

GOD PUNISHES ISRAEL

A Sermon by Pastor Sheldon Emry

You've heard much from Kingdom ministers about the simple little idea, "God punishes Israel." Yet, I suppose it's one of the least understood maxims of the Scripture, among Christian people. I've had opportunity to talk to Christian people about God's punishment upon individuals, on people or the nation. Apparently, most people refuse to believe it. They just do not want to accept the idea that God actually and deliberately punishes a people or nation.

I want to show you a few things out of the Scripture that I think should convince, at least some of the skeptics, that God punishes His people, Israel; for instance, from the prophet **Amos**:

"Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

"You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."

Amos 3:1-2

There are two great truths in that one verse: **1)** "You only have I known of all the families of the earth," (God has a special relationship with His people, Israel, that is different than His relationship with all the rest of the people that are on the earth); and, therefore, **2)** because of that special relationship, God says "I will punish you for all your iniquities." God said, I will punish you because of the relation-

ship that I have with you that is different from other people. He goes on:

"Can two walk together except they be agreed?"

Amos 3:3

You know, it's amazing how much preaching we have today on this idea that we can walk with God, but we don't necessarily have to agree with Him. In other words, we can put aside His Word and not teach it, and not obey it, and actually cast aspersions on it; and yet still walk with God. But He says, "Can two walk together unless they be agreed?" Then He gives some little proverbs, I suppose you would call them:

"Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him?...."

Amos 3:4-5

In other words, where there is no food in the trap.

"...shall one take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all? Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?"

Amos 3:5-6

He is asking some questions, which actually have answers, that almost any rational person should be able to answer. For instance, this idea of the lion. Will a

lion roar in the forest when he has no prey? We don't have many lions in this country so some people don't know about lions. The lion is very quiet, never makes any noise until after he kills his prey; then he roars in order to keep away the other lions or other animals, who want to come and get it. So God is just asking some of these things to give an idea that there is a natural order of events; certain things happen when other things happen. There are causes and effects. He's just using some of the things of nature to show that there is a certain cause and it has a certain effect. If there is a certain action, then a certain other thing follows, even to the idea that shall a trumpet be blown in the city, the people shall be afraid. If someone sets off the alarm, which the people understand as meaning enemy attack or war or danger, there is an immediate fear. People do not go about and say, What do you think about this? There is an immediate reaction when a certain thing takes place. God even says:

“Shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it?”

Some of you have a Fenton Bible, and it is rather interesting, the translation that he has of some of these verses in Amos. In fact, he says:

“Can a trumpet be blown in a town and the people not collect?”

In other words, the people would come and gather and decide what to do.

“If there is misfortune to a town, has not the EVER-LIVING produced it?”

So here is another translation with the same idea. If there is evil in a city, has not the Lord done it. You remember that as we go through this study! Especially those of

us who are fearful of what the communists are doing, what the black revolutionaries are doing, what the hippies are doing, and all the propagandists are doing around America. Remember, God says if there is evil in the city, He has done it! Or, at least, He knows about it! Let's not have the idea that God doesn't know about it. Then in **verse 7** of the KJV He adds this:

“Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.”

Ferrar Fenton says of this:

“However, the MIGHTY LORD will not produce an event without disclosing His intentions to His servants the prophets.”

You see, He asks these rather innocuous questions first to show you that there is a natural order of events. The lion is quiet until he gets his prey, then he roars. They all do that. It is a natural thing for them to do. Birds are not caught in a snare unless there is bait in the snare. Then He says, but the Lord will not do anything, not even the natural course of events, or produce an event without disclosing His intentions to His servants, the prophets. I read this verse quite often because I think it should be a great comfort to people to know that God Almighty may punish Israel; but He is not going to do any of that punishment unless He discloses it to His servants, the prophets. He is going to tell Israel about it in advance, through His prophets. That is what we read in both of these translations.

Now for those of you who doubt this idea, that if there is evil in the city the Lord has done it, turn with me to **Isaiah 45**. I know that there is a tremendous amount of information put out on the

radio and a tremendous amount of literature available and that there are literally millions of people who are absolutely and totally convinced that all of the evil in the nation is caused by the communists, the criminals, or by the propagandists, the liberals, or somebody. But please read **Isaiah 45** starting in vs. 5:

5 "I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:..."

6 "That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else."

7 "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things."

Isaiah 45:5-7

Now it is one of the hardest truths of the Bible to get across to Christian people: that God creates the evil in the city. This is the idea that we are talking about; God punishes Israel. As we go along you will see that there is a reason for all of these things happening, a logical reason. God says in Amos that if there is evil in the city, He knows about it. Ferrar Fenton says that He causes it. In **Isaiah 45** we read the very simple words that He creates evil. "I the Lord do all these things."

Some people would think that this is literally blasphemy for a preacher to stand up before a congregation and say: "Yes, brother, the Lord creates evil!" Doesn't that sound terrible? This God of good, this God of love creates evil! In fact, all preachers want to preach today, that God is a God of love. But if GOD ALMIGHTY said to Israel, you are a special people, you are different from all the

other people, therefore I will punish you for your iniquities. How is He going to punish us unless He does something that we think is evil? How many of you have ever given your children a whipping when they were small? I am sure most of you older people have, at some time or another, or you have corrected them, or you have taken away some privilege. If you had turned around and asked that child what it was that you had done to them, they would have told you, you had done something bad, wouldn't they? They would have said: That was an evil thing you did to me, when you gave me a licking. It would be a bad thing to the child to receive a spanking. Now, if Israel receives chastisement and punishment, of course you could put the word "evil" upon it, because to us it is evil. God says He does these things.

Now I want to list, just before we go on in the Scripture, the four things that have apparently been told to us in these few verses in Amos, and also this part we read in Isaiah:

1. God will punish Israel for all her iniquities. (That was said in rather plain language.)
2. Things happen for a cause or for a reason. (I think that is the reason why God put those other questions in here; there is a logical reason for things happening.)
3. God controls both good and evil.
4. He will not do any of these things to Israel unless He discloses it to His servants, the prophets.

If we believe that God is going to punish Israel, then we must, also, believe that God is going to tell us in His Word how He

is going to punish us. I think, perhaps, if we understand that, we can understand a lot of these things that are happening in America and other Anglo-Saxon lands.

Some of the people I talk to, and some of the people who write me letters, once in awhile give me some argument about some of these writings. In fact, I think there are two pieces of literature that I have had more argument from people on than anything else I have ever written. The first, the tract titled "Fighting Communism or Denying God?" about the John Birch Society; and the other is the tract that I wrote titled, "The American Captivity," in which I showed how American people are being misled by what are called anti-communists into spending their money, and wasting all their time and effort.

The major argument that I get is: Well, we've got to stop the communists so that we can preach the Word and save people. We've got to stop the communists and oneworlders so that Christianity can continue and preachers can stay on radio. We've got to stop the communists because, otherwise, they're going to take all the preachers off the radio. In other words, their whole argument is geared to this one thing: Communism is evil, therefore we must stop it in order that good will prevail. I am going to show you that is absolutely erroneous preaching and teaching and learning. Yet, a great number of people have fallen for this idea that we have to stop the evil so that good will prevail, otherwise good has no chance. The good anti-communist organizations have been built on the idea that if we can stop the evil, then good will prevail. Yet, we have read that God creates the evil.

Now at the same time, I suppose we are all rather startled by the seeming stu-

pidity of our national civil leaders; by the almost total blindness of the preachers, and even to the extent that we read in the papers that the revolutionists and the communists say: We are going to burn down America. In the same paper the government says: Well, what we have to do is spend billions of dollars to clean up our air. The revolutionists say they will invade the churches, and, in fact, have already invaded some churches in some of the cities, and burned them down, or taken them over. They say: "We have to destroy America, we have to destroy Christianity." What do the ministers say? They say: "Come to Christ, give your life to Christ and He will live in your heart, and love everybody, and so on."

