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## WAKE UP CHURCH! TIME IS SHORT

**“Judah did not keep the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. And the Lord rejected all the descendents of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hands of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight.”  
(2 Kings 17: 19 & 20)**

Dear saints, this message is a warning to all who are “born again” believers in JESUS CHRIST. This is a warning to those who dare to be called by His most holy name. This warning, if heeded, will result in souls being delivered from the eternal horror of hell, and much suffering in the natural realm will be abated. If this warning is rejected and set aside as no more than the ramblings of an over zealous middle aged believer who is in rebellion against the established church - or as just one more opinion - then I promise you, in the name of JESUS CHRIST, that the storm cloud of the Holiness of God will visit us and that visit will be anything but pleasant! We are fast approaching a visitation of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and that visitation will bring judgment. Party time is over. The spirit realm is filled with the sounds of war. Darkness and Light are clashing as never before. Lucifer and his agents are harvesting the souls of men in unparalleled numbers while the modern day church sleeps under the influence of the spirit of prosperity and the deception of the religious spirits of hell that have infiltrated what we call the church.

**“Therefore the Lord God of hosts, the Lord, says this:**

**‘There shall be wailing in all streets, and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! Alas! They shall call the farmer to mourning, And skillful lamenters to wailing. In all vineyards there shall be wailing, For I will pass through you,’ Says the Lord. Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!’  
(Amos 5: 16,17,18)**

To those who are so confident of their good standing before a holy God, and would dismiss God’s warning to His people in the days of Amos the prophet, as not being relevant today, God would say to you:

**“Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, Who cause the seat of violence to come near; Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out on your couches, Eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall; Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David; Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments, But you are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.”**

**(Amos 6: 3-7)**

May God have mercy on those who call themselves Christians and continue to sleep through the war that now rages openly for the souls of men. The church that sleeps and fails to mourn causes the seat of violence to come near all of us.

The problem on the earth today is not that of the government of men. The problem on the earth today is not the United Nations or the European Common Market. The problem on the earth today is not caused by liberal or conservative politicians. Our problems are not the liberal courts, the dope dealers, nor the whores and hoodlums that roam the streets of our cities. No! Our problem lies with those who call themselves Christians but who do not fear God. Our problem is with a church that covers up her sin. Our problem is with a people of God who are in open rebellion against the commandments, precepts and judgments of a holy God. Our greatest problem today is that we, the people of God, have reproduced a generation of so-called Christian believers who are reflecting anything but the likeness and image of the God that we say is living in us by His Spirit. Listen to me you who claim to believe on Him! It is not the world that is bringing shame and reproach on the holy name of JESUS CHRIST - It is the modern day church! Christians are now responsible for bringing unparalleled shame and reproach on the name of JESUS and setting us up for a day of visitation that will be unlike anything that has ever occurred before. God is preparing to apply His rod of discipline to His people and purge everything that is not of Him. As I write these words, I am trembling inside and my spirit man cries out - Oh God have mercy!

Instead of setting a holy example for a lost and dying world, we have joined with the world in open rebellion against almighty God. No longer is the church as we know it considered to be "holy seed", that reproduces after its own kind - holiness. God's standard has now been mixed with the Kingdom of this world that we live in. The light of holiness now grows dim and millions of souls stumble in the dark as they call evil good and good evil.

**“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!” (Isaiah 5: 20 & 21)**

For the most part we Christians today have done what God's people did in the days of EZRA. In those days FATHER'S people mixed the holy seed (themselves) with the Pagan world and received God's punishment for having done so. (read EZRA Chapter 9) In EZRA'S day the leaders and rulers, the priests, were foremost in attempting to mix that which is holy with that which is unholy. We see the same today, as those in positions of spiritual leadership fail to warn the people that God's response to His people today will be exactly the same as it has always been in the past for like behavior. God is the same today as He was in every day past.

**“For I am the Lord, I do not change;” (Malachi 3:6)**

James declared in James 1:17 that God was the Father of light “with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” Only the spiritually deceived could believe that we are not presently mocking God and setting ourselves up for a storm of holiness that will strike fear in every man and woman on the planet, including His remnant which is now in place. The remnant alone trembles in this hour as they are becoming increasingly aware of the gravity of the situation. God's people have openly mocked Him, rebelled against His commandments, precepts, and judgments, as they have chosen the broad way of destruction. Instead of feeling ashamed for our behavior, we are quite proud of ourselves. We are so

confident of our claim to God's grace and mercy that we cannot imagine that His sword, pestilence, and famine would ever visit us. We may have fooled ourselves but we have not fooled the rest of the world. There is now a report card that measures our true spiritual condition.

What I am now about to share is not a man's opinion but rather the results of scientific studies that were undertaken by the Barna Research Group of Ventura, California. The Barna Group has been studying Christian trends as well as many other cultural trends since 1984. You may review in detail what I am about to share by logging on to [www.Barna.org](http://www.Barna.org). Prepare to be shocked.

In the December 6th issue of *World Magazine*, an article appeared by Gene Edward Veith. He quoted a *Wall Street Journal* story written by Dave Shiflett. Mr. Shiflett quoted the following statistics that related to "Born-Again" believers in JESUS CHRIST as reported by the Barna Research Group. Remember these numbers relate to Born-Again (at least they say they are) believers;

*26% believe that all religions are essentially the same.*  
*50% believe a life of good works will get you into heaven.*  
*35% do not believe that JESUS rose physically from the dead.*  
*52% do not believe that the Holy Spirit is a living entity.*  
*45% do not believe that Satan exists.*  
*10% believe in reincarnation.*  
*29% believe in talking with the dead.*  
*33% accept same sex unions.*  
*39% believe fornication is acceptable.*  
*27% have been divorced.*

I was shocked by these numbers. I knew, by the Spirit, that things were bad in the church but I had no idea that they were this bad. I then went directly to the Barna Group website and dug further. What I found sent a wave of nausea through me. Listen to additional facts concerning the Born-Again believers in America.

*45% approve of gambling.*  
*49% approve of mental lust.*  
*28% approve of pornography.*  
*29% use profanity.*  
*24% get drunk from time to time.*  
*11% use illegal drugs.*

In the last two years there has been a 25% increase among Born-Again believers approving of adultery and a 20% increase in the acceptance of "gay sex".

Please remember these figures are not representative of unbelievers, they are not representative of the Christian community as a whole. No! These figures represent those who call themselves Born-Again Christians. Barna defines Born-Again believers as those who say they have made a personal commitment to JESUS CHRIST, have confessed their sins, and accepted JESUS as their savior. They believe they will go to heaven. The figures for the Christian community, as a whole, are much worse. One example is divorce. Christians as a whole have a higher divorce rate than do non-Christians.

JESUS said that those who believed on Him would be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. (see Matthew 5: 13 & 14) He also warned us of what would happen if we lost our salt and light. Listen -

**“if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by man.” (V. 13)**

At the rate we are going, the church as we know it will soon lose all of its flavor and its light will become so dim that it will be good for nothing. That is not my opinion, it is the opinion of God as stated by His only begotten Son.

In 2 Thessalonians, Paul warns us that there will be a great falling away from the faith in the latter days. (see Chapter 2, Verse 3) That falling away has not just begun, it is now gaining momentum and it will grow worse and worse. Do not be deceived by the religious carnival barkers and side show hucksters, these are not the days of great revival. They are not! These days in which we live are the days of a great falling away of the faith. These are perilous times when the truth of God is trampled under the feet of those who claim His name. These are the days that were declared “to be” by God himself when He spoke through the lips of His Son as recorded in Matthew 24:1-28.

Paul also warned us of these days in his last letter to Timothy, just before he was martyred. Listen -

**“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!” (2 Timothy 3: 1-5)**

My friends, I declare to you that these are the days of God’s judgment and I further declare to you that His judgment is now beginning to fall on His people. FATHER has promised to apply His rod of discipline to those who are called by His name before He deals with the rest of the world.

**“For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now, if the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?” (1 Peter 4: 17 & 18)**

Our FATHER desires that we pursue righteousness and holiness without which we will not see Him! (see Hebrews 12:14) His judgment is designed to turn our hearts toward righteousness. Without His judgments we will not turn toward righteousness and holiness. We will not! Read it for yourself in Isaiah 26: 7-11. The healing process of God’s people will not begin until we turn from our rebellion and separate ourselves wholly unto Him. We must openly acknowledge our sinful ways and repent for having brought so much shame and reproach on His name. His healing power will not be laid upon His body until we denounce our religious idols including our works, our ministry, our worship of man, and loyalty to

someone or some thing rather than God alone! (see 2 Chronicles 7:13 & 14) We are an extremely stubborn and undisciplined people in the eyes of God. We are full of religious pride, spiritually arrogant, unloving, uncaring, and blind and deaf to God's warnings. We have lost our way and have become spiritual eunuchs who no longer reproduce the likeness and image of God in the earth. At best we only reproduce more of what we have become! Is this judgment too harsh? Is it unfair? Well, let's go back to some additional findings of the Barna Research Group.

My children are now in their thirties. My generation is referred to as the Baby Boomer generation. (Those born during and immediately following World War II) The children of the Baby Boomers are now the current parents of the nation's under-13 population.

The Barna Group has studied the current generation of young people that my generation has reproduced and here are their findings as of December 22, 2003. I will quote directly from their report. By the way, Barna refers to this generation of young adults as the "Busters".

*Busters are the adult generation least likely to embrace the existence of life after earthly death; least likely to maintain views related to moral behavior that are consistent with the Bible; least likely to devote time to serving people; least likely to engage in traditional activities such as Bible reading, attending church, praying to God, and attending religious education classes; and the least likely to tithe to a church. They are also the generation most likely to believe we can communicate with dead people, the most likely to engage in sex without being married, are far more likely to endorse postmodern lifestyle perspectives, and are the most likely to hold theological views that conflict with the Bible.*

*As the current parents of most of the nation's under-13 population, the long-term implications of their departure from orthodox Christianity are significant.*

May God have mercy on us and wake us up before another generation is swept into the horror of eternal damnation. This is our spiritual watch, saints! We will be held accountable before a holy God. How can we be so smug, so uncaring, so unloving, so unbelieving? Are we so deceived that we have become gods unto ourselves? When I think of what it will take to turn us from our present path of destruction, I can only cry out in anguish of soul - My God, My God, My God - have mercy!

If all of the above facts were not bad enough, listen to this: According to the Barna Group there has been no change in the percentage of adults or teenagers who are born again in many years. There has not been any measurable increase in church involvement or personal spiritual depth in the past decade! For at least 10 years we have not seen any true spiritual increase in the visible body of JESUS CHRIST in America! May God have mercy!

Now prepare yourself to be shocked, as I was when I read the following:

"Christian ministries will raise nearly \$60 Billion dollars for domestic ministry in 2003, and there is an additional \$3 Billion of new construction work occurring on church properties to facilitate expanded ministry activities. This is not a misprint, folks; 60 Billion Dollars - 60 Billion - 60 - 60 - 60 Billion Dollars in one year alone and we reproduce virtually nothing! My God! Where is the salt? Where is the light? What has happened to us? How could this have happened? What went wrong? How could we have so much and fail our FATHER so badly?

**“Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; And they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.**

**Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people and to get dishonest gain.**

**Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar, seeing false visions and divining lies for them, saying, Thus says the Lord God, when the Lord had not spoken.” (Ezekiel 22: 26-28)**

My brothers and sisters the stakes could not be higher. Heaven and Hell await the souls of men. Deception is rampant. Religious spirits from Hell have entered the camp and Lucifer is well pleased with our present behavior. Untold numbers are dying having believed the lie that God no longer cares for obedience to His commandments, precepts, and judgments. This generation of believers in America is literally in the process of dying a slow spiritual death as we surround ourselves with an unholy amount of wealth and align ourselves with an institution of man that will in the end, be destroyed. Deception is now nearing full bloom and only those with ears to hear and the grace to flee into the sanctuary of repentance, separating themselves wholly unto Him - only those will be counted worthy of escaping the worst of the coming storm.

**“we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked -” (Revelation 3:17)**

There is much more that FATHER has to say. We will continue as soon as He prompts. Until then remember

**“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.” (Revelation 3:19)**

I do love you and I pray that I care enough to tell you the truth while there is still time.

God Bless

Tom

