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GET AMERICA PRAYING

David Kubal

One person can have a huge effect. There are few scriptures that describe this as potently as Ezekiel 22. Much has been written about this passage in recent years, and it carries great relevance for our country today. The sins of Jerusalem are described in detail and contain among other things: "...lewd acts...excessive interest...and unjust gain." (Ez 22:9-12) The Lord started this portion of scripture with the words: "Will you judge her?" Almost to say, "Do you really see the wrong or have you become accustomed to the terrible things around you?"

This is not only a question to Ezekiel, but also to us. It is evident that the deep recession our nation seems to be coming out of is the result of "excessive interest" and "unjust gain." I believe God is asking us: Will we judge America? Will we become outraged at the immorality, corruption, and false ideologies in our nation that are clearly against God's heart? Or will we sit back and allow things to go on as they are?

God asks Ezekiel, "Then will you confront her?" God's inquiry to Ezekiel was a question of perspective: Do you see what I see, and what are you going to do about it? It is easy to have an opinion, but taking action on that opinion is often a different story.

God concludes this passage with the verse "I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not destroy it." God was willing to not destroy the land if He could find one person to stand between the corrupt people of Jerusalem and Himself—this is where we are positioned and can take action as intercessors!

In saying this, we are announcing an upcoming IFA campaign called Get America Praying (G.A.P.). We are looking for thousands more who will stand in the gap by **informing, connecting,** and

mobilizing other intercessors. It is and will continue to be the multitudes interceding for America who avert God's wrath, restrain the hand of the evil one, and bring revival.

We will continue **informing** via First Friday Prayer Letters, weekly E-mail Alerts, and new one-minute Radio Prayer Spots around the country. These radio spots will occur on Christian radio stations during rush-hour traffic with 30 seconds describing a current critical issue for prayer and 30 seconds of intercession on that issue. Every prayer spot will end with "to learn more go to GetAmericaPraying.com and help us get America praying!"

We will be **connecting** in new ways via Internet prayer networks. The backbone of the G.A.P. campaign will be a network of regional Web sites. Leaders will be able to utilize IFA's system to create and grow prayer networks by using powerful Web tools such as E-mail and text alerts, blogs, and a 24/7 prayer calendar to inform, connect, and mobilize their intercessors.

We will be **mobilizing** via local area presence. There are many different prayer initiatives, but none that is as focused as IFA on uniting churches, prayer groups, and networks in praying and fasting for America throughout the year. These local staff and volunteers will work with other major prayer events as well as year round in their own communities.

There is a need for intercession in America as great as any time in its history. IFA is building on the movement of prayer that God is spreading over this land as we encourage and challenge more believers to stand in the G.A.P. Please pray for and join us in this effort. We stand ready to help you get others involved in praying for America.

—Dave Kubal serves as President / CEO of IFA

FIRST FRIDAY September 4 PRAYER FOCUS

WHITE HOUSE / CONGRESS

Use the enclosed "Top 130 U.S. Officials" bookmark to intercede for President Obama, Vice President Biden, the Cabinet, staff, and families. Affirm the sovereignty of Christ over the Obama administration and the 111th Congress. Intercede for your U.S. Senators and Representative and all top officials. Intercede that biblical ethics and constitutional principles be upheld in legislation regarding health care reform (See Page 2), abortion, marriage and family, homosexuality, taxation, the federal deficit and national debt. Intercede that the Lord show mercy, intervene, thwart the move into European socialism and preserve the U.S. as a Judeo-Christian Constitutional Republic.

TERRORISM / FOREIGN POLICY

Intercede that the Lord expose and thwart any domestic or foreign terrorist attacks planned over 9/11. Intercede that He prevent covert Islamic or Marxist terrorists from being hired into U.S. agencies. Pray that any sleeper cells and networks be exposed. Intercede that Obama's foreign policy "shift in values" from Judeo-Christian / Greco-Roman principles to an all-inclusive multi-faith, Moslem and globalist political philosophy, be exposed and rejected. Intercede for the Lord to protect the borders and preserve the sovereignty of the U.S. and its Territories. (Ps 33:12, Acts 17:24-28)

INSTITUTIONAL CORRUPTION

Intercede for exposure of corruption in the realms of government, politics, public service, intelligence, national defense and military, immigration, justice and law enforcement, corporate business, banking, commerce, relief agencies, medicine, science, education, news media, the arts, culture, entertainment, and athletics. Pray that the Lord convict of sin and save, and "improve or remove" corrupt lawless individuals. (Dan 6:4; 2 Pet 1:3-5, 2:9,10)