In other words, the answer by the politicians, and the answer by the ministers to the plainly stated threat that the enemy intends to destroy this nation, is completely unrelated. There is no relation to what the government does in relation to what the enemy says they are going to do. There is no relation to the preaching that the preachers give us in relation to what the enemies of the preaching of the Gospel say. It is almost as if they were mad, or insane. They couldn't understand that the enemy has said: I am going to kill you and eliminate you. The enemy has said they are going to kill America, and the leaders say: Pollution is a terrible problem; we'll clean up our air, our water and rivers. They do not answer the enemy. There is no effort to do anything about the enemy, and the preachers turn around and preach about something that has no meaning, whatsoever, in relation to this threat.

Now look at another prophet, Micah. Now, Micah was a prophet to the northern House of Israel, ten-tribed Israel, just prior to, and during the time they went into captivity in Assyria. Consider this

third chapter of Micah, and try and NOT realize that this is literally a description of the United States of America. You, also, think of the things we have read, as we go through this. Remember, Micah was a prophet of God! Now, Amos said God did not do anything except He revealed the events to His servants, the prophets.

“And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel:”

Micah 3:1

Who in the world does God Almighty speak to first? Now remember, Israel was in disobedience and that is the reason they went into Assyrian captivity, you all know that. So, who does God speak to through His prophet? YOU HEADS OF JACOB, AND YOU PRINCES OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL — You leaders and rulers in the nation of Israel.

“...Is it not for you to know judgment?”

Micah 3:1

In other words, you are the ones who are supposed to know judgment or know to do the right thing. Here is the kind of people they are:

“Who hate the good, and love the evil: who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones:”

Micah 3:2

Here's what they do to God's People:

“Who also eat the flesh of My People, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in Pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.”

Micah 3:3

They destroy my people Israel. They steal their property and their wealth. They force them to do ungodly things.

They send their children to school to be brainwashed into all other kinds of ideologies. This is being done by the government. In other words, the leaders and rulers in Israel are destroying the Israel people, and God says, This is what happened at that time.

“Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but he will not hear them:”

Micah 3:4

Isn't that something: But HE WILL NOT HEAR THEM!! Now I thought this was a God of love, that if anybody cried unto the Lord, why, He heard them right away. Brother and Sister, that isn't what the Bible says. Remember, Israel was literally in total disobedience at the time of the Assyrian captivity. The rulers were destroying the people, and God said, if the people cry unto me, I won't even hear them. I will not hear the people when they cry about the terrible things being done to them by their rulers.

“...he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.”

Micah 3:4

I wonder, in a rational conversation among a group of Christian people, if there are any of them (and I am talking about Christian people who love the Lord), if any of them would dare stand up and argue that America is in obedience to the Lord God Almighty. You know, when you consider the things that are taking place in this land, that we are allowing to take place, then we are in more dire straits and in more dangerous disobe-

ence to the God of Israel than our people were back then, when God sent them into Assyria.

I have read some of the newspaper accounts of some of the pornographic movies that apparently are going to be shown in the theatres, and they tell us that within another year they will be shown on television. Do you know what? I have not heard of a single delegation of ministers going to talk to any man in civil authority to tell him "GOD ALMIGHTY ORDERS YOU TO DESTROY THESE FILMS," and burn down those theaters if you have to, to stop it. Where are the Christian ministers? You never hear a peep out of them — never a word!

The only Christian minister that I read about in the newspaper recently who saw someone in civil authority was a Methodist minister who went down to see a judge the other day in protest of a high bond for some criminal. That's right! The ONLY time a minister goes down to some civil authority is to protest that they are holding some criminal in jail that they should let out. You think America is not in disobedience to God Almighty? You think that God is going to hear the prayers of these people at this time? Well, let's read on:

"Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err...."

Micah 3:5

In other words, the preachers make my people err, or cause them to err!

"...that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him."

