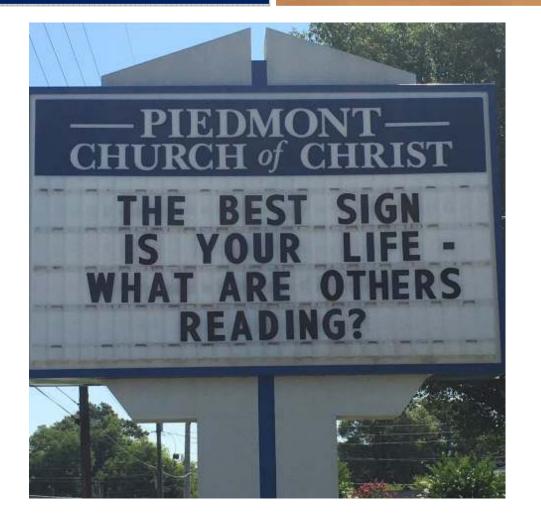
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Has The Time Come For Judgment On America? by Tom Wacaster

No nation in the history of this world has been as richly blessed as the United States of America. God has turned the horn of plenty upside down upon our heads. For more than 230 years we have enjoyed unparalleled prosperity, freedom, and world-wide influence. I believe I can say without fear of contradiction that the Lord's church in America over the last two centuries has done more to spread the gospel world wide than any other single nation during the same time frame. For decades we have enjoyed the highest concentration of New Testament Christians anywhere upon the face of the earth. It was estimated that during the late 1700's and early 1800's that between one third and one fourth of our citizenry were members of the church of Christ. The nation was a shining light of democracy to those men and women who longed to be free. At the same time, and certainly more importantly, the Lord's church was a shining light of salvation to those lost in sin and longing for forgiveness. Four or five decades ago the churches of Christ were the fastest growing religious group in America. Souls were heeding the gospel's call; the church was growing; and God was continuing to bless America. We may very well have reached the peak of America's greatness and the growth of the Lord's church in our country sometime during the mid to late 60's.

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The last four decades has seen a decline in America's greatness. And while she remained militarily strong, and economically sound, within she was dying. The sexual revolution of the late 60's brought about a "new morality" that set men free (so they thought) from rules and regulations of Bible thumping evangelists. That rejection of heaven's moral code opened the door, and evolution and humanism rushed in to fill the gap of moral emptiness that developed in the 70's and 80's. The Bible was stripped from our public schools, religion increasingly became less popular and the baby boomer generation put God on the back burner in their mad rush for more earthly comforts. Crass materialism became the order of the day. Women entered the work force in large numbers so as to provide even more "things" that satisfy the flesh.

Slowly at first, and more rapidly with the turn of the century, our families began to crumble. The divorce rate increased at an alarming rate. Children were sacrificed on the altar of greed as parents shuffled their little ones off to some Day Care Center not because the family was in dire straits, but because a larger house, better clothes, the latest electronic gadgets, faster cars, and more and more exciting entertainment kept pressing upon our increasingly secular and materialistic society. Meanwhile there was this gnawing feeling among the citizens that this country was not going in the right direction. Things were broken but nobody knew how to fix the problem. With the exception of a few brief moments of reprieve, we rushed headlong toward the precipice that now confronts us. Godly men and women have been asking, "When is God going to render judgment upon America?" Less than two years ago I answered that question with the following: "God is rendering judgment on America right now. He is screaming at us to repent or suffer the consequence of every other nation that has gone the way of godless societies." I fear that God's patience has run out and applying the words of the prophet to our time and circumstance, "America, prepare to meet thy God."

I am not speaking of the financial crisis, though that in and of itself is enough to bring us to ruin. A nation can survive a financial crisis if her foundations are strong and her trust is in God. Unfortunately our citizenry no longer has the spiritual strength to endure a plunge into economic chaos. She has become weak, imbibing the philosophy of the world to the extent that she winks at abortion, tolerates and promotes homosexuality, and ignores the moral inequities of our leaders. She no longer has the basis to survive something akin to the Great Depression of the 1930's. Meanwhile, lurking in the dark shadows is something of far greater concern to this scribe than the economic "crisis" we face. Half of our nation cannot discern what is happening in this election process currently under way. Literally half of our nation has been so enamored with Senator Obama that they either do not care or

cannot see that the Democratic candidate poses one of the greatest threats to our way of life. The real story of Barack Obama is gradually coming to light, and the more we hear about him, the more frightening it becomes. Here is a man who has associated with the darker side of our society for decades. Names such as Wright, Acorn, Ayers, and Rezo belong to an element that hates America, hates God, hates capitalism, hates freedom and hates moral codes and ethical responsibility. These are the associates of Barak Obama. Were that not enough, information is just now coming to light (Wednesday, October 8) that Senator Obama has connections with Muslim terrorists in Kenya; that he has aligned himself with radical terrorists who sought to overthrow the Kenyan government and replace it with a socialist, Muslim government. Here is a man that has used his power and influence in Washington to encourage, and even instruct a radical Muslim element in Kenya on how to disrupt elections and oppose the will of the people.

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. 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. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord" (James 1:2-7).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Oct 30 Song Service
- Nov 6 Turn Clocks Back 1 hour
- Nov 6 Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Class
- Nov 13 Preach & Eat; 1:30 pm Worship
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell