

# Scriptural Truths

## E-Mail Meditations

The Lord Will Come . . . Perhaps Today . . . Behold, I Come Quickly . . . Rev. 22:7

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### What In The World Is Happening?

#### Introduction

As I write this paper, the world has been forced to a sudden stop. It is similar to one driving down the highway when an unforeseen happens and suddenly, the brakes are applied with severity. Those in the car ask, "What has happened?" This is the way it is in the world today. Stores are shut, only the most essential services are open, and humanity is under a cloud of fear. Multitudes are asking, "Do I have the virus?"; "How severe is this?"; "Could I die from this disease?". Man is frantically searching for answers. Blame is swirling all around of when did who know about this?; when will there be a remedy; is the worst yet to come?" The political world has no answer, the academic world has no answer, the medical world has no answer (yet), but the question thousands are asking is, "Why did God let this happen?". I find it so interesting that for the last many years there has been an upsurge in the denial of God in creation or sovereign control. It has all been "Mother Nature". Yet somehow when this virtually invisible invasive virus comes, God is getting the blame! It seems to me that the answer is found in the Old Testament book of Amos. A careful reading of it will not only show the similarity between those ancient days and today, but why God's moral judgment must fall.

One matter must be clear, the difference between God being the cause for this, that is, did it originate with Him, or is He using man's rejection of Him to be the instrument of judgment? Since man lives in a state of consistent obstinacy, blasphemy and insolence against the Almighty, would it be wrong of God to send a judgment? One of the obscurities of the news is the ongoing development of the New World Order. The scriptures have shown its full development and ending in Revelation chapters 18-19. Some of the ways to bring it about are a unification of religions; a situation of political chaos and rebellion; a unification of the monetary system; the cutting down of CO2. All these can be effective if the earth's population can be lowered. Bill Gates said, "If he had one wish it would be the use of vaccines to depopulate the world". Life is cheap as can be observed by the slaying of living human beings by abortions, and when those who are seniors get ill, just let them die. The scriptures inform its readers that one of the judgments from God will be the third of humanity killed (Rev. 9:15-18), and again in another judgment a quarter of humanity killed (Rev. 6:8). How will it be done? God informs us, partly by "pestilence" and that includes viruses. Man is developing viruses to assist in depopulation in preparation for the New World Order, a One World System. That which we are seeing today is a little foreshadow of that which is to come as God steps back and lets man live in denial of His authority and reap the consequences.

There is, by many, the rejection that God is too loving and good to allow such a thing and that He is in control. Who does corrupt humanity think he is to determine what is morally right for God to do and what is not, or to charge God with lack of love? Calvary is the greatest act of love the world has ever seen, and man rejects the only way of salvation, preferring to do their own thing and take Hell when it comes.

## God Is Not a Parochial God

In the opening remarks of Amos God deals with the nations around Jerusalem: Damascus (ch. 1:3); Gaza (ch. 1:6); Tyrus (ch. 1:9); and continues with the nations until He begins to deal with Israel (ch. 2:6). That which is being shown is that God is not limited to one nation. He sees and recompenses each nation according to its own rebelliousness against God, or reverence for God and help to His people (Psa. 33:12; Matt. 25:40, 45). Gilbert and Sullivan wrote in one of their musicals, "The punishment must fit the crime". Whither they knew it or not, this is righteous judgment and is the character of God. Rebellion and sin will be punished, but it will be in balance to what man did.

In Amos several expressions are repeated showing the longsuffering of God as He repeatedly says, "For three transgressions . . . and for four" (ch. 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 13; 2:1, 4, 6) thus showing that God's patience will come to an end. His enduring with man's insolence against Him cannot continue without recompense. Justice must be done. Let no nation think they can do as they want. Governments refuse to learn that God is much bigger than they and all the nations together are utterly insignificant. "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing" (Isa. 40:15). Let the governments of the world deny God, live as if God does not exist and mock as if His ability to recompense is empty boasting. To God, all the nations are less than a few grains of sand, nothing to be concerned about. He is still the God to whom the nations are answerable.

## What were the characteristics of the days of Amos and how are they manifested today?

In reading the book God immediately begins to tell the sins and brutality committed:

- a) "Because they have threshed Gilead" (ch. 1:3), this was savagery. Is pulling a live infant apart not savagery?
- b) "Carried away captive" (ch. 1:6), lack of sympathy and compassion (ch. 1:6). Is today's world not dominated by lack of natural affection?
- c) "Cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever (ch. 1:11). Today so many videos and children's play games are marked by fierceness of anger, a frozen anger.
- d) Sexual perversity and ignoring of the two sexes.
- e) Idolatry: We live in a world of God rejectors and idolatry, for whither it is sports, entertainment, money, prestige, or position, these are the gods of today's world.
- f) Despising of God's laws. Surely when the ten commandments are not wanted or removed from government places and a cross is despised and wanted removed, these are despising of God's laws and reminders of man's sins.

Is it any wonder God says "enough".

## God's Warnings to Humanity Through Creation

In reading Amos, God is not a hateful Being ready to flay man at the slightest fault, but giving multiple opportunities to repent, man despises every opportunity. God repeatedly says, "Yet have ye not returned unto me" (ch. 4:6, 8, 9, 10, 11). When all enduring mercy has come to its fulness and God has had enough of mockery, justice must be carried out. God says, "Prepare to meet thy God" (ch. 4:12).

God has warned man of man's own helplessness. Man cannot control the earth when it shakes, the hurricanes which lash the coasts of earth, the tornados which devastate the things of man, nor the volcanoes which erupt throwing pollution into the air and destroying pastures etc., or the famines. In all these things God is seeking to remind man that no matter how brilliant he thinks he is, he is ineffective in preventing or curtailing them. If man rejects these as the voice of the Almighty and speaks blasphemously that they are all mother nature, then things will get worse. Surely, the increase of earthquakes etc. are God's voice speaking to us.

Wise is the individual who listens to God's warning, "Prepare to meet thy God" for meet Him each person will. It will either be a joyful meeting or a trembling and fearfulness such as an individual has never known (2 Thess. 1:7-8; 2:8-12; Rev. 6:12-17).

Recently I found a poem called, "God Is Left Out", which summarizes the situation today.

Nations are puzzled, laden with fear,  
All seems to be darkness year after year,  
Planning and scheming don't seem to bring  
Peace and contentment, joy bells that ring.  
Millions are asking, "what's it all about"  
Here is the reason,  
**GOD IS LEFT OUT**

Tempers are fraying, quarrels abound,  
Many are saying solutions they've found,  
They like a bubble, burst in the air,  
Bringing depression, waves of despair.  
Courage is failing in hearts that were stout,  
Here is the reason,  
**GOD IS LEFT OUT**

Some lives are needing assurance and peace,  
Hearts that are broken daily increase,  
Some there are straying deep into sin,  
For some there is fighting and striving within.  
There is an answer, proclaim with a shout,  
This is your trouble,  
**GOD IS LEFT OUT**

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