Micah 3:5

Have you ever thought of the idea that there are actually preachers in the pulpits, who are preparing war against Israel and against GOD ALMIGHTY? Preachers!!

I have this little article, which one of the men here gave me. "THEY HAVE GONE ABOUT AS FAR AS THEY CAN GO." It is a reprint of an article written by a United Methodist minister who attended a three-week seminar in Kansas City for United Methodist (U.M.) ministers. He tells what they did for three weeks — ministers, not lay people, ministers! They spent about one-third of the time watching pornographic movies, so that the preachers would learn what the American people are seeing. That was the idea behind it. All of the instructors at the school, according to this Methodist minister, who attended this, participated. He says:

"The next day we had an encounter with the black community. We were told in the most colorful language (now you can imagine what he means when he says "colorful language") how irrelevant and useless the church is. We heard bitter condemnation of America's social, economic, and political systems. We were told they are repressive, worthless, and destructive, and that they must be destroyed by violent revolution if necessary."

He goes on and tells us that all of these revolutionary teachers at the seminar were the teachers at the theological seminary that they attended. The men who tell them they have to burn down and destroy America, are "the men at the United Methodist Theological Seminary, who are teaching the new United Methodist ministers. Then, they had prostitutes come in and tell them their story. One Sunday morning they didn't go to church, instead

they went out and visited the bars in Kansas City, to see how the rest of the people behaved. They had one lady stand up and tell them how wonderful LSD was and what it had done for her. This was a deliberate seminar for, apparently, forty or fifty U.M. ministers. According to this U.M. minister, he heard no criticism of the program from any other U.M. minister.

I don't know whether our Christian people actually realize what is going on among the men in the pulpits of this nation, or not. Apparently, most are blind to what is happening inside the Christian Church. God says of these ministers at that time:

“...he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. Therefore night shall be unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them.”

Micah 3:5-6

God will send a blindness and a darkness on the preachers and the prophets, that they will not be able to preach the Word of God to the people. Now, that is what He said through His prophet Micah to Israel, back at the time when they were in disobedience to the Lord.

“Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.”

Micah 3:7

There is no answer of God or by God, and today, these ministers are so blind to what is happening in this land and among the churches, that they are actually now beginning to preach that God isn't doing

anything; in fact, there is a possibility that God is dead. Now why do you think that they think God is dead? The reason is that they do not see God doing anything in America.

Now, you think this is just true of these black ministers and these revolutionists? How many of you have ever heard Billy Graham or Billy James Hargis or Carl McIntyre tell you anything that God is doing in America? Have any of you heard anything?

Billy James Hargis will spend hours every week on Television telling you what the communists are doing in America. He never has a word to tell you what God is doing. You know why? Because he doesn't know anything that God is doing. Carl McIntyre spends hour after hour after hour, five days a week, 30 minutes a day, on six hundred radio stations, telling people what the communists are doing, and he never gives them a word about what God is doing.

You know why? Because God has sent blackness and darkness upon those ministers because they won't have the Word. Therefore, God has completely-blinded them and there is no way that they can read this Bible and make sense out of it; to tell the people what God is doing in America. All they see is the other side. Why? Because there is no answer of God. God is not answering their prayers or our prayers. Nothing is happening as far as they're concerned, and they don't know what's going on. All they can do is tell the people, Oh, isn't it terrible, how evil, and so on.

Two years ago they were forming groups to pray for victory in Vietnam. (This message was given in 1970.) Carl McIntyre is still doing that. What is

America doing now? We have now turned away from even praying about Vietnam and we are now writing letters to the antichrists and saying: "Won't you be nice to our boys in the prison camps?" You think America hasn't turned away from God? in disobedience? Brother and Sister, if we believed God, what He says, and in His power, we would at least pray to Him to bring an earthquake on the jails like He did when Paul was in prison, and open up North Vietnam by an earthquake, and destroy those cities and release those prisoners. But instead what are we doing? We are writing letters to Hanoi. And everybody is getting on the program: "Write letters and ask the enemy if they won't be nice to our boys and let the letters through." Apparently, our people have arrived at a point where they are so fearful, and unbelieving, and untrusting in God Almighty, that we don't even know how to ask Him or believe Him for the simplest little things in the world. Yet you wonder why God is bringing evil upon America. Let's read on. You heard what Micah said about the other preachers; now here is what he says about himself:

"But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might,"

Micah 3:8

To do what?

