

## DOES THE BIBLE PROPHETICALLY INDICATE WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

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Back in the year 1954, Former Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren (1953-1969) addressed the annual prayer breakfast of the International Council of Christian Leadership. At that breakfast were about 600 people, including the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and the Vice President, Richard Nixon. In February 1954, Time Magazine printed his address. Chief Justice Earl Warren said this:

“I believe no one can read the history of our country without realizing that the Good Book and the spirit of the Savior have from the beginning been our guiding geniuses. ... Whether we look to our charter in Virginia...or to the Charter of New England... or to the Charter of Massachusetts Bay...or to the Fundamental Orders of Connecticut...the same objective is present: A Christian land governed by Christian principles. I believe the entire Bill of Rights came into being because of the knowledge our forefathers had of the Bible and their belief in it; freedom of belief, of expression, of assembly, of petition, the dignity of the individual, the sanctity of the home, equal justice under the law, and the reservation of powers to the people...I like to believe we are living today in the spirit of the Christian religion. I like also to believe that as long as we do so, no great harm can come to our country” (*Religion: Breakfast in Washington*, Time, February 15, 1954).

Now let's jump ahead in time about 55 years to 2009 and a speech made by President Barak Obama. President Barak Obama traveled to Turkey and proudly declared America is no longer a Christian nation. Then he went to Egypt and said America is one of the largest Muslim countries in the world, which is a lie because only about 1% believes in that Devilish/demonic religion.

But this does raise some questions. What has happened to America? Where is America heading? Where is this going? How is this all going to end? What will happen to the United States of America? We were at one time a nation that used to have political leaders who loved the Bible and defended it, but I doubt today too many even read it.

If you read your Bible 15 minutes a day, you can read through the Bible in one year. Most people in America have never done that. In spite of all of our wonderful English translations, most people have never read through their Bibles one time in their lifetime.

Last week we talked about the Rapture of the Church, in which Jesus Christ takes His body and family out of the world to meet Him in the sky. I am convinced if the Rapture happened today, most of the political leaders in our nation would still be here tomorrow. Most of the Congressman and Senators would still be in Washington and not in heaven.

So where is this all heading? Is there any Biblical data that would suggest to us what will happen to the United States? Is it possible to change our destiny? **Does the Bible prophetically indicate what will happen to the United States of America?**

**The United States of America is not specifically named or mentioned or identified in the Bible.**

However, that does not mean we may not draw accurate Biblical conclusions about the United States and where we are heading. In fact, since “all Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable” and since the Bible is written for people of all ages and for the whole world, it is only logical that there are some things in the Bible that would lead us to the proper conclusions and convictions concerning the United States of America.

To ascertain Biblical truth about the United States of America, we need to analyze this from two Biblical time frames:

**Biblical Time Frame #1 - The United States of America before the Rapture.**

**Biblical Time Frame #2 - The United States of America after the Rapture.**

### **BIBLICAL TIME FRAME #1 – The United States of America before the Rapture.**

It is important to see where the United States fits into the Biblical narrative before the Rapture of the Church. To actually understand this we must go back to the Old Testament and the whole historical program of God.

When anyone honestly and objectively reads the Bible, both the Old Testament and the New Testament, it is very clear **that one nation is very unique and very special to God and that one nation is Israel.** It is not North America, South America, Australia, Africa, Europe, Asia or Antarctica; it is Israel.

**Israel is so unique that we may accurately observe that she is the only nation in the world that came into existence because of a covenant of God (Gen. 15:18). God made a covenant with Abraham to bring Israel as a nation into existence.**

There are multiple passages of Scripture in which God identifies Himself as the LORD God of Israel. He identifies Himself as The LORD God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **In fact, in Genesis 35:10, God changed Jacob’s name to Israel because of His covenantal promise. God specifically gave Israel her name. No other nation can say that.**

**Clearly when we study the Bible, we see that the most important nation in the world to God is Israel. She is, as Zechariah says, “the apple of His eye” (Zech. 2:8). God’s eye is always on the nation Israel.**

God’s original plan was to give her a specific land. So in 1446 BC, God sent Moses to Egypt to get Israel to take her to that land. Along the way, Israel rebelled against God so she wandered in a wilderness for 40 years and eventually in 1406 BC, Joshua led Israel into the land.

