The enemy had cut down many trees—sycamore-fig trees. This did not humble them or wake them up. They only resolved defiantly to rebuild and become stronger than ever—while all the while becoming more morally depraved. This response actually SEALED their eventual doom.

## 5. OUR NATION RESPONDED WITH EXACTLY THE SAME WORDS!

On Sept. 12, 2001 at a joint session of congress (Senate and Congress together) the Senate Majority leader gave a speech to give the nation’s official response to the 9/11 calamities. Senator Tom Daschle began his address by saying, “I know that 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 like this... ‘The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone; the fig trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars.’”

\*\*\*\* Anyone who knew the Bible would know that this is not a verse that displays the utterance from godly character. The preceding verse said such an utterance was from a prideful and arrogant heart!

When Israel said this they were sealing their doom.

The Bible says, **“A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses”** (Deut. 19:15).

There are two other witnesses that this arrogant statement of defiance was indeed our national response to the harbinger of Sept. 11.

\*\*\*\* **The second witness:** In the autumn of 2004, there was a gathering of a congressional caucus in the nation’s capital on the anniversary of the 9/11 calamities. Senator John Edwards, the Vice Presidential candidate who ran with John Kerry was chosen to be the speaker.

He began his speech by saying, “Good morning. Today, on this day of remembrance and mourning, we have the Lord’s word to get us through: ‘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.’”

\*\*\*\* **The third witness:** President Barack Obama entered the chamber of the House of Representatives on February 24, 2009, one month after his inauguration. The economy was in a free-fall at that time. After setting the stage and framing the magnitude of the crisis he said, “But while our economy may be weakened and our confidence shaken; though we are living through difficult and uncertain times, tonight I want every American to know this—WE WILL REBUILD.”

When America’s newspapers headlined his speech the headlines quoted those lines: Fox New: Obama Says, ‘Country Will Rebuild.’ Al Jazeera: Obama pledges U.S. ‘will rebuild.’ Associated Press: Obama: ‘We will rebuild.’ New York Times: Obama Vows, ‘We Will Rebuild.’ Isaiah 9:10 “We will rebuild.”

\*\*\*\* Rather than leading the nation in a return to God’s ways, President Obama is now championing the cause of gay marriage and free birth control pills for females to be paid for by someone else—like the Catholic Church.

## 6. THERE ARE THREE OTHER AMAZING PARALELLS TO ISRAEL’S REPNONSE.

Isaiah 9:10 **“The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with dressed stone.”**

The Hebrews for “stone” is gazit, or Gazit stone. It was specifically a stone quarried, chiseled and carved out of mountain rock.”

After 9/11 a massive 20 ton stone was carved from a mountain in upstate New York and brought back to Ground Zero. It was named **“THE FREEDOM STONE.”** It was dedicated with these words:

forever remain a symbolic cornerstone for the rebuilding of New York and the nation.” The Governor

of New York said, “By laying this magnificent cornerstone of hope, we are sending a message to the people around the world.” He continued, “Today we take twenty tons of Adirondack granite, the bedrock of our state, and place it as the foundation, the bedrock of a new symbol of American strength and confidence.

The plans to rebuild on Ground Zero then entered a phase of confusion, obstacles and dissension. This stone was eventually removed. But the public ceremony when it was laid exactly parallels Israel’s defiance to the Assyrian attack that was meant to humble them.

Isaiah 9:10 also says, “**The fig trees have fallen, but we will replace them with cedars.**”

In the courtyard of St. Paul’s church on the corner of Ground Zero there was a sycamore tree. It was uprooted by the blast of 9/11. In its roots were found a brick. The tree actually shielded the church where our nation’s first leaders dedicated America to God.

Depending upon the translation you are reading, this verse Isaiah 9:10 will say “fig tree” or “sycamore tree” or “sycamore fig tree.” The Hebrew word is Shakam, also known as the fig mulberry tree. The Greek word for fig is sukos and for mulberry is moros. Put them together and you get sukamoros or Sycamore.

The actual kind of tree that was uprooted on the corner of GROUND ZERO was the American Northeast Sycamore—sort of a cousin to the kind that grew in Israel, but native to America. But it was a Sycamore tree.

\*\*\*\* Strangely, this uprooted tree was replaced with a conifer evergreen tree in a public ceremony. The Hebrew of Isaiah 9:10 says, **The sycamores have fallen, but we will plant erez trees in their place.** This term is broader than our English translation of “cedar.” One commentator more narrowly pinpoints it: “The Hebrew erez rendered cedar in all English versions, is most likely a generic word for the pine family.” (The botanical classification is Pinacea.)

The uprooted Sycamore tree from the corner of Ground Zero was taken from the place of its fall and put on public display as a symbol of the calamity. Even its root system was carefully removed and transferred to another site. Then in Nov of 2003, two years after the fall of the Sycamore a crane hoisted a large conifer evergreen tree into the place where the Sycamore tree had stood. This kind of tree is a sister tree to the Cedars of Lebanon.

This new tree was named, “**THE TREE OF HOPE.**” The man who officiated the ceremony said these words, “This Ground Zero Tree of Hope will be a sign of the indomitable nature of human hope.” Indomitable means unconquerable. And so—it was planted in the Spirit of Ancient Israel’s vow of defiance to God, “The sycamore trees have been felled, but we will replace them with cedars.”

\*\*\*\* The third response that shows America’s defiant attitude was the building of what is now called **THE FREEDOM TOWER.** Google this: WHAT IS THE FREEDOM TOWER? You’ll see pictures of it. This tower is not yet completed. From my Google Search:

**The Freedom Tower is due to be completed in 2013.**

The New York City FREEDOM TOWER, which will stand 1,776 feet tall on the site of the former World Trade Center, is the work of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. It will serve as a beacon of freedom, and demonstrate the resolve of the United States, and the people of New York City.

It will be the tallest building in the United States.

The Greek Version of the Hebrew Scriptures is called the Septuagint. The Septuagint version of Isaiah 9:10 says, “The bricks are fallen down, but come, let us build for ourselves a TOWER.”

## 7. THE FINANCIAL COLLAPSE OF 2008 IS TIED DIRECTLY TO OUR NATIONAL RESPONSE TO 9/11.

\*\*\*\* When America didn’t pay any heed to all these harbingers of judgment it guaranteed that a second judgment would come. Seven years after 9/11/2001 another great judgment hit this nation. It was a financial collapse—or at least a partial collapse.

\*\*\*\* Interestingly, when the New York Stock Exchange was founded on May 17, 1792 by New York merchants it was called the Buttonwood Agreement. They had been meeting under a Buttonwood tree, which is another name for a Sycamore tree. “These twenty-four merchants used to meet and carry on their transactions under a Buttonwood tree that grew on Wall Street. It was under that tree that they signed the agreement that gave birth to the New York Stock Exchange.” (The Harbinger, page 148).

(From the book THE HARBINGER) “If a living sycamore signifies the rise of America as the world’s preeminent financial power, what then does an uprooted sycamore signify?”

“It’s fall,” I answered. “It would have to signify its fall.”

“God had allowed America’s power to be planted here, to take root, to grow, and to branch out over the world. The nation would rise to unprecedented heights of global power and economic prosperity. But in its departure and its rejection of His ways, a sign was given. If now it refused to turn back, the blessings and prosperity symbolized by the sycamore would be removed—that which had been built up would be broken down, and that which had been planted would be uprooted.” (The Harbinger, pg. 150-151).

\*\*\*\* The Bible says, “**At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts. And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the Lord’s release (Shemitah)**” (Deut. 15:1-2).

From THE HARBINGER, “Yes, at the very end on one specific day—the twenty-ninth day of the Hebrew month of Elul, the last day of the civil year, the very end of the seventh year. So on the twenty-ninth of Elul was the climax, the focal point, and the finale of the Shemitah—the day when the nation’s financial accounts were nullified.” (Page 156)

Do you remember the events of September 2008? That began the greatest financial crisis in America since the Great Depression. It occurred exactly seven years after 9/11/ 2001. And actually, it occurred because of our nations response to 9/11.

To stimulate our economy after 9/11 the Federal Reserve lowered interest rates to a point below inflation. There was massive borrowing by individuals and corporations, and a housing boom –a housing bubble, actually.

Then on the seventh anniversary of the Terrorist attacks of 9/11 an economic collapse began. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were two corporations that owned half of the mortgage market in America. On Sept 7, 2008 the Federal Government seized control of both corporations, placing them under government conservatorship.

Then came the fall of Lehman Brothers. At the start of the twenty-first century, Lehman Brothers stood at the pinnacle of the world’s leading financial firms. But when the subprime mortgage market began to disintegrate, Lehman’s standing and assets began to collapse. When the news spread that a deal to rescue the ailing firm had fallen through, it’s shares plunged along with the stock market. The following day Lehman Brothers announced a loss of nearly four billion dollars. The day after that, the firm’s stock plunged another 40 percent. Efforts failed to prevent its collapse and on Monday, Sept 15, 2008 one week after the first collapse, came the second and Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy—the largest bankruptcy in American history up to that date. That in turn triggered the collapse of Wall Street and the global financial implosion.

The collapse of Lehman Brothers and the American economy took place over the course of one week. It was the anniversary week of 9/11. The collapse of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac happened on Sept 7, 2008. The collapse of Lehman Brothers began two days later on Sept 9 when it lost 45 percent of its value. It was on September 10 that it announced its loss of almost four billion dollars. The following day its stock took a second precipitous plunge—you guessed it—Sept 11, 2008.

It was also on Sept. 11, 2008 that AIG alerted the Federal Reserve of New York that his firm was in critical danger of collapsing.

All of this was a release of debts—five trillion dollars in the case of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Lehman Brothers, filing bankruptcy was also another remission of debt.

Then on Sept. 29, 2008, which was the twenty-ninth day of Elul on the Jewish calendar, the last day of the “year of release” the stock market plunged more than 700 points, the worst day in the history of Wall Street. One financial analyst summed it up this way, “It was this event more than anything else that shattered market confidence. Over the next two weeks, the Dow fell close to 2,700 points, a decline of almost 25%. The damage had been done.”