"...to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin."

Micah 3:8

Micah said, "Yes, I am a prophet," and I can tell you that the rest of these "prophets" in this land can't tell anything that's going on — they don't know what's happening. Micah had the spirit and power of the Lord. But what did he have it for? To do one thing: Declare unto Jacob his transgression, and unto Israel his sin.

As a Kingdom minister, or as an Israel-identity minister, I don't disagree with the idea of preaching the good news of the Gospel of the Kingdom — the truth of the Bible that Christ will rule and reign in righteousness on the earth, and destroy all the wicked and set up His Kingdom. Praise the Lord for that Gospel. But—in the time of disobedience of Israel you will find that Micah was given the Spirit and power of the Lord to do one thing: Tell Israel their sins, and Jacob their transgressions. You'll notice when he started out the first verse of this idea, God was talking to the heads of Jacob and the princes of the house of Israel. If there is anyone failing among all the ministers in this nation, (and I believe of us to a certain extent,) we have not gone to the political and civil leaders of this nation and told them: "God Almighty is going to burn down our cities, and He's going to bring famine on this land, He's going to bring pestilence, and He's going to kill our people by the thousands and thousands, until we do ONE THING: TURN TO THE WORD OF THE LORD AND OBEY HIS LAWS, STATUTES, AND JUDGMENTS."

You know, Brother Record and I did that last spring, and we've done that before with some other pastors. These men in Washington, DC, who are the civil leaders of the nation, do not know that the drug addiction in America is a curse from God — they just don't know that. They do not know such a simple thing as this smog we have over Phoenix and Los Angeles, and some of these other cities are actually judgments from God Almighty on this nation because of our disobedience. They think it is because we burn too much gasoline, so they are going to stop the burning of gasoline.

What do they think about this venereal disease epidemic among our teen-

agers? “Well that's because we just haven't found the right medicine.” The doctors tell them that the venereal disease of a few years ago, which was cured by some of the medicines that we have, is now no longer being cured by those medicines. The doctors have told us recently that they have found a new disease caused by the drug “speed,” that some of these young people are taking. Many of them are getting it and it is incurable and fatal. Doctors say that 8 out of 10 of them will die within five years after contacting the disease.

You know what part of our problem is? Nobody tells them that this is a judgment from God Almighty upon the nation. They desperately try to seek some solution. Micah said the nation of Israel was in this condition; the people were being taxed to death, destroyed and killed in foreign wars. The prophets were blind, no one could see. But he had been given the power and the Spirit of God for one thing: **SHOW JACOB THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS AND ISRAEL THEIR SINS.** Brother and Sister, I think that is going to have to be done in this land.

“Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob,... (again, going back to the leaders in the nation) ...and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor Judgment, and pervert all equity. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.”

Micah 3:9-10

Now, let's read this next verse, and you tell me this isn't America:

“The heads thereof Judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: ...”

Micah3:11

Now the Scripture says money answereth all things. What do we find out? According to Micah, the politicians rule and make their judgment for money. The priests teach for money, and the prophets lie for money! You are not going to get very much truth in the land when you find that every decision by the top rulers, the priests and the prophets in Israel, is done for money. I have to add this; I at least want to get this point across: God Almighty's Word is going to go to this nation of people, even if He has to shut up some of the preachers.

Let me insert something here. We are on radio station KASA here in Phoenix. As you may know they carry several anti-communist radio broadcasts. Then, all of a sudden, McBirnie's VOICE OF AMERICANISM was not on there, and we didn't know why. Well, I have a letter that McBirnie sent out explaining why he is no longer on radio station KASA and, apparently, why he was also removed from KBLE in Seattle, Washington. The station sent him a letter and told him that because of the "Fairness Doctrine," as long as he kept talking against all these things that were going on in America, they weren't able to take his program because they would have to start giving free time to all these other people. So McBirnie contacted the station, and he says in his letter:

“Here is a surprising development. In a long conference with the officials of KBLE, we have secured from them an agreement for us to continue our time on their station, if we will use a religious format.”

In other words, I am permitted to preach to the nation, but not to discuss the news!

He has that underlined with an exclamation mark behind it, as if that is a terrible thing. The station will allow him to preach to the nation, but he can't discuss the news, and isn't that terrible! The letter continues:

“Well, that's considerably-better than nothing. My calling is that of a minister of Jesus Christ. It is that which makes me an anti-communist and anti-socialist in the first place. Incidentally, I am a senior minister of a large United Community Church in Glendale, and am a Baptist in background. (I understand he has a large church.) KBLE and KASA will both permit me to preach patriotic sermons, and I intend to thunder forth to the conscience of the nation. We can take a powerful stand for freedom and country, while still preaching the Gospel.”

A little further on he says:

“I may not always be as effective as the old Voice of Americanism broadcast, but a lot better than if I surrendered and went off the air.”

In other words, the station is going to require me to preach the Word of God, and that's bad, and I wish I didn't have to do it, but maybe it's better than doing nothing.

Now this is the attitude of multiplied hundreds of thousands of ministers across this land. They will do anything but preach the Word of God.

I think they made a reasonable request of the man. Those of you who listen to him know he never reads anything out of the Bible. All he talks about are the communists, the homosexuals, the dope-addicts, the revolutionists, and the Black Panthers. He never tells Israel their

transgressions or Jacob their sins. Now he's been kicked off the air, and he's going to have to do this, and asks these people to support him as he tries to do this. He says: “Bible prophecy will have a large part in what we do. Perhaps this will all work out in some strange way, for the better.”

Talk about ministers being blind. He has been told by the radio stations to preach out of the Word — out of the Bible — and he says: “Well maybe I'll have to, I don't want to, and it won't be very effective, but it might work out all right after all.” This man is noted as an anti-communist.

Now Billy James Hargis has also been told that they won't carry his program on KASA unless he changes the program. Those of you who have been listening to him recently, know that Billy James Hargis has now made a separate and special tape for KASA and KBLE. It is not the tape that is heard in the rest of the country. During the last week he's been playing sermons that he preaches at his new Christian college in Tulsa. He is teaching the students at the college, and he plays part of those sermons on the radio. I said, “Praise the lord” because it is interesting to hear what he is teaching them. The other day I happened to listen to him (Dec. 2, 1970) and I wish I had a tape of the whole broadcast. He was speaking to his students of the early Christian Church:

“The Jews use the same Old Testament as we do, as a basis for their religion. Actually the beliefs of the Jews are very little different than ours.”

This is a man who, supposedly, is fighting communism. He is a preacher, and up in his school, where he has gotten these young people to come, he tells them that

the Jews' religion is very little different from ours. He went on to say:

“The Jews were not ready to accept Christ as their Messiah, so God called Paul and he went to the Gentiles to build His church among the Gentiles.”

Among other things, Billy James Hargis said:

“The Messiah was Jewish, the apostles were Jewish; for eight years there were no other members of the Church, except Jewish members.”

He ends up his program, after he goes through all of this, by talking about the “Jewish apostle Peter” and the “Jewish apostle Paul” and so on. Then he's asking people to send contributions for the American Christian College because:

“...they are training young people to go out and save America.”

That is the phrase he uses every day on his broadcast: “We are training young people to go out and save America.”

Well, Brother and Sister, my Bible says America is under the judgment of God Almighty, and the only preaching that means anything to God Almighty is to TELL JACOB THEIR TRANSGRESSIONS AND ISRAEL THEIR SINS. Get this nation back into obedience, or God Almighty will continue raising up the communists, and raising up the revolutionists, and raising up all these people, from whom Billy James Hargis thinks he is going to save America. And how is he going to save America from them? By teaching them the religion of Judaism is just about like ours! In other words, Christianity came from Judaism. He went on to tell what a wonderful thing Judaism

was and how much we owed the Jews for their giving us our religion.

Brother and Sister, God's Christian religion has no foundation anywhere in the world, but in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. It has NO foundation in the religion of the antichrist. Some of you know that the Jewish religion requires (and they do this) that they pray five times a day for the death of all Christians!! That's the Jewish religion. There is a lot more that some of you know about it. Yet this man claims he is trying to save America. Do you believe that Micah was right when he said, “God said He would give darkness and blackness over all the prophets in the land, so they will not hear and see anything?”

“The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: ...”

Micah 3:11

I wonder why he tells those lies to those Christian young people up there. Do you suppose he is doing it for money? Micah said they do this for money.

“...yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us.”

Micah 3:11

The same men that preach and teach these false things are the ones who turn right around and say, God is protecting us and building us up. Even Nixon has his religious meetings in the White House. Billy Graham says Nixon is a very religious man. Billy Graham prays for all these people, and tells us they are good people. Listen to the last verse of **Micah 3:**

“Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.”

Micah 3:12

God Almighty told Micah that in old Israel, because these things were prevalent in the land, that Zion would be plowed as a field and Jerusalem shall become heaps. Do you know what? That happened! God did that in old Israel, and He did it for the reasons I have just said. Now the reasons we just read here are the exact reasons and things that prevail in the U.S.A. now, in this end of the age, in the greatest of all the Israel nations. Do you think we have less coming to us than they did in old Israel when they did those things?

Now, you'll notice he said, “...therefore shall Zion for your sake...” Isn't that interesting! For your sake he plowed Zion as a field. The farmers among you know that when you plough up a field, what do you do? You turn under the stubble, right? — after the crop has been harvested. You turn under the stubble in order to do what? Plant a new crop and raise a new thing. The next chapter, which I hope you will all read sometime soon, starts out:

“But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.”

Micah 4:1

Then he goes ahead and gives the prophecy of the Gospel of the Kingdom — the building of the Kingdom. But what has to be done first? This land with all of these depravities and all of these other evil things has to be plowed as a field.

These things have to be completely and totally destroyed. Brother and Sister, I think that the so-called church denominations in America are going to be completely destroyed by God Almighty within the next few years. If it takes the Negroes and they have to go out and burn every church in America for God to get the evil out, then that is what is going to happen. Because it is going to go. It's going to be plowed as a field. These things are going to be turned right under and be destroyed.

Let's finish in **Deuteronomy 28**. This is getting rather long, but I did all of this because I want to ask you people to pray, especially for Kingdom Identity ministers, who know the national identity of America, to go to the United States government officials and the State officials in the various states, and tell them some of the things you have heard here. That all of these evils and troubles in this nation are coming as a judgment from God for one reason: We are in disobedience to His Word. These verses are some that we read. Pastor Record and I discovered that these three or four verses were the most effective verses that we could read. We would read them when we first talked to the senators and representatives. We immediately got an audience, and their time. You pray about ministers being able to go to Washington and reading these verses to the men in our government. First of all, you know this is the chapter where God says, If you won't obey my Laws, Statutes, and Judgments, then these curses will come:

43 “The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.”

44 “He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.”

Deut. 28:43-44

Is that happening? Of course it is.

“Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed;...”

Why?

“...Because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:”

Deut. 28:45

“And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.”

“Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;”

Deut. 28:46-47

America has been blessed above all other nations on the earth, and we refuse to serve the Lord. Therefore, all these other things are coming upon us. **Micah** said, I told you all these troubles, but God anointed me with His Spirit and power for one thing:

“GO TELL JACOB HIS TRANSGRESSIONS, AND ISRAEL HIS SINS!”

GOD Punishes Israel



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