Resurvection Life of Jesus Church JUDGMENT ALWAYS BEGINS WITH GOD'S PEOPLE RLJ-1030 JOHN S. TORELL MAY 21, 2006 PART 4: A WARNING FROM GOD

GOD HAS WARNED US OVER AND OVER AGAIN

By reading the Book of Revelation, most Christians understand that things will be horrific during the end times, but what they have not grasped is that there will be a number of judgments prior to this time. These partial judgments from God will numerically increase and I now believe that we are in the Time of Sorrows mentioned by Jesus. **Matthew 24:8**

God will always speak to His prophets living on earth before the judgment falls. This is a promise that the Lord gave through the prophet Amos. **Amos 3:7-8**

WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE REFUSE TO LISTEN TO GOD

Let's now examine what God has spoken in the past, which will apply to the present, as well as into the future.

- □ For the last 50 years, people in the United States have lived a life of luxury, with the standard of living increasing every year. There are people living in poverty in America but this is only a small portion of the American people. No nation on the earth has had so much food to eat, comfortable homes to live in, multiple cars to drive, and nearly unlimited entertainment.
- □ The gods in America are the sport and movie stars who are worshipped and live a lavish lifestyle which would dwarf even the splendor of King Solomon. Throwing a birthday party by someone rich and famous will never cost less than half a million dollars, and the worshippers of these gods are more than happy to part with their money, so their gods can continue to live extravagantly.
- □ Women in America are getting manicures and pedicures in beauty parlors, having their ears and navels are pierced, tattooed on their bodies, wearing clothing that reveals as much skin as possible, driving expensive cars, and thinking nothing of sex outside of marriage.
- The men in America are just as spoiled; they worship at the altar of pornography, frequent bars and whorehouses, and spend their money on pleasurable luxury items.

Did God bless America with the intention of turning people into sinful and lustful creatures, whose only purpose is finding the latest fad of sin to dishonor their bodies? No! God blessed America so that it could use its resources to preach the Gospel in every nation around the world.

□ In today's world, it is hard to see the difference between an unsaved sinner and someone who claims to have been born again.



□ This is the cry of people in seeker friendly mega churches:

"Give us pleasure, make us feel good, help us to have more material gain and while you're at it, don't preach on sin and judgment. Give us worship services of rock-n-roll; we don't want hymns that speak of the blood of Jesus, Hell, and the Lake of Fire. We want a break between the worship and preaching with coffee and doughnuts, but don't condemn us, just love us so that we can feel good about our way of life. Don't tell us that Jesus is coming back soon, that is an old fashioned outdated theology. Oh, and don't forget to make the preaching short so that it doesn't take too much time away from the recreation afterwards. While you're at it, we want to our bodies to be healed, but we don't want to live an obedient life according to the Bible. We want to live a pain free life and feed our flesh; we just want the good times to roll."

- Young people in churches have been deceived by their youth pastors into believing that oral sex or "Christian sex" is fine before marriage as long as it does not escalate into full-blown sexual intercourse. Many Christian teenagers that date are into this kind of lifestyle.
- □ Read what God spoke to the people in Israel some 2,800 years ago. Amos 6:1-11

Are you a fundamental Christian who still reads the King James Bible and weeps over the sin in the churches?

WHAT GOD WILL DO WHEN PEOPLE REFUSE TO REPENT?

In my opinion, the most vile and provocative sin in the church of Jesus Christ is the infiltration of secret societies, which for the last 150 years has been a growing cancer in the body of Christ. I am talking about Freemasons, the Moose Lodge, the Elk Lodge, Rosicrucian's, etc. Thousands of pastors, elders, deacons and regular church members hold a dual membership in the church and in the secret society. They have taken an oath of death and sworn allegiance to the society which supersedes their love and loyalty for God and their families. This is not something that has come up lately but something that has been going on for thousands of years.