After Joshua died the nation Israel moved away from the word of God and “everyone started doing what was right in their own eyes” (Judges 21:25). So for the next 300 years in Israel’s history (1334 BC-1049 BC), God raised up a series of twelve Judges to get Israel back on track. She would respond then rebel. She would repent and then revert back to her old ways.

So God raised up a prophet whose name was Samuel, who eventually appointed a king over Israel whose name was Saul (1050 BC). He turned out to be a loser, so God raised up a king after His own heart whose name was David (I Sam. 13:14). During David's reign, he put Israel back on a path of pleasing God. He made Jerusalem the capital of Israel (II Sam. 5:5-13). He wanted to build a temple in Jerusalem, but it was his son Solomon, who ended up building it in 966 B.C..

Now when Solomon died, Israel was divided as a nation and split with ten tribes of Israel moving to the north part of the Promised Land, and two tribes of Israel (Judah and Benjamin) staying in the south part of the Promised Land. Each group selected their own king.

For the next 209 years (931 BC-722 BC), Israel was led by 19 kings all of whom, but one, were evil. They reigned until God sent the Assyrians to capture the ten northern tribes of Israel in 722 BC.

For the next 344 years (930 BC-586 BC), Judah was led by 20 kings: 12 evil and eight good.

**In 586 B.C., God raised up Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylonian, whom God called "my servant" (Jer. 25:9; 27:6; 43:10) to destroy some of the Jews, Jerusalem, the Temple, take the land and take many Jews captive. God specifically and sovereignly directed a non-Jewish power to conquer His covenant nation Israel.**

**This was a major pivotal, historical turning point in the whole program of God and it will eventually have far reaching implications for the United States of America.**

**The critical book of the Bible that pertains to this is the book of Daniel.** In the book of Daniel (**Daniel 2**), God gave Nebuchadnezzar a troubling dream. He had this same dream multiple times and he wanted someone to interpret it for him. His dream was of a colossal man comprised of four parts - head of gold; breast and arms of silver; belly and thighs of bronze and legs of iron with feet made partly of iron and clay. God revealed to Daniel exactly what that dream meant, so Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar both the dream and the interpretation of the dream.

God was going to allow Gentile nations to dominate Israel for an extended period of time. The nations would be Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece and Rome. Ultimately after these powers have accomplished what God wants them to accomplish, God will set up His kingdom on earth that will crush all evil and will reign forever.

In **Daniel 7**, God gave Daniel a vision. Daniel's vision was not of a colossal man, but of four horrible beasts - 1) Lion; 2) Bear; 3) Leopard; 4) Dreadful beast. God sent an angel to Daniel to interpret the vision - the Lion is Babylon, the Bear is Media-Persia, the Leopard is Greece and the Dreadful beast is Rome. These nations would dominate Israel until the Son of man comes to set up His reign forever.

**So from 586 BC until Jesus Christ comes back to set up His kingdom, Gentile nations will control the world. Israel will not control the world. Israel will not be the dominant nation of the world. God will allow non-Jewish nations to control the world.**

When Jesus Christ was on earth He referred to this. He called this “the times of the Gentiles.” In fact, He said this program will exist through what He described as the Great Tribulation. He said, “...Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled” (Luke 21:24).

So in the sovereign plan of God, there is a program of God that has to do with the Gentile nations. **The nations of the world are a very important Biblical theme. This theme is mentioned about 760 times in the Bible. Obviously, the United States of America is part of the nations of the world.**

The Hebrew word for “nations” is “goy” (yog) or “goyim” (myog) and it is used in the O.T. about 600 times.

The Greek word for nations is ethnos (εθνος) and it is used in the N.T. about 160 times.

**These words specifically refer to “the nations as distinct from Israel” (G. Abbott-Smith, *Greek Lexicon*, p. 129).**

When you read an English Bible, there are times when the theme of the nations gets somewhat obscured because the word “nation” gets translated into various English words.

Sometimes the word is translated nations, sometimes Gentiles, sometimes heathens and a nation of people.

In Luke 21:24, Jesus says, according to the English translation that “Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” In both instances the Greek word Gentile is nations (εθνων). So God will sovereignly permit Israel to be dominated by the nations until the “times of the nations are fulfilled.”

In Acts 11:1, the Greek word nations (τη εθνη) is translated “Gentiles.” The verse is translated “Now the apostles and the brethren who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles (literally “nations”), also had received the word of God.”

**We will admit that this is not a major matter because the noun Gentile is a synonym for those who are not Jewish.** However, because of this mistranslation, the subject of what happens to the nations is rarely studied, if ever studied.

There was an article written by S. Maxwell Coder, the former Dean of Academics at Moody Bible Institute, who died in 1997, called **Principles Governing National Destiny**. S. Maxwell Coder accurately observed, “The nations are a neglected theme of divine revelation. Sermon material prior to the present century contains very little on the subject. Bible dictionaries and encyclopedias offer no significant help” (*Principles Governing National Destiny*, p. 102).

Right now we, in the United States, are living in the church age, which is part of what Jesus said was the “times of the nations” or “times of the Gentiles” time period (Luke 21:24). This period of time started back in the book of Daniel, when God gave the world power and government over to Gentile powers. God took the national power and sovereignty away from Israel and He gave it to Gentile nations.

So for the past 2,700 years, God has allowed Gentile nations to dominate the world. The times of the nations will exist until Jesus Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation to give Israel her land and make her the sovereign nation of God.

Obviously one of those nations that God has sovereignly permitted to exist is the United States of America. **There is a large corpus of data in the Bible that is aimed at the nations, which would include the United States.** From this data we may make seven important objective observations:

**Observation#1** - God is the one who has established various nations other than Israel.

**Deut. 32:8**

National boundaries have been formed by God, and the United States of America is a nation that falls into this category. God sovereignly establishes the existence of a nation. He does not make a national covenant with them, but He does sovereignly permit them to come into existence.

**In Deuteronomy 32:8 God says that He is the Most High God who gave the nations their inheritance and boundaries.**

The man who discovered America, Christopher Columbus, believed that. He read the Bible extensively and he had a sense that God was leading him to new lands unknown. Here is what he wrote: “It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel His hand upon me) the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me. There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because He comforted me with rays of marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures. I said that I would state my reasons (for exploration)... I am a most unworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my purpose to enjoy His marvelous presence. For the execution of the journey to the Indies, I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics or maps. .. No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service. The working out of all things has been assigned to each person by the Lord, but it all happens according to His sovereign will”... (Jerry Wiles, *Inspirational Highlights of the Bible in America*, p. 9).

Christopher Columbus, who discovered the Americas, believed God sovereignly established this nation. He believed God led him to discover this national land.

Donald Lutz and Charles Hyneman, two historians from the University of Houston, did a ten year study of ideas that shaped America. They studied 15,000 documents and they discovered that 34 % of quotations in public documents in the Colonial era were from the Bible (*Ibid.*, p. 5). They believed God and His word were critical to the development of the United States. Those early colonists believed God had established the United States of America. Their belief is consistent with what the Bible does say. Biblically speaking, we are truly one nation under God that came into existence by the sovereignty of God, and those who founded this nation realized that.

**Observation#2-** God is the one who ordains the leadership of a nation. **Ps. 75:6-7; Dan. 2:21; 4:17; John 19:11; Romans 13:1**

**God permits leaders to come into power and He can remove them if they do not honor Him.** God sovereignly monitors every nation and its leadership.

In **Psalm 75:6-7** we read: “For not from the east nor from the west, nor from the desert comes exaltation; But God is the judge; He puts down one and exalts another.” In **Daniel 2:21**, Daniel says God “removes kings and establishes kings.” In **Daniel 4:17** we read that the Most High God “is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whom He wishes.” Jesus said in **John 19:11** that Pilate got his authority from God. In **Romans 13:1** Paul says we are to be subject to governing authority “for there is no authority except from God and those which exist are established by God.”

God is very pleased when the leader of a nation honors Him, His Son and His word. Ask yourself this, do we have a President who believes in Jesus Christ, who esteems the Bible and who defends Christianity?

God is the one who has sovereignly ordained that President Donald Trump is the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. He watches over the nations and puts in power those He wants at various times. If the leader honors God, God will honor him and that nation.

**Observation#3-** God will bless a nation that honors Israel. **Genesis 12:3**

God specifically says I will bless those nations who bless Israel and curse those nations who curse Israel. When the nation Edom mistreated the Jews (Num. 20:21), God brought about His curse of Divine anger and wrath upon Edom (Ez. 25:12-14). God blesses nations who honor Israel and He curses nations who do negative things to Israel. Isaiah says that any nation that does not have a proper attitude and treatment of Israel will “perish” and “those nations shall be utterly ruined” (Is. 60:12).

