

God said He would remove our leadership and turn us over to reprobate minds. Those reprobate leaders will change our laws and begin persecuting God's people. Are you ready? Have you counted the cost in light of today's world Conditions?

atching the news this month reminded me of being on the roller coaster at a theme park. Most of us have at some point in our lives visited a theme park and gone on the roller coaster ride. Remember the anxiousness as you waited your turn to get on? The brave would strive to get in the front or the very rear; the timid would patiently fill the middle. Remember that first peak? The earliest coasters had that clickity clack movement as the chain slowly but surely brought you to the top. Then, at the very top, there was that moment of hesitation as everyone would take a deep breath, raise their hands, and down you went. No sooner did you get your stomach out of your throat, that you were heading up the next slope, getting ready for the next drop.

This nation is on that roller coaster; it's decrepit, shaky, and heading down the slope - clickity clack, clickity clack. For nearly a decade, we've been watching the slopes getting steeper and coming more quickly. Whether we like it or not, our world is on a dangerous roller coaster. No seat belts, no safety bars and no side rails; just hold on for your very life. The day is rapidly approaching when we will go down on one of those slopes, separate from the rails, and we won't come up.

Considering the news this past month, it is obvious that our ride is gaining speed and heading to a catastrophic stop! How about a quick review of some of the news? Europe is a mess as it strives to resolve its issues between its nations. There are massive internal struggles between the fractions lead by Germany and accountability and the nations that have taken the path of socialism, spending their way into bankruptcy. Greece is only the beginning of the fall of the dominoes. Without help, President Hamid Karzai was given the royal treatment for several days. There is no mistaking the shift in policy as the US continues to wine and dine the Muslim nations while distancing its ties with its allies. Even the dictator nations who hate the U.S., such as Venezuela and Cuba, are given greater respect than Israel is given.

On the home front, we are NOT on the road to financial recovery as we have just been told. I am continually amazed to hear the politicians "lie" to us every day. April 2010 showed a record deficit for America at eighty-two billion dollars. That is four times higher than the same month last year. April is usually the only consistent month for positive cash flow for us as businesses pay their taxes. In forty three of the last forty six years have shown positive cash income. Last year, April was ten billion dollars in negative cash flow and this year shows a record of eighty two billion dollars.

Unemployment is still just under ten percent. The primary jobs being gained have been in government positions. The true figures are closer to twenty percent. Housing foreclosures are still at record highs, down only two percent from last year's record. One in every 337,000 homes went into foreclosure last month. That's staggering! That is just in one month, and the Obama administration is touting this as a great turn.

For the first time in our history, our nation is running "without a budget," and we are bailing out nearly anything that can move. If you have a computer, take a look at the following web site: **www.usdebtclock.org**. Seriously, please take a look. Stare at it for a few moments and try to get your mind around it. Those are real figures. I challenge any one of those

Spain, Portugal, and even England will soon follow the road to financial ruin. That is the same path of the United States—the path to financial ruin. We'll be covering more of the parallels of the paths of Greece and the US in next month's quarterly.

Iran is gaining world support over Israel as the US continues to snub and totally disrespect its brother. Even the world's nations were shocked by the way President Obama treated Prime Minister Netanyahu last month as he visited the US. In contrast, Afghanistan's



Although the following passage sounds more like a volcano, the results could be the same. Rev 8:8 "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood"

who claim we are doing better, to show me how. We have borrowed and spent ourselves to the point of no return. There is only one way to judge the present condition of our nation, our world and our personal lives, the same way Jesus told us to do: "By their fruits you shall know them."

We are on the roller coaster that is on its way down and there is no way to stop it short of Jesus Christ's return. Scripture tells us that this roller coaster will eventually affect the lives of every man, woman, and child. However, there is one major difference between us; those being called in this life, and the rest of the world. Notice Rev 3:10 "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon the entire world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

Have you taken the time to evaluate the news coming out of Arizona over their new illegal immigration law? If there has ever been a time where God's Word is screaming out, it is now. God said He would turn us over to reprobate minds. Even the UN has now criticized Arizona. The Mexican President even tuned in to say how unfair the law is. What? Mexico, that's where everyone is fleeing from. If this wasn't so sickening it would be funny. Our own U.S. attorney general said he is considering suing Arizona, while openly admitting that he hadn't even read the law. Before Congress, he admitted he was commenting simply from the news being reported by others. Does the term "reprobate," come to mind? Rom 1:28, II Tim 3:8, Tit 1:16

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e as God's people need to stop and consider what is currently taking place. Look at the firestorm of attacks on Arizona simply because they are trying to enforce laws that the Federal government has failed to enforce. The persecutions have come from as little as single individuals, to corporations, States, Congress and even the United Nations have chimed in to attack. The time is coming that laws will be changed that will bring even greater persecution and hatred against God's people. It's time that we take a moment and re-focus on counting the cost. Times are changing. The time is at our doorstep when it will not be safe to preach what we believe, nor will we have the freedom that we have enjoyed to preach openly God's Holy Word. Revelation tells us: "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held : And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that

dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." Rev. 6:9-11

Recently, I delivered a sermon focusing on the subject of counting the cost in light of today's world conditions. I understand we all did that when we were baptized. Of course we did, but it's time to revisit our commitment. Why? Look around. Counting the cost in a time of peace and calm where no one is trying to attack you, put you in prison, or kill you is far different than when someone is after your life. The times of those conditions are rapidly coming to reality. We need to stop, focus, and re-prioritize our life. Remember Jesus' Word's: "He who seeks to save his life will lose it."

God's people are being judged today. This is our opportunity for salvation. That is the primary focus of Pentecost. We are the "Firstfruits" being called in this life to be a part of His Glorious Kingdom. God tells us, He is going to protect us even in the midst of the tribulation, even so, there will be some who will be allowed to be persecuted and even martyred for His name's sake. Our trials and time for salvation is "now." "For the time has come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" (I Pet 4:17)

The sermon message was a very sober, hard hitting message and a call to be awake and be ready. Please send for your copy today.

One last thing — we just installed the new lighting for the set of God's Unchanging Word. Unfortunately, the lighting was a little too bright and created a whitewash appearance. My brother Jeff has done an excellent job in trying to restore it, but even so, it is not our regular quality; I felt it important enough to send it anyway.

Sincerely. Tom Kerry