God spoke clearly about this to the prophet Isaiah some 2,700 years ago. He will show no mercy to a man or a woman who has taken an oath of death, unless they repent and renounce their membership, and confess their sins to the congregation. Charles Finney, the greatest revival preacher this nation has ever seen, came out of the clutches of Freemasonry. It is interesting to note that Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism, was a Freemason and took the rituals and oaths he learned and made them part of the Mormon doctrine. **Isaiah 28:14-18**

THREE JUDGMENTS ON THE BODY OF CHRIST

There are three judgments which are currently sweeping over the body of Christ in the Western World:

1. A FAMINE FOR THE WORD OF GOD (Amos 8:11-13)

JUDGMENT ALWAYS BEGINS WITH GOD'S PEOPLE PART 4: A WARNING FROM GOD Page 2 of 4 This is showing up in the church starved by liberal and/or Freemasonic pastors who have taken away the use of the King James Bible. They have replaced it with a new version based on false manuscripts with thousands of verses tampered with and/or deleted. As a result, the poor church members don't know what the Word of God says, and since they do not know the Bible, they obviously cannot line up with it, which will bring them to the next judgment of God.

2. **REAPING THE WHIRLWIND (Hosea 8:1-7)**

For the last few years we have seen many natural disasters happening in the United States. On the Southeastern part of the United States, hurricane after hurricane has come in along with many tornadoes reaching deep into the Midwest. There has been draught in other parts of the nation, massive fires burning million of acres, and lots of flooding. FEMA and the Red Cross cannot keep up with all the disasters and millions of people have not yet recovered from the last year. As of April 2006, some 70,000 people are still homeless in Mississippi, yet the local government has managed to get the gambling casinos back up and running again.

The worst disasters have been in the so-called "Bible Belt". Is it possible that God selected this area because it is full of Christian churches that have left their first love? **Revelation 2:1-7**

There is a terrible divorce rate in our churches as thousands of pastors, elders, and deacons are hopelessly addicted to pornography; others are committing adultery, sodomy, child molestation, etc. Teenagers are not left alone, with pregnancy and suicide ranking high among them. This brings us to the third judgment.

3. PEOPLE DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE (Hosea 4:1-14)

Disease is rampant in the Christian community with cancer, arthritis, heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, etc. As bad as that may be, worse still is the moral decay in our young people; they are having mental breakdowns and thousands of children being prescribed Ritalin to control their behavior. How many Christian men are taking sexual enhancement drugs in order to be able to fulfill their lusts and filthy sexual fantasies? How many abortions are taking place by those who confess Christ as their Lord and Savior? What about the terrible number of obese Christians? What about the increasing number of Alzheimer patients in the Christian community?

Jesus came not only to give us life and life abundant; yet, how many Christians actually live a victorious life? **John 10:7-11**

YOU CANNOT FLEE FROM GOD!

God has made it very clear in His Word, if a sinner tries to flee from the Lord, the punishment will follow him. The prophet Jonah is a perfect example. He tried to flee, was caught by God and placed in the belly of a great fish, where he suffered greatly until he repented and thereafter released (**Jonah chapters 1 & 2**). God is

not a respecter of persons, what He did for Jonah he will also do for you and me. Look at this scripture and tremble. **Hosea 7:10-16**

Sooner or later God will catch you in an iron grip and deal with you. When this happens, it will be too late for you to try and repent. If you are reading this and living in sin, there is only one thing for you to do, turn from your wicked ways and repent right now.

GOD IS CALLING FOR HIS PEOPLE TO REPENT

God doesn't get any pleasure and joy in destroying people, rather, He wants people that are warned to repent and seek His face. Few people take the warnings from the God seriously; they believe that they can sin and repeatedly do so, and that somehow *God will understand*. Listen to these words from the Lord as He pleads with His people to repent. **Joel 2:12-18**

God operates on the principle of love, if we claim to love our Lord and Savior; there is only one thing that He asks of us. We find it in a simple statement made by Jesus, *"If ye love me, keep my commandments."* John 14:15

I believe that the 2006 year is going to be violent with a number of disasters striking not only the United States but also in many other parts of the world. As believers in Christ, there is one thing that we can do in order to make the world better, and perhaps stay the hand of God at the same time; repent and make sure that we are living a holy life to the best of our abilities.

Let me close with this message from the Word of God. Joel 2:12-18

When we are responding to the instructions from God, we will experience great joy and a wonderful life on this earth, regardless of the circumstances. **1 John 1:4-10**

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR?