

Y2K : HOW BAD WILL IT GET? : PART ONE

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As I stated in 'Y2K Prep: Are You Procrastinating?'. we would all be wise to take heed to the Lord's counsel found in His Word, by preparing now for the possible effects of the Y2K computer glitch, and not next week, or next month, and God help us, certainly not at the very last minute when thousands, and possibly even millions, of panicky shoppers may be clearing off the store shelves of canned goods and other non-perishable survival items. One important verse which I shared in the aforementioned article is the following. Please carefully consider its wisdom.

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished." Proverbs 22:3, KJV

If you are so foolish as to wait until the last minute to prepare for any possible food shortages, power and water outages, disruptions in communications services, and other hardships which may result from massive computer failures in your own community and country, then you will have no one to blame but yourself. Instead of listening to the smooth lies of the false prophets of your local government, who cry 'Peace, peace; all is safe and well; we are prepared; we are Y2K compliant!', listen to the Lord's counsel instead; because He certainly knows what the future holds; and He knows how bad the situation may become. As we are told in His Word:

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:" Isaiah 46:9-10, KJV

As I have told some of my online Christian friends, even some honest government officials have been admitting that the problems will not start on January 1, 2000 at 12:00 AM. The worldwide computer breakdown will slowly begin to occur before that, and build up over time, and worsen for weeks, and possibly for months, after January 1st arrives, as the chain reaction of negative effects from many simultaneous computer failures continues, and the worldwide integrated

economic system begins to falter and collapse. Now, if the economies of Russia, Indonesia, Japan, Asia and different Latin American countries are already in shambles, due to issues which are not even related to the Y2K glitch, what should we expect a few months from now when we feel the full blunt of Y2K? Might it be the straw which breaks the camel's back; or better said, which will cause the entire worldwide financial system to cave in on itself?

We must remember that the worldwide commercial system is like a row of dominoes; and as one after another falls, the economies of other countries will be direly affected; and being as so many countries, including the gluttonous United States of America, depend heavily upon imports and exports for their economic survival, everyone will be affected to varying degrees. No country will be left untouched once the wave of failures begins. Naturally, those countries which are most industrialized, and which use the oldest computer systems, will be affected the hardest; but God's mighty Hand will be felt wherever He wants it to be felt. There should be no doubt of that.

So again, it is foolish to think that all will be well until the first day of January arrives, because that is certainly not the case. In fact, as I can now personally testify, the problems have already begun in certain areas, but the subtle governments of the world are trying their best to keep the problem under the covers, in order to avoid massive panic as much as possible, and for as long as possible. In order to prove my point, consider the following development in our personal lives. We have not received an electric bill in two months. I finally gave our power company a call in order to find out what the problem might be. They switched me to a few different people before they connected me to someone who was apparently 'in the know'. I suspect, but cannot prove, that they were looking for the public relations person who could give me the right story which they had prepared for the general public.

It may interest you to know that this person informed me that for the past several months, the electric company has been in the process of installing a new computer system, which has temporarily put a halt to billing their customers. After some direct prodding from me, this person also finally admitted that the system was necessary, at least in part, due to the possible effects of the Y2K glitch. It is clear then that government offices, utility agencies, and other public services are really scrambling right now in order to be prepared for January 1, 2000. The fateful date has not even arrived yet, and already, our personal lives are being affected by it. Here it is, almost the middle of October, and they are only now mailing out August's power bill. This person also informed me that they won't be sending out the bill for September until at least three weeks from now; and who knows when they will catch up to October.

So you see, it has already begun, and will only get worse as we draw closer to the day of the double zeroes. Please think about this for a moment. If our personal lives are already being affected, simply because our electric company has been in the preparatory stages, how much more will many people be

affected by those companies, government agencies, merchants, etc., who have delayed preparing, possibly due to financial constraints, or due to the lack of knowledgeable personnel who are technically capable of fixing the problem, or due to foolish unbelief, or whatever their reasons might be? From everything I have been reading on the subject, the simple truth of the matter seems to be that many more countries are not properly prepared for the Y2K glitch, than those which claim that they are ready; and we can only wonder how much they have exaggerated their claims of preparedness in order to avoid panic.