The United States has historically been a great friend and ally to Israel, but there has been no President in American history that has been such a friend to Israel as President Trump.

- 1) In December 2017, he recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.
- 2) In March 2017, he recognized Israel’s sovereignty over Golan Heights - which she won in 6 Day War in 1967.

- 3) In November 2019, he declared that the settlements for Israel were not a violation of International Law. In 1978, the Carter administration said they were illegal; in 1981, the Reagan administration said they were legal - President Trump did something about it.
  - 4) In December 2019, he gave an executive order against Anti-Semitism that protects Jewish students on college and university campuses.
  - 5) In January 2020, he proposed a peace plan for Israelis and Arabs.
- Clearly this President has honored Israel and God does honor a leader and a nation who does that.

**Observation#4**- God will bless a nation whose God is the LORD. **Psalm33:12; 144:15**

**This is an extremely important truth that every nation needs to know.**

**Psalm33:12**says - “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.”

**Psalm 144:15**says - “How blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.”

These two statements are important. One is comprised of nine words in English and the other is comprised of ten words in English.

There are two very important Hebrew proper nouns pertaining to God that are given to the nations. The noun “God” is Elohim. This noun refers to the Sovereign Trinity God of Creation. The noun “LORD” is YHWH or Jehovah. This noun refers to the sovereign covenant God of Israel.

**So what God says is I will bless a nation who honors Me for whom I reveal Myself to be. I am the Triune, sovereign God of creation and I am the covenant God of Israel and I will bless nations who honor Me and recognize this.**

We have leaders in Washington who make mockery of the God of the Bible. They refuse to honor Him. There are Muslims who think more highly of Muhammad than Jesus Christ. There are Mormons who think they can be a god like Jesus Christ is God. These people should never be national leaders. They should be thrown out of office because they will never lead this nation into the blessings of God.

If a nation wants the blessings of God, it needs leaders who acknowledge the God of the Bible and who He reveals Himself to be.

Thank God right now we have a President who understands the importance of Jesus Christ and the God of the Bible. Think back. There was a time a few years ago, when people would not even say Merry Christmas because it honored Jesus Christ.

**Observation#5**- God will exalt a nation that pursues Biblical righteousness.

**Proverbs 14:34; 29:2**

**Proverbs 14:34**says - “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.”

**Proverbs 29:2**says - “When the righteous increase the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, the people mourn.”

The vast majority of the founding fathers of this nation believed in the Bible and promoted a Biblical righteousness. This is true of the Puritans, the Pilgrims and the Founding Fathers. Many of the founding fathers were faithful church members who loved the Bible.

Noah Webster, the great English lexicographer of the 1800's wrote this: "Education is useless without the Bible. The Bible was America's basic textbook in all fields. God's word...has furnished all necessary rules to direct our conduct" - Webster's 1828 Dictionary.

Any nation or individual that pursues a Biblical knowledge and a Biblical righteousness will be exalted by God. God will raise up a nation and leader who pursues what is Biblically right. When wicked people rule the people groan, but when the righteous reigns the people rejoice.

**Observation#6-** God will cause all nations and national leaders who forget Him to be destroyed. **Ps.9:17; 50:22**

There is an extermination warning given in the Bible aimed straight at the nations that says this:

**Psalm9:17**says, "The wicked will return to Sheol, even all the nations who forget God."

**Psalm50:22**, God says this: "Now consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces and there will be none to deliver."

One way that a nation forgets God is to disregard and forget His word.

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26<sup>th</sup> President of the United States, said, "we plead for a closer and wider and deeper study of the Bible" (*Ibid.*, p. 6).

Back in 1791, Dr. Benjamin Rush said if the Bible is ever taken out of American Schools, there will be an explosion in crime (*Ibid.*, p. 20).

God's word has been forgotten. The vast majority of people, including political leaders, don't know what God's word says and they don't care what God's word says. God has been forgotten in abortion clinics. Can you imagine someone in an abortion clinic saying let's read the Bible together and let's pray before we kill this baby?

God is forgotten in schools. Can you imagine what it would be like if a teacher in a school said I am going to teach you how to grammatically diagram a sentence and if you learn how to do this, you will be able to take the Bible and know exactly and precisely what it says.

God has been forgotten in government. Just recently, I heard a politician dogmatically state that the coronavirus was not sent from God. I would have loved to have been in that press conference, because I would have shot up my hand and said this: "So you really believe you are in a position to speak on behalf of God. Quote for me the books of the Bible. Let's do the Old Testament. If you can speak for God you must have a thorough grasp of God's word. I doubt that politician could quote the first 5 books of the Bible.



God has been forgotten in Christmas and even in Easter. But here is something more scary than all of that. God and His word have been forgotten in the majority of churches. Most churches care more about traditions and rules and denominations and rituals rather than God's word. A nation can be and will be destroyed by God if that nation forgets Him.

**Observation#7**- God will save any sinner from any nation who will believe in Jesus Christ.  
**Acts 13:47-48; Psalm 67:2; John 3:16**

Even though God's program is primarily centered on national Israel, it has always been the will of God to have His message of salvation communicated to the nations. Regardless of the background or nation, any sinner who will believe in Jesus Christ will be saved.

Paul said, "the Lord has commanded us, I have placed you as a light for the nations (Gentiles) that you may bring salvation to the end of the earth. When the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed." God loved the nations of the world and Jesus Christ died on a cross to save sinners and no matter what your ethnicity or sin, if you will believe on Jesus Christ, you will be saved.

**For the United States of America before the Rapture, what God will do with us and for us will be contingent upon what we do with truth aimed at the nations.** He is a God who is true to His word.

Never forget this: **Israel is the only nation in the world that God says can never be destroyed.** In **Jeremiah 30:11** God says this: "for I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, only I will not destroy you completely."

There is no nation in the world, including the United States, that has a promise from God that He will not destroy it. Only Israel has this promise. **So if the United States wants God's favor, it needs to apply Biblical truth aimed at the nations.**

**BIBLICAL TIME FRAME #2 – The United States of America after the Rapture.**

We believe that the Rapture will occur just before the Great Tribulation. (In our study of Eschatology, we examine all of the views on this, but we believe that this will happen before the Tribulation begins.)

One of the most important definitive passages for our conclusion is I Thessalonians 5:9-10 that says, "God has not destined us for wrath." Paul says we are to encourage one another with this great prophetic truth (v. 11). The Tribulation will be a time of wrath and the Church will be raptured before that time. Jesus Christ will not let His family and body go through the Great Tribulation. He will return and take them out of the world before it begins.

The Great Tribulation is described in many passages in both the O.T. and the N.T.. It is a seven year span of time that features the horrible wrath of God.

**Jesus said there has never been a time like it on earth. He said, "...there will be a great tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will" (Matthew 24:21).**

In the Tribulation, God will pour out His wrath on a God-mocking, Christ-rejecting, Israel-hating world. In a seven year span He will use His rapid fire arsenal of destructive things that will bring this world to its knees. The United States of America will be the recipient of these horrible things.

In the first part of the Tribulation we read what things are like for the people:  
"Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains and they said to the mountains; and to the rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come and who is able to stand?'" (Revelation 6:15-17).

During the Tribulation more than one out of two people will die. More than 50% of the world's population will die. The way we mathematically determine this is in **Revelation 6:8**, which is early in the Tribulation, ¼ of the world's population will die and in **Revelation 9:18**, which is about half way through the Tribulation, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the remaining world's population will die.

We have 328 million people in the United States now so let's use that number:

¼ of 328 million is 82 million people. So in Revelation 6:8, 82 million people die, which leaves 246 million left.

1/3<sup>rd</sup> of 246 million is nearly 82 million people. So in Revelation 9:18, 82 more million people die, which leaves 164 million left.

So very early in the Tribulation, one out of two people in the United States are dead. That is scary.

Jesus said if those days of the Tribulation were not time regulated, "no life would have been saved" (Matt. 24:22).

**I want to read Zephaniah's description of this Tribulation (Zephaniah 1:14-18):**

"Near is the great day of the LORD, near and coming very quickly; Listen, the day of the LORD!

In it the warrior cries out bitterly.

A day of wrath is that day,

A day of trouble and distress,

A day of destruction and desolation,

A day of darkness and gloom,

A day of clouds and thick darkness,

A day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and the high corner towers.

I will bring distress on men so that they will walk like the blind.

Because they have sinned against the Lord; and their blood will be poured out like dust

And their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them on the day of the LORD's wrath.

And all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy,

For He will make a complete end,  
Indeed a terrifying one, **of all the inhabitants of the earth.”**  
**That is Zephaniah’s description of the Great Tribulation.**

**I want to read Joel’s description of the Tribulation (Joel 2:1-3):**

“Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; surely it is near,  
A day of darkness and gloom,  
A day of clouds and thick darkness.  
As the dawn is spread over the mountains,  
So there is a great and mighty people;  
There has never been anything like it, nor will there be again after it.”

**That is Joel’s description of the Great Tribulation.**

**I want to read Jeremiah’s description of the Tribulation (Jeremiah 25:15-17):**

“For thus the LORD, the God of Israel, says to me, ‘Take this cup of the wine of wrath from My hand and cause all the nations to whom I send you to drink it. They will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them. Then I took the cup from the LORD’S hand and **made all the nations to whom the LORD sent me drink it.**”

God will pour out His cup of wrath on all nations of the world. This is what Jeremiah predicts.

**During the Tribulation God will** pour out His wrath on a God-mocking, Bible-hating, Christ-rejecting, Israel-hating Gentile World. All nations of the world will drink of the cup of the wrath of God. This will include the United States of America.

**The United States is part of what the Bible classified as “the nations of the world.” So what will happen to the nations of the world? There are eleven key prophetic realities:**

**Prophetic Reality #1 - America will lose all Christians at the Rapture. **I Thess. 4:16-17****

There will be millions of believers in heaven who will have been raptured. In fact, it is very likely that more people will be raptured from this nation more than any other nation in the world. What that means is all Christians will be gone. At the Rapture there will not be one Christian left anywhere in this country.

What that means for this country is no Christian will be found anywhere. This nation will be a completely godless nation filled with godless people. As I said earlier, my own view is that most of the leaders in Washington D.C. will still be here.

All that will be left are people who are caught up in false religions.

Now what is fascinating is that shortly after the Rapture there will be those who will believe on Jesus Christ and they will be killed (Rev. 6:9). We know from Revelation 7:9 that there are believers from “every nation” there. Obviously some of those people did come from the United States of America.

This will be a time when Barak Obama's statement will be true; the United States will not be a Christian nation. All Christians will be gone.

**Prophetic Reality #2-** America will experience an outbreak of total godless lawlessness.  
**Matt. 24:12; II Thess. 2:3**

As we mentioned last time, the spirit of lawlessness is at work now, but it is nothing to the outbreak that will occur after the Rapture. After the Rapture, the United States will become a godless nation of no laws or rules.

In fact, Jesus, in speaking of this time, said, "lawlessness is increased; most people's love will grow cold." People will do horrible things to each other in the United States of America.

**Prophetic Reality #3-** America will experience an outbreak of Civil war. **Rev. 6:2**

The statement "men will slay one another" means to another of the same kind. In other words, people from the same country and nation will kill each other.

There is an unrest that is building right now in the United States. People are getting fed up with many things and as soon as the Rapture occurs and God removes His restraining ministry, there will be a Civil war that will break out fast and furious.

This may be a multidimensional civil war outbreak. Some may fight for religious reasons. Some may fight for political reasons. Some may fight over social reasons. Some may fight for economic reasons. Some may fight for racial reasons. There will be a major outbreak of civil war and the stage is being set right now.

You will not want to be on this earth when this happens. Believe in Jesus Christ and you never need worry about it.

**Prophetic Reality #4-** America will be led by godless, wicked leaders. **I Tim. 2:1-2**

One of the things we are to do as believers is to pray for our political leaders so we may live a quiet life in godliness and dignity. We have done that in this church for twenty years. After the Rapture all believers will be gone so there will not be any here to pray for the leaders. What that means is leaders will be totally and completely godless, ruthless and undignified.

The leaders who will be left will be leaders who are corrupt and they will lead people into deceptive and devilish and dangerous ways.

When the Rapture occurs, all God-fearing leaders will be gone and what you will have left is a bunch of godless, arrogant, power-crazed political leaders who will be demonically led. That is what you can expect to see in the United States of America.

**Prophetic Reality #5**- The Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached to the whole world and some from the United States will turn to the Lord. **Matt. 24:14;**  
**Rev. 7:9, 14**

Jesus said, in the context of the Tribulation, that “this gospel of the kingdom will be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all the nations and then the end will come” (Matt. 24:14).

The 144,000 Jewish evangelists (Rev.7:4-6) plus the two prophets in Jerusalem (Rev. 11:3ff.) will proclaim the Kingdom message during the Tribulation.

Since this Kingdom message will reach the “whole world” we may assume that people in the United States will hear it and some of those people will believe and turn to the Lord. Revelation 7:9 says that they will come “from every nation.” There will be some who will believe in the United States of America.

**Prophetic Reality #6**- America will experience the horrific events of the Great Tribulation.  
**Matt. 24:22**

I don't know what your scariest moment in life has been to this point, but it will be nothing compared to what will happen in the Tribulation. Unless those days of the Tribulation had not been time regulated, every American would have died.

The United States will experience the horror of the Tribulation judgments. There will be death and famine and plagues. There will be massive cosmological destruction of earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, thunder, lightning and hail storms with hail stones that weigh 100 pounds each (Rev. 16:21). This will be coming right out of heaven. Finding fresh water to drink will be almost impossible (Rev. 8:10-11; 16:4) and there will be blood everywhere. The United States will experience the horror of every bit of this. It will be so bad that people will want to die (Rev. 9:6).

**Prophetic Reality #7**- America will fall under the Satanic rule of the Antichrist. **Rev. 13:1-8**

The Antichrist will be the most evil and ferocious man to ever live. He will be Satan's man (Dan. 7:7; Rev. 13:4). Daniel specifically says he will “devour the whole earth and tread it down and crush it” (Dan. 7:23).

He will rule over the whole world. This then would include the United States of America. People in this country will be under his authority. Most will follow him. They will be monitored and tracked and they will not be able to buy or sell unless they have the mark of the beast or his number (**Rev. 13:16-18**)

There is a big push right now for a national tracking device on people. This is all leading to a horrible time for the United States of America.

**Prophetic Reality #8-** America will be gathered with all other nations of the world against Jerusalem. **Zechariah 14:2-3**

Zechariah predicts that “all the nations” will move against Israel and Jerusalem in the Tribulation and when it happens, God will destroy them all. We may assume that some who will move against Israel will come from the United States.

There are some demonic women in political power right now who hate Israel and during the Tribulation, if they live long enough, they will turn against Israel.

**Prophetic Reality #9-** America will go through the Judgment of the Nations.  
**Matthew 25:31-46**

God will judge the nations as to how they treated Israel during the Tribulation. Matt. 25:32; Is. 60:1-14; Jer. 3:17; Luke 21:24. As we previously said, the only nation in a covenant relationship with God is Israel.

When Jesus Christ re-gathers Israel, Isaiah predicted that many will come from the west (i.e. Is. 49:12). We conclude that some of the Jewish will come from the United States. America has been a nation who has always been a friend of Israel. This is due in part to the fact that we have had Christians in this nation who realize the importance of Israel. This lends itself to our own national survival.

We suspect that God will preserve a remnant in the United States who will favor Israel during the time of the Antichrist and the Tribulation. They will hide Jewish people and feed them and care for them and at the judgment of the nations, they will be allowed to enter the Kingdom. Undoubtedly, there will be some from the United States of America who share in the reign of Jesus Christ.

**Prophetic Reality #10-** God will permit any nation that is left after the Tribulation go to Jerusalem to worship God. **Zechariah 14:16; Revelation 21:24,26; Ps. 22:27**

Zechariah says, “Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.”

There will come a day when all nations of the world will worship in Jerusalem. We may assume that some from the United States will be there.

**Prophetic Point#11** - Some from America will end up in the New Heaven, New Earth and New Jerusalem. **Rev. 21:10,23,24**

In Revelation 21 there is a description of a New Jerusalem designed by God Himself. In Revelation 21:24 we read: “The nations will walk by its light and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.” There will be nations of the world who will end up visiting this place. We think there is good reason to assume that some from the United States will be part of this. The United States has been the greatest source of missionaries and prayers and Bible translations and instruction all over the world. The United States has historically been a nation that has honored Israel.

Based on an assessment of Biblical data, we conclude that this is a very legitimate perspective of what will happen to the United States of America.

If you have never believed on Jesus Christ as your Savior, please do that now. He will save you from all of your sins and He will keep you from the time of wrath.

**PARTING THOUGHTS:**

- 1. Think very carefully about who you vote for in a political election because God's treatment of a nation and the people in it is at stake.**
- 2. You do not want to be in the United States or anywhere else in this world when the Tribulation begins.**
- 3. Invite Jesus Christ to come into your life and your heart will not be troubled, even in troubling times.**