

THE WORLD OF 2010

It's been obvious for some time: All of Revelation that needed to be fulfilled before the return of Jesus has already been fulfilled and we have just moments before the Lord appears in the sky. If you've read the other files on this site, you know there isn't going to be a rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, a seven-year tribulation or a pre-tribulation rapture. Just ever increasing troubles upon the earth until the last trumpet sounds. The only Scriptures still future are future no longer, they are being fulfilled right now, right under our noses . . .

Ezekiel 14:13-14 "'Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast, even though these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their own righteousness they could only deliver themselves,' declares the Lord GOD."

FROM ANDREW STROM (*Revival Ministries*): It is interesting that we are publishing this article by M. Snyder on a day when panic again gripped Wall Street and Stock markets are tumbling worldwide - caused again by "contagion". Michael is basically writing about America in this article, but I think the same points could be made about the whole of Western Europe right now as well - with the volcano in Iceland and terrible economic disasters, etc., it is the whole Western world.

WHY DO SO MANY BAD THINGS KEEP HAPPENING TO THE UNITED STATES?

By Michael Snyder.

At a time when the American economy is already reeling like a drunken sailor, the United States is being hit by what seems like an endless parade of horrible disasters that threaten to push the fragile financial system over the edge. The massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that is now destroying not only the entire economy of the Gulf Coast, but also the entire way of life for hundreds of thousands of people, is getting all the headlines right now, but it

is far from the only major crisis that has hit the United States recently. The old saying, "when it rains it pours", is certainly applicable to the United States right now.

Already faced with some of the biggest economic problems in a generation, America is also being forced to deal with horrifying natural disasters, rapidly growing environmental nightmares and agricultural problems that could end up being absolutely unprecedented. So why do so many bad things keep happening to the United States? Does there come a point when the economic damage from all of these disasters just becomes too much? After all, how many body blows can the "biggest economy in the world" take and still remain standing? Consider just a few of the major disasters that the U.S. is having to deal with right now.

The Gulf Of Mexico Oil Spill

Industry experts are now saying that the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico could be increasing at a rate of 25,000 barrels a day - five times the U.S. government's current estimate . . .

So how much is this disaster going to cost?

The cost to the fishing industry in Louisiana alone could top 3 billion dollars, and it is being projected that the tourism industry in Florida could lose even more than that. This is rapidly shaping up as one of the biggest environmental nightmares (perhaps the biggest) that the United States has ever faced. In fact, there are some who are saying that this incident has already eclipsed the 1989 Exxon Valdez incident as the worst U.S. oil disaster in history.

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal is warning that the oil spill in the Gulf threatens the very way of life of people in his state. As bad as Hurricane Katrina was, there are those who are already claiming that this disaster will be worse than Hurricane Katrina for the region, because it will literally take years for this mess to be cleaned up. In fact, there is a very real possibility that the fishing industry may be crippled for generations by this disaster.

The Disappearance Of The Honeybees

For the fourth year in a row in the United States, more than a third of all bee colonies have failed to survive the winter. To be more precise, according to the annual survey by the Apiary Inspectors of America and the U.S. government's Agricultural Research Service, the number of managed honeybee colonies in the United States fell by 33.8% last winter.

Needless to say, this is not a good trend! In fact, it could quickly turn into an unmitigated disaster as it is estimated that a third of all that we eat depends upon honeybee pollination.

Are you starting to get the picture? Most flowering plants require insects for pollination. The most effective insect for pollination is the honeybee.

Without honeybees, we are going to be in a world of hurt... In fact, Ohio State University's honeybee specialist, James Tew, recently told the following to the Dayton Daily News.... "The average person should care. Bees of all species are fundamental to the operation of our ecosystem."

So what happens if they all die off? You don't even want to think about it, but certainly our scientists can find a solution, right?

Well, the World Animal Health Organization announced on Wednesday that the huge die off of bees worldwide is not due to any one single factor. The truth is that a "solution" seems to be very far away right now and we are running out of time.

***The Drying Up Of The Ogallala Aquifer**

Most Americans have never heard of the Ogallala Aquifer, but it is absolutely critical to food production in many areas of the United States. The water from this massive underground lake is used to irrigate much of America's Great Plains. But it is being drained at a rate of approximately 800 gallons per minute and it is starting to dry up.

So why is that a bad thing? Well, the Ogallala Aquifer is a gigantic underground lake that stretches from southern South Dakota all the way through northern Texas, covering approximately 174,000

square miles. If it gets depleted, the era of "pivot irrigation" in the region will be over. That would mean that the Great Plains could quickly turn into the Great American Desert. America could very well see a return to the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s. Are you prepared for that? Even if agricultural production continues to grow normally, scientists are telling us that the world is heading for a massive global food shortage. So what happens if our food production does not increase or is even reduced?

Sadly, the United States has only enough grain stored up to give about a half a loaf of bread to every man, woman and child in the United States. How long do you think that is going to last in the event of a major emergency?

The truth we must face is that "the good times" we have all grown up with are not going to last. The United States is in big trouble economically, and all of these natural disasters and environmental problems are not helping things. We are not entitled to endless wealth and prosperity just because we are Americans. In fact, we have recklessly squandered the wealth that prior generations left to us.

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So ends Michael Snyder's article, but those are just the beginning of sorrows. I'm now 83 years old, a WW II vet who in his lifetime has pretty much seen it all. It's been a pretty good life despite my many sins, but I'm now overcome by an oppressive sense of foreboding that I'm unable to shake . . . and I'm not alone! Many fellow Christians feel the same way. The final "hour of trial" is almost here, beginning probably with a world financial collapse followed by anarchy.

The following verses were not inspired to no purpose . . .

These days are upon us!

James 5:1-6 (NASB) "Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure!

James 5:1-6 *(continued)* “Behold, the pay of the laborers who mowed your fields, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting has reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life of wanton pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and put to death the righteous man; he does not resist you.”

For many years I lived just like the above, caring little about anyone but myself. Now I anguish over the wimpy social clubs our churches have become. I weep as I see our children being led astray by new age teachers. I agonize over how spiritually blind our people have become. America was once the Christian lighthouse of the world, but that’s all over. Isn’t the following more like us today?

Zechariah 11:16 "For behold, I am going to raise up a shepherd in the land who will not care for the perishing, seek the scattered, heal the broken, or sustain the one standing, but will devour the flesh of the fat sheep and tear off their hoofs . . ." *(Because the spiritual hoofs have been torn off our people by self-serving church leaders who know not God, we no longer know how to walk the Christian walk.)*

And it’s a tragedy! Many truly Christian men died at Bunker Hill. Two thousand more died of starvation at Valley Forge. Untold numbers died in the Civil, the Spanish-American, in World Wars I & II, in Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

We are not worthy of their deaths!

Instead of repenting, we worry about how to protect our assets when the dollar goes belly up or the stock market crashes, as they surely will. Just before the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C., the godly sighed and groaned over the abominations committed in their midst, but do we? . . .

Ezekiel 9:4 “The LORD said to him, ‘Go through the midst of the city . . . and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst.’ And to the others (*angels*) he said in mine hearing, ‘Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare,

neither have ye pity: Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary.' Then they began at the ancient men (*the church leaders*) which were before the house" (*of the Lord*).

Do you believe sovereign God, the Lord of hosts, is going to act different now, just because you go to your spiritually dying church on Sunday, know the four spiritual laws and have said the sinners prayer?

The Lord is putting the above mark on many today. If you have that mark, you know it, because you recognize the lateness of the hour, **Romans 13:11** "... knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep"

It's almost Isaiah 26:20 through 27:1 time. Night no longer cometh when no man can work, it is here.

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