Now, obviously, it would be extremely hypocritical of me to be passing this important message on to you, if I was not preparing my personal family for the possibility of major disruptions in different services. I would fall into the same category as the ancient Scribes and Pharisees, of whom even Jesus said:

"...The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not." Matthew 23:2,3, KJV

So, yes, I have been preparing, exactly as I described in my first Y2K-related article written some time ago; and this is where we really get to the meat of this article. You see, my problem has been that I have been experiencing a great deal of uncertainty regarding exactly how much, or how little, to prepare for Y2K. Obviously, I don't know the future. If one listens to what worldly people are saying, it will only add to this uncertainty. Some people insist that Y2K will only result in a few minor inconveniences for a few days or for a few weeks at best, while dedicated survivalists warn that we should all prepare for at least a full year; so who should we believe?

Well, I wasn't happy with this uneasy feeling and lack of peace in my heart. It has been like steering a ship, but not knowing exactly where I am headed. Without a set, determined destination, one could travel on and on, and never know if he had yet reached his proper port, or if he had already passed it by. This is precisely how I was feeling; at least until today that is. That is because we got together today and had some serious prayer, in which we asked the Lord to give me His wisdom, and some clear guidance regarding this matter of Y2K preparation. As the Apostle James was inspired to write:

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5, KJV

I am not that intelligent of a man in a worldly sense, so I realized that, being as I don't know the future, but the Lord does, then He is the only One who could give me a clear indication regarding how much to prepare for the Y2K glitch. Being one of His children who wants to obey His wise counsel found in that verse from the Book of Proverbs, I believed that He could give me some kind of an answer, and a set goal to achieve, so that we could continue to survive, and thus

continue to be a witness and feed His sheep, no matter how bad the situation might become in the world at large due to the affects of Y2K. Although I am by no means any kind of a prophet, one verse of Scripture which I did claim while we were in desperate prayer, was the following written by the Prophet Amos:

"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets." Amos 3:7, KJV

Later in the day, I again entered my private prayer closet, and with Bible in hand, sought the Lord for further guidance regarding our Y2K preparation. It was at this time that I believe that the Lord began to reveal to me that we should prepare for a period of seven months of trouble. At this current time, I am waiting for a further confirmation of this from the Lord. As I explain in the article 'What Is God's Will For My Life?', there are a number of different ways in which the Lord can reveal His Will to us. As we see in the Book of Judges, even after the Angel of the Lord had already appeared to Gideon, and had given him a sign by consuming his offering to the Lord with fire, Gideon asked the Lord for yet another double sign, by way of the fleece, as proof that God would use him to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Midianites:

"And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground." Judges 6:36-40, KJV

Another way in which the Lord sometimes chooses to reveal His Will to His children, is through night visions, or dreams. In the Book of Job, we find the following verses which confirm that the Lord sometimes operates in this way:

"For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction," Job 33:14-17, KJV

There are quite a few examples in the Bible where the Lord chose to give people dreams in order to reveal His Will to them. One of the best known examples involves Joseph, the husband of Mary, and the Earthly stepfather of Jesus. When evil King Herod sought to kill the young children in order to hopefully destroy the Messiah in the process, the Lord warned Joseph in a dream to flee to Egypt. Years later, after Herod's death, the Lord gave Joseph another dream in which He commanded him to return to Israel, as we see in

these verses. Notice also that the Lord even gave the three magi a dream as well, in which He warned them to not return to King Herod and give him the information which he desired of them:

"And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene." Matthew 2:12-23, KJV

Thus, being as dreams are a clear way to confirm God's Will, I have asked Him to also give us a dream in order to confirm that we are to prepare for seven months. Even though this has not happened yet, being as I just made our request this same day, I must tell you that as soon as I received this answer, the uneasiness I had been feeling just disappeared, because now I have a certain goal to reach. I now know where I am headed, and it has given me peace in my heart. In fact, only a few hours ago, I went to our local supermarket where I do our regular shopping, and purchased the additional one gallon jugs of drinking water, so that we now have the full seven months supply. I also bought the butane fuel we had still been lacking, so that we now have a full seven months supply for our little butane stove. In addition, I bought more canned goods so that we now have a seven month supply of some of those as well. I will be purchasing more when their next container arrives, along with more of other survival items, such as candles, matches, bleach, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, raisins and nuts, etc.

As I mentioned a moment ago, just the fact that I am obeying the Lord's Word and Counsel to prepare, has given me a real feeling of contentment in my heart. I know that if I do my

part by obeying what He has shown me to do, then He will also do His part as well. If we don't cooperate with the Lord, then how can we possibly expect His blessings in our lives, whether it is a blessing of protection and provision, or anything else? As I have explained before, blessings do not precede obedience. As King David was inspired to write:

"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

Psalms 37:4,5, KJV

David's son, wise King Solomon, also offered some very sound advice regarding the importance of acknowledging the Lord in our lives when he wrote in his many proverbs:

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5,6, KJV

On the other hand, as I also explain in other articles, such as in 'The Fruits Of Disobedience', disobedience to the Lord can also result in serious negative consequences. Such was the case with stubborn, rebellious King Saul. Contrary to Solomon's words, Saul was constantly leaning to his own understanding, and doing what he felt was best in his own eyes. He repeatedly failed to follow the counsel given to him by Samuel, the Lord's Prophet at the time. The Lord finally ran out of patience with Saul when, instead of utterly destroying the Amalekites, including men, women, children and beasts, he not only saved the best beasts in order to offer them as sacrifices to the Lord, but he also foolishly spared the life of the Amalekite king, Agag:

"Samuel also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass...And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly." 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 8-9, KJV

As a result of not obeying this clear commandment from the Lord, Samuel informed Saul that God was through with him, and that he would raise up a better, more obedient king to replace him; which of course was David. Consider what happened next in this sad story of disobedience:

"Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night...And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have

obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king." 1 Samuel 15:10-11, 20-23, KJV

To draw a parallel between the previous story of King Saul and the current situation with the Y2K glitch, while we may not lose the kingdom if we do not properly prepare for Y2K, we may very well lose our lives through hunger, or at least suffer severely due to our lack of proper preparedness.

Not surprisingly, when I went to the store, and spoke with the store's general manager, his attitude was very typical of those who are confident that nothing serious will result from the Y2K glitch. In fact, he was basically trying to discourage me from making my purchases, by saying that they have two generators on hand, and that they will still have groceries, and will still be open right through January the first. For a moment I thought that he might even refuse to allow me to make such large purchases, but he didn't. Well, I have known this man from a distance for over ten years now. We have spoken a bit on different occasions. Although he is of Asian descent, he told me that he is a Catholic, so I didn't hesitate to share Proverbs 22:3 with him. I told him that it was better to prepare and not need it, than to not prepare, and find out later that we were foolish indeed. I humbly told him that I must obey what I believe the Lord has shown me to do. I am not sure if he understood the verse or not, but he finally conceded and told one of his employees to assist me with my purchases.

Just the fact that I have been making such large purchases in preparation for Y2K, has turned into a real witness for quite a number of employees at the store. Over the last several years, we have given them our Salvation tracts, and even distribute them to the customers inside the store when we feel led to do so by the Lord. Not only that, but most of the cashiers and some of the warehouse people know that we are doing this in obedience to the Lord, because His Word tells us to prepare for such calamities when we see them coming. I have told some of them plainly that the Y2K glitch may very well be a judgment from the Lord, and that they should all prepare; and some of them have already taken heed to my counsel; which really isn't mine, but the Lord's.

While I have told you that I immediately went out and made more purchases after seeking the Lord's advice, I haven't told you why I was so quick to obey the Lord's counsel of seven months preparation instead of only one month. You see, while I was in prayer, the Lord pointed me to some very somber chapters found in the books written by Jeremiah. I discuss Jeremiah's prophecies in a number of other articles

as well. As you may know, Jeremiah faithfully prophesied to Judah and the walled city of Jerusalem for a period of forty years; during which time he warned the Jews to repent of their wickedness before it was too late. Exactly how wicked were these people? As I point out clearly in such articles as 'The Fruits Of Disobedience', the backslidden Jews were worshipping many false pagan gods, including Ishtar, the Babylonian goddess of fertility, also known as the 'Queen of Heaven', as we see in these verses:

"Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?" Jeremiah 7:17-19, KJV

It was the worship of this false pagan goddess, with which the Easter celebration originated. It is easy to recognize the phonetic similarities between Easter and Ishtar. Like a number of other holidays, such as Christmas, this pagan day of worship was Christianized and made 'holy' by the Roman Catholic Church; which severely compromised our Christian heritage, in order to expand her empire of wealth and power over the pagan masses. Perhaps now you will understand why 'Easter eggs' and the 'Easter rabbit' are associated with the Easter tradition in the Western world. You see, eggs and rabbits are both symbols of fertility, just like Ishtar. This false 'Queen of Heaven' was also known as Ashtaroth, Astarte and Isis in other Middle Eastern cultures; and again, it is easy to see how our English name Easter was derived from these words. What I also find very alarming about this, is that the Roman Catholic Church also refers to the so-called visions of Mary, such as those which are said to have occurred at Medjugorje, as the 'Queen of Heaven'. I discuss this topic in more detail in the lengthy nine-part series 'Lying Wonders Of The Endtime'.

While the Lord was extremely angered by the Jews' worship of this false goddess and other false gods, it was how they performed their worship which upset Him the most. As it is plainly revealed in the Book of Jeremiah, these ungodly Jews offered their very own children in the sacrificial fires of the altars which they built in the Valley of Hinnom, located just outside of Jerusalem:

"And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place." Jeremiah 7:31-32, KJV

"And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they

should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin."
Jeremiah 32:35, KJV

Notice that the Lord specifically states that just as those bloody, antichrist Jews willingly offered their children to the false gods, He would turn the Valley of Hinnom into a burial place; and that there would be so many dead, that there would not even be enough room to bury them all there. This is precisely what happened when the Lord's mighty Hand of Judgment fell upon Jerusalem. As I was explaining to a dear friend on the phone a few hours ago, when the forces of Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, finally besieged Jerusalem for the third time, around 587 B.C. according to historians, they destroyed everything when the city finally fell. This was the custom of war back then. Not only did they brutally kill men, women and children, but they utterly destroyed the fields, so that those people who had not been slain by the sword, or taken into slavery, would slowly starve to death, unless they submitted themselves to the invading conqueror. The Lord had clearly warned the Jews, via Jeremiah, that the Babylonians would kill them without mercy, unless they repented of their wicked, abominable sins:

"Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array as men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion." Jeremiah 6:22,23, KJV

At this point, you may be wondering what all of this has to do with the Y2K computer glitch. Well, many Bible students, such as myself, find many startling parallels between the political, religious and social conditions which existed in ancient Israel at that time, and the backslidden state of so-called 'Christian America' today. If you doubt that this is so, then I encourage you to take the time to carefully read the entire Book of Jeremiah. The parallels and warnings to America are clearly spelled out for those who have their eyes open, and the Spiritual Discernment to see them.

To continue then, while I was praying about the length of the period for which we should prepare for Y2K, the Lord led me to read from the Book of Lamentations. In this book, the Prophet, believed to also be Jeremiah, describes the awful conditions which existed in Judah following the Babylonian invasion. As the name of the book suggests, Jeremiah has often been referred to as the 'Weeping Prophet'; not only because he was very grieved by the backslidden state of his Jewish brethren, but also because he had to watch them suffer tremendously after God's harsh chastisements began to fall upon them. As I explain in the series 'Do You Pray For Your Leaders?', the Jews had strayed so far from the Lord, that God told Jeremiah to not even pray for them, because He would not even listen to Jeremiah's prayers:

"And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim. Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee." Jeremiah 7:15-16, KJV

These verses alone clearly reveal the depth of the Lord's displeasure with ancient Israel. Just as I explain in the article 'Beholding The Evil And The Good', if our sins are severe enough, God will indeed turn His back on us, and totally ignore us for a time, no matter how much we may be suffering. Sometimes, such afflictions are necessary in order to break through our pride, and our hardened hearts, so that we might learn some valuable lessons, such as being humble and more submissive to God's Will. Having said that, I believe that the Lord may have pointed out the following verses to me, in order to show me exactly how deteriorated the situation may become in some places, due to serious repercussions from the Y2K glitch. Please remember that I was specifically praying about how much food to store up; and the following verses describe a terrible, terrible famine in the land of Judah, as a result of the forces of Babylon totally destroying their fields:

"Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field. The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people." Lamentations 4:8-10, KJV

Isn't that absolutely pitiful and sickening? We all know what a person looks like when they haven't slept in a while, or after they have been seriously sick for a while. We get these dark, black rings and bags under our eyes. Might this be what Jeremiah means by having a black visage, or facial countenance? These people were so skinny, that they looked like sticks with their skin tightly clinging to their bones; and their skin was probably dry and scaly, just like the bark on a branch. Notice that Jeremiah says that they were suffering so much from a slow death by starvation, or pining away, that those who had died by the Babylonian sword were more blessed, because at least their suffering had ended in a moment. And finally, the last part of the verses. Just as the rebellious Jews had cold-bloodedly sacrificed their own children in the Valley of Hinnom, now they were forced to kill, cook and eat them, in order to survive the famine! Truly, they had reaped what they had sown to the full!

In the second half of this article, we will continue our discussion by taking a look at such topics as lip service and heart worship, why spare America, America's sins and the inheritance defiled, the haughty Jews and haughty Americans, conspiracy theories concerning America, preparing according to your faith, dangerous cities, winners either way, no need to fear or worry, and surviving for His glory. I trust that you will join me.

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How Bad Will It Get, Lip Service But Not Real Heart Worship
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Haughty Jews And Haughty Americans, Conspiracy Theories,
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Either Way, Don't Fear Or Worry, Survivors For His Glory

As I concluded in part one, the situation in ancient Israel deteriorated to such a degree following the Babylonian conquest, that the Jews were eating their own children. Now, the question we must ask ourselves is this: Might the effects of the Y2K glitch possibly result in similar dire situations occurring in some places around the world? Will the world financial system break down to such a degree, and will modern technology be so set back by the Y2K problem, that the distribution of food and other necessities of life will be severely hampered? Might civil unrest in the form of rioting mobs, desperate for food, water, and heat, further restrict our ability to secure our most basic needs? Again, I am not a prophet; and thus, I cannot provide you with a sound answer to these questions. All I can do is share with you the verses I believe the Lord gave me; and they ought to shock and wake up anyone who has procrastinated in their preparation for the possible effects of Y2K.

Before concluding this article, there is one more important point which we must cover. I have already mentioned the startling parallels between the situation which existed in ancient Israel, and modern-day America. Just as those Jews claimed to worship the one true God, so-called 'Christian America' also makes the same claim. 'Oh yes; we are the most Christian nation upon the face of the Earth. God bless America; the home of the free and the land of the brave! We are good little Christians who go to church every Sunday!'; and on and on they continue with their false, self-righteous facade. Well, let me ask you: Did God spare sinful Israel just because she claimed with her lips that she worshipped Him, even though her heart was far from Him, and she had gone awhoring after other gods? The answer is an obvious 'no!'. In fact, about six hundred years later, the situation had still not improved; and this is why even Jesus said of those stubborn Jews:

"Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me." Matthew 15:7,8, KJV

If the Lord did not spare ancient Israel, who claimed to be His people, why then should He spare modern-day, wicked, adulterous, sinful America, who is guilty of some of the very same sins? Just like the rebellious Jewish leadership, America is very corrupt in a political sense, in a religious

sense, in an educational sense, and yes, she even sacrifices millions of her unborn children upon the bloody altar of the abortionist's table in the modern false temples known as Planned Parenthood Clinics! America doesn't need to resort to worshipping ancient pagan gods like Molech, Baal and Ishtar; after all, she has her own gods like materialism, economic power, and military might; and she is drunken with the same! As with the ancient Israelites, God brought our forefathers into a plentiful, beautiful country, but their descendants have defiled her beyond measure through their many sins and abominable practices:

"And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination."
Jeremiah 2:7, KJV

Having now shared the previous points with you, allow me to open your eyes to one final startling truth found in the following verse which comes right after the previous verses regarding the severity of the famine in Judah:

"The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem."
Lamentations 4:12, KJV

Isn't that amazing? The pagan world was shocked when they learned that Nebuchadnezzar had successfully entered and destroyed Jerusalem! All of the nations around Israel had heard of how the God of the Jews had delivered them out of Egyptian bondage through many signs, wonders and plagues. All of the pagan nations knew that the God of Israel had delivered the land of Canaan into their hands. Surely this was a blessed people who followed and pleased their powerful God. Surely He would never let any evil befall His chosen people. Isn't this the attitude of many proud, haughty Americans today? With the so-called demise of the U.S.S.R., and the current, serious political and economic problems occurring in the Russian Federation, President Clinton, and Americans in general, seem to be of the attitude that 'We are the people! We are invincible! We are immortal! God is with us! No one can stop us now! We will rule the world!'. Just like the mysterious lady, Babylon the Great Whore, who rides and fornicates with the Beast and the world in the Book of Revelation, America also proudly boasts:

"...I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow." Revelation 18:7b, KJV

They thought that it couldn't happen to Jerusalem, but it did; because God was no longer with the backslidden Jews, just as He is no longer with backslidden America; even though she still goes through the motions of pretending to be Christian. Yes, there are still some sincere Christians in America, but they are ruled over by a very antichrist government! If our God is indeed a righteous God, which I believe that He is, then He can no more overlook the sins of America, than He did the sins of Israel. Sooner or later, He must judge her severely for her sins. The question is, might the effects of the Y2K glitch so weaken the nation, that she

will be more vulnerable to attack both from within and from without?

Some conspiracy theorists are convinced of this very fact. Depending upon who you listen to, there are various schools of thought. Some believe that at the height of the confusion which will result from the Y2K fiasco, America is going to become the target of a deadly multiple nuclear strike by her foreign enemies. This idea coincides with the belief that America is the Biblical Babylon the Great Whore which will be burned with nuclear fire by the Beast and the Ten Horns. Personally, as I explain in 'Revelation's Babylon The Great Whore', I am not of this persuasion, and am not currently convinced that this is Scripturally-sound doctrine.

Other conspiracy theorists suggest that the United States is so divided politically and socially at this present time, that she is ripe for a civil war. It is said that this war will be aimed at the oppressive American government, and that it will be lead by self-styled, conservative, Christian patriots and militiamen, who are already well-organized and well-armed, and just waiting for the right moment to strike. The widespreadd confusion which may result from the Y2K meltdown, just might be the catalyst which will provide them with the opportunity they need in order to trigger this war, and give it legitimacy in the eyes of the general public.

In either of the two previous scenarios, it is assumed that the American government will use the situation to suddenly declare martial law. Another belief which seems to be quite popular amongst conspiracy theorists, and which is also heavily propagated on the Internet, is that America will soon face an invasion by foreign forces, possibly under the flag of the United Nations. Those who support this view, say that this will occur with the consent of President Clinton, who is a Rhodes Scholar, and who thus supports the idea of a New World Order, with a One World Religion. They also claim that Bill Clinton knows that the Christians in America, and many Americans in general, will not agree to such a hostile takeover; thus, the president will bring in foreign U.N. troops in order to subjugate the American people. From what I have read on this topic, it seems that the general belief is that American soldiers would never do such things to their own people; thus, it must be handled by foreigners who are not biased towards Americans, since they are not their own countrymen.

On the other hand, there are those, like the mass media for example, who claim that the Clinton administration is on the side of the American people. They have widely publicized the fact that the government is aware of all of these potential dangers which may be brought to fruition by terrorists, by computer hackers, by American patriots, by hostile foreign governments, etc., under the cloak of confusion caused by the Y2K glitch, and that it is taking the necessary steps in order to try to avoid such scenarios. If we stop to consider some of the news headlines of the past few months, we have read of numerous cyber-attacks, of supposed espionage by the Chinese, of North Korean threats to launch a missile attack against the USA, etc.

As I stated earlier, I honestly do not know what is going to happen before, on, and after January 1, 2000 arrives. As to all of these possibilities put forth by theorists, I prefer to leave them in the realm of speculation where they belong, and trust more in the guidance I believe I have received from the Lord. While I am personally in the midst of storing up supplies for a seven month period, how much you stock up is according to your personal faith and leading from the Lord. Let me reiterate that it is probable that different areas of the world will be affected in different ways, and to different degrees, depending in part, on how much they rely upon computer technology, and to what degree they have successfully corrected the situation. Because of this fact, a seven month supply of goods may be too much for you, or possibly not enough.

If you are one who resides in a heavily populated country, and particularly in a city with a dense population, then I urge you to aim for a longer survival period; because if the commercial system really does fall apart at the seams, the cities will become extremely dangerous madhouses, as they will be the most affected by the Y2K glitch. Let me also add that while I am preparing for a seven month survival period, this does not necessarily mean that it will begin exactly on January 1, 2000. It will actually commence if and when food supplies at the supermarket run out, or else when it becomes too dangerous to go out and purchase them.

Please realize that if the situation does deteriorate as much as some people are suggesting that it will, you have acted wisely and gained everything by being prepared. On the other hand, if absolutely nothing happens, or at least very little, you will have lost nothing. You will still be able to eat your food, or continue to store it in rotation until the next possible emergency arrives. In short, by obeying the Lord's counsel to prepare for the coming evil, you are a winner either way; and hopefully, if you prepared wisely, and fully, you will avoid a terrible situation such as that which was endured by the ancient Israelites who slowly died from hunger because of the Lord's severe chastisements upon His people.

As a closing remark, please remember that all things come from the Hand of God, no matter what people of the world may say. He is in control of His creation, and He is the one who moves it in any given direction. If you are pleasing Him by obeying Him, then you really have nothing to worry about; and worrying is the last thing that we should do anyway; for as His Word tells us:

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3, KJV

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7, KJV

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28, KJV

Look at it this way. The Lord will either take care of us,

or else He will choose to take us Home to be with Him. So again we see that either way, we are winners. Personally though, as I explain in 'Heaven's Gate: Suicide, The Right Way To Go?', it is my belief that if we are being faithful Christian witnesses, then the Lord wants us to survive in this life for as long as possible, in order that we might accomplish the tasks He has given each of us to do. As such, please be wise and prepare now while calm still reigns in your area of the world, and while there are still supplies on the shelves. Not only will you be glad you did, but you will be obeying the Lord as well. I truly hope that this article has struck your heart, stirred you up, and motivated you as it is intended to do. May the Lord bless you as you continue to obey Him.

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