\*\*\*\* God was in control of all this and marked it with the number seven. The crash occurred in the seventh year after 9/11. The greatest stock market point crash in Wall Street history took place on the last and crowning day of the Jewish Shemitah—or year of release. That evening, as the sun went down, it was the beginning of Tishri, the SEVENTH month of the Hebrew year. **WHAT TRIGGERED THE CRASH WAS THE REJECTION OF THE LARGEST GOVERNMENT BAILOUT IN AMERICAN HISTORY A SUM OF—700 BILLION DOLLARS.**

The percent of value which was wiped out of the stock market that day was 7%.  
How many points did it drop? 777 points!

## 8. WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN FOR YOU AND ME?

It means many things. First—it shows that God is firmly in control of the destiny of nations. As he said through Jeremiah **“This is what the LORD says: I will overthrow what I have built and uproot what I have planted, throughout the land”** (Jeremiah 45:4). The next verse says, “Should you then seek great things for yourself? *Seek them not.* For I will bring disaster on all people, declares the LORD, but wherever you go I will let you escape with your life.”

This promise was given to Baruch, Jeremiah’s faithful secretary, who recorded his prophetic words. THE POINT IS—if God is uprooting a nation that He planted—DO NOT BE SELF-SEEKING. Rather, seek the good of others. Now is a time to be more concerned than ever for the welfare of orphans, widows, native pastors, the lost, and friends and relatives in need. God is bringing judgment on all the self-seeking—and you don’t want to be numbered with them! 1Cor. 10:24 Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.

It also means—don’t just be pursuing THINGS. Jesus said, **“But the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful”** (Mark 4:19).

\*\*\*\*\* WHAT DO YOU DESIRE MOST? IS IT A “THING”?

SHOULDN’T IT BE A “PERSON”?

WE SHOULD EARNESTLY DESIRE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD! He’s not a THING.

He’s a person—and His fellowship is real, sweet, and life giving!

\*\*\*\* It also means we should break off all secret sin! Many who call themselves Christians are living in immorality, adultery, sexual sins of all kinds, addicted to pornography, drugs, and alcohol. Many more frequent the Casino’s becoming friends of the world.

ONLY THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD WILL EXPERIENCE HIS BLESSINGS.

Mal. 3:16 Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

Mal. 3:17 “They will be mine,” says the LORD Almighty, “in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him.

Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, **“When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment”** (John 16:8).

PLEASE ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONVICT YOU. Do not harden your heart to His conviction until you cannot feel it any more.

I ask the Holy Spirit to do several things for me every day.

1. Shine Your light on my situation and show me reality—what it looks like to You. Lead me into all truth.
2. Teach me something new. I want to keep learning from You. Since those who scorn Your word become objects of scorn—I will abide in Your Word and bear much fruit. But I need You to Teach me. **(John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.)**
3. Counsel me. Give me the right thoughts, help me have the right desires, and coach me in doing the right things—today—right now.
4. Remind me of everything Jesus said and of everything I already know and preach so that I will always be a doer of the Word and not just a hearer.
5. Please convict me if I'm in sin and please, if I'd doing the right thing, give me a conviction of righteousness.
6. Please give me a conviction of JUDGMENT.
7. Show me how to spend my time today—so that this day is pleasing to You in every way.

(All these things are what Jesus said the Holy Spirit would do for us. These promises are in John 14, 15 and 16.)

I don't pray this continually because I'm so spiritual but because I AM SO NEEDY.

My friends—if you have no conviction of judgment you'll keep on going the way you are even if it's the wrong way. America as a whole has REJECTED the Holy Spirit's conviction of sin and judgment. But INDIVIDUALLY, we, like Baruch, can be spared in the coming judgments if only we'll LISTEN TO GOD and not be self-seeking. God promised him he would escape with his life. I cannot promise your living standard will be the same in the coming days. I can promise you JOY in the Holy Spirit. **Hab. 3:17-19 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights. For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.**

SOON ANOTHER BLOW OF JUDGMENT WILL STRIKE AMERICA. And soon, our national folly will be clearly seen around the world. Such poverty and chaos will erupt in this nation that America will be held in derision and become an object of scorn. But YOU can be the apple of His eye—His treasured possession—if you will FEAR HIM—which means—IF YOU WILL OBEY HIM. \*\*\*\*\*PLEASE—LOVE HIS WORD! ABIDE IN IT. OBEY HIS WORD AND BE BLESSED.

I LOVE YOU.

GOD BLESS YOU.

\*\*\*\*\* Footnotes to quotes in this message can be found in the excellent book THE HARBINGER by Jonathan Cahn. Written as a story, in novel form, it eloquently describes the nine harbingers from Sept. 11, 2001 as well as the financial collapse of Sept. 2008 and explains how they are related. I urge all my friends and readers—BUY THAT BOOK, READ IT, AND GIVE IT TO OTHERS.