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# THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE: "DID YOU HEAR THAT?"

A 911 MEMORIAL AND THE PROPHETIC NECESSITY FOR THE UNITED STATES

TO DIMINISH FOR A GLOBAL GOVERNMENT TO ARISE

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Introduction to the Text; Jeremiah 44:1a-7

I almost feel as if I were there. The Members of my family, growing up had told us kids over and over and over again what it was like that morning - - to hear the sky interrupted by such strange sounds and then seeing what they saw - - they couldn't believe their eyes. One family member - My uncle, had just finished loading up his ice cream truck early that morning and was heading out for the day to sell ice cream from his make-shift-weekend ice cream truck.

# everything seemed normal, until,

until it was realized that America was under attack.

It was a picture perfect day in Honolulu – It was a Sunday morning, it was **December 7**<sup>th</sup> **1941** 

# and the retelling of those events as a kid forever riveted that history into my mind...

15 years ago today – on another picture perfect day you and I began to hear the news come across the channels – at first with an almost routine innocence

#### Jeremiah 44:1a-7

This is the message Jeremiah received concerning those in Judah... 2 "This is what the LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: You saw the calamity I brought on Jerusalem and all the towns of Judah. They now lie deserted and in ruins. 3 They provoked my anger with all their wickedness. They burned incense and worshiped other gods—gods that neither they nor you nor any of your ancestors had ever even known before. :4 "Again and again I sent my servants, the prophets, to plead with them, 'Don't do these horrible things that I hate so much.' 5 But my people would not listen or turn back from their wicked ways. They kept on burning incense to these gods. 6 And so my fury boiled over and fell like fire on the towns of Judah and into the streets of Jerusalem, and they are still a desolate ruin today. :7 "And now the LORD God of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, asks you: Why are you destroying yourselves?...

#### **Jeremiah 7:23-27**

This is what the Lord says: 'Obey me, and I will be your God, and you will be my people. Do everything as I say, and all will be well!' :24 "But my people would not listen to me. They kept doing whatever they wanted, following the stubborn desires of their evil hearts. They went backward instead of forward. 25 From the day your ancestors left Egypt until now, I have continued to send my servants, the prophets—day in and day out. 26 But my people have not listened to me or even tried to hear. They have been stubborn and sinful—even worse than their ancestors. :27 "Tell them all this, but do not expect them to listen. Shout out your warnings, but do not expect them to respond.

#### Jeremiah 35:17

"Therefore, this is what the LORD God of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: 'Because you refuse to listen or answer when I call, I will send upon Judah and Jerusalem all the disasters I have warned you of."

#### These were not uneducated people, ignorant of their history!

As part of their heritage they had the prophecies (and their fulfillment in their history) from the prophets Isaiah, Amos, Hosea, and Micah spoken in earlier generations. The people of Jerusalem in the time of Isaiah and King Hezekiah saw God's salvation with the complete destruction of 185,000 Assyrian warriors in one night outside their city walls. They had seen and they had heard – but they didn't listen!!!

## On September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001

America heard a great and terrible noise. Americans came to church on that Tuesday – This church was packed with people standing in the doorway - - we heard a great noise, but did we listen?

Well what a week this has been for me and the host of others who gathered in Washington DC for a national security briefing regarding the topic of "how does religious ideology affect the security of the nation?"

One thing is absolutely certain and completely undeniable is the fact that religious belief determines how a person lives and conducts themselves and history proves that.

As we pause today on September 11 to remember, to consider, and to determine where our nation might be going - - one glorious thing is sure, the true Church of Jesus Christ is poised for action.

#### Did You Hear That?

#### 1.) God has been **speaking** through His prophets vs. 1a-5a

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#### Did You Hear That?

It is certainly God's prerogative to speak through His people today – He certainly is speaking through His word – the Bible.

#### 2.) That God has been **pleading** through events vs. 5b-7

#### Jeremiah 44:5b-7

Nor would they **turn back** from their wicked ways. **They kept on** burning incense to these gods. **6** And so my fury boiled over and fell like fire on the towns of Judah and into the streets of Jerusalem, and they are still a desolate ruin today. :**7** "And now the LORD God of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, asks you: Why are you destroying yourselves?...

#### Did You Hear That?

Judah, Israel had sinned against God to the point that they had brought the nation to the brink of utter ruin.

## Whenever a people sin against God;

It's almost always a gradual thing – it's a slippery-slope-kind-of-thing. We begin to let go here and then there. We slack off from our commitment to God, Family and Country.

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#### The Nation after 9/11

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#### The Nation has not Recovered since 9/11

# "Isn't it a convenient thing to say that

"God has nothing to do with our droughts and fires and floods and storms and tornadoes and viruses and civil unrest and violence and earthquakes and bankruptcy?"

# Among the camp of the Silly – is this **explanation**; It's All Because of Climate Change / It's All Because of Climate Change

:7 "And NOW the LORD God of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, IS ASKING YOU: WHY are you destroying yourselves?...

#### The Nation has decided to Embrace Disaster

In just 15 years America has turned away from the God who has given her life...

- We've turned away from God with our history.
- We've turned away from God with our wealth.
- We've turned away from God with our laws.

- We've turned away from God with our culture.
- We've turned away from God with our education.
- We've turned away from God with our leadership.
- We've turned away from God with our commerce.
- We've turned away from God with our military.
- We've turned away from God with our churches.

GOD IS ASKING AMERICA TODAY **WHY**: WHY are you destroying yourselves - by **Rejecting My Word?** 

GOD IS ASKING AMERICA TODAY **WHY**: WHY are you destroying yourselves - by **Attacking My people?** 

GOD IS ASKING AMERICA TODAY **WHY**: WHY are you destroying yourselves - by **Forgetting My Blessings** 

GOD IS ASKING AMERICA TODAY **WHY**: WHY are you destroying yourselves - by **Embracing Other gods?** 

http://www.cnn.com/2016/09/07/politics/obama-nominates-first-muslim-judge/

"I am confident he will serve the American people with integrity and a steadfast commitment to justice."

- BHO

Justice? – what kind of justice must a real muslim believe in and obey? - - it's called Islamic Sharia Law.

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# 3.) That God has been calling for repentance vs. 23-25a

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# Did You Hear That? They would not Obey, They would not Listen. But they did do what they wanted.

#### **2 Chronicles 7:12-15**

Then the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place.

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#### 4.) That God has warned our time is limited

vs. 25b-27

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#### Did You Hear That?

#### For many Americans who choose to be informed these can

be very exciting times, however there are those, the number seems to be growing, who, choose not to know what's happening around them – for them the worldly proverb is a command - - "ignorance is bliss" But there are others, who, are sensitive enough to realize that things are not like they were not as they ought to be and they're not getting better....

...There is a genuine fear in the lives of people who cannot see God in the midst of a growing darkness but to those who know His Word - - there is guidance, a plan and a hope.

#### Where is the United States on God's Time Line?

#### Deuteronomy 30:15-18

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, 16 in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish;

When Judah had forgotten God, He sent them prophets When Judah had forgotten God, He sent them warnings When Judah had forgotten God, He sent them enemies

I' m tempted to ask"Should Christians be allowed to vote?"

Are Christians educated enough and informed enough and Biblical enough to select one from a list of two?

It's as if the Christian church today is playing marbles with diamonds. They have no idea the value and the responsibility of their actions

## Here's The Current Example Before Us:

Could Donald **Trump** be like a King **Cyrus** or a King **Nebuchadnezzar**?

#### Isaiah 49:15-16 NIV

"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! **16** See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;

#### DID YOU HEAR THAT?

#### Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling.

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The Cross, The Christ, The Call



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