THEFT

"You shall not steal." (Ex 20:15) Repent for how greed, larceny, shoplifting, bouncing checks, employee time theft, workplace theft, and other forms of stealing have become casual in our culture. Consider how Jesus trusted Abba to meet His needs and exhibited contentment without material possessions. Pray that the Holy Spirit convict believers and citizens in your area of how theft is contrary to God's loving, giving nature and the command to love our neighbors as ourselves. Intercede that you, your family, church, community, and area be marked by attitudes of respect of property, contentment, charity, and neighborly sharing—"laying up treasures in heaven." (Mt 6:9-21; 1 Tim 6:6)



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ObamaCare: A Gateway to Socialism

Gary Bergel

A reading and analysis of H.R. 3200, the 1000-page House health care bill, termed America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009, is like watching the soldiers hidden in the Trojan horse which had been moved into the city of Troy stream out to bring about its downfall.

As we went to press with this Prayer Letter, more analysts were revealing the not-so-stealth move toward Universal Health Care being initiated by Barack Obama.

"My commitment is to make sure that we've got universal health care for all Americans by the end of my first term as President."

(Barack Obama at the Service Employees International Union Health Care Forum, March 24, 2007)

Gleanings from H.R. 3200, the only health care plan in print prior to Labor Day:

Page 16: If you like your present plan you can keep it. But, if you want to alter or change it you cannot. It must then be a government "approved" plan.

Page 29 lines 4-16: Your health care will be rationed!

Page 30 Section 123: A government committee will decide what benefits and treatments you will or will not receive.

Page 58: The government will have real-time access to an individual's finances and national ID cards will be issued.

Page 59 lines 21-24: The government will have direct access to your bank accounts for transfer of funds.

Page 72 lines 8-14: The government will create a Health Care Exchange to bring privileged plans under federal control.

Page 95 lines 8-18: The government will use groups like ACORN and AmeriCorps to sign up individuals for public option.

Page 126 lines 22-25: Employers must offer health care for part-time employees and their families.

Page 127 lines 10-16: The government will set doctors' salaries.

Page 149 lines 16-24: Employers with payroll of \$400k or more who do not offer public option must pay 8% tax on all payroll.

Page 150 lines 9-13: Employers with payroll of \$251-400k who do not offer public option must pay 6% tax on all payroll.

Page 239 lines 14-24: The Government will reduce doctor's services to Medicaid, Medicare, low income and the poor.

Page 341 lines 3-9: The Government has authority to disqualify Medicare Advantage plans, HMO's, etc. to force individuals and families into government public option plans.

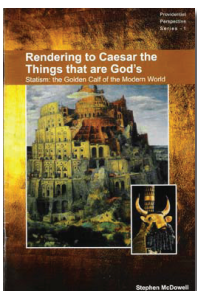
Page 425 lines 4-25: The Government mandates Advance Care Planning Consultants; will instruct regarding "end of life," living wills, durable powers of attorney and will provide "approved" list of "end of life" resources.

Page 429 lines 13-25: The Government will specify which doctors are "approved" to write an "end of life" order.

Page 1001: The Government will establish a National Medical Device Registry—will you be tracked? By then, will it matter?

—The above was adapted from a much longer listing compiled by Mathew D. Staver of the Freedom Foundation and Liberty Counsel: www.LC.org www.liberty.edu

—The full text of H.R. 3200 can be read at: <http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-h3200/text>



STATISM: RENDERING TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S
Stephen McDowell

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CHRISTIANS ENGAGING IN MARKETPLACE PRAYER



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"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."
—James 5:16

One of the most significant moves of God over the past five years has been the awakening of Christians in the workplace. Multitudes of believers are seeing their call into the marketplace and their labors there as ministry, not just "work." They are engaged in small group prayer, compassionate witness, and kingdom transformation.

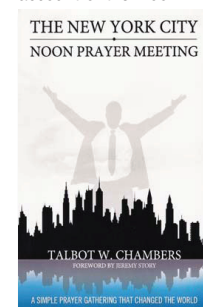
Some gather periodically for early morning pre-work prayer. Others are spending one or more lunch hours in prayer with Christian co-workers, either on-site or nearby. Teams also gather on weekends, praying for colleagues and the coming week.

With national unemployment rates ranging from 10 – 25 percent in some areas, millions of Americans are unemployed and struggling. It would therefore seem good that we all consider how we might spend more time in prayer for our unemployed neighbors, employers, and in asking the Lord to sustain, prosper, and inspire business owners unto job creation.

The noon prayer pattern followed in the historic Fulton Street Revival prayer meetings is available for easy download on IFA's Current Prayer Guides page at www.ifapray.org.

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Talbot W. Chambers

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We Need An Intervention By God

Johannes Facius

Taking responsibility for our nation according to the prayer mandate of 1 Timothy 2 is no secondary matter. Actually, the apostle Paul puts it in the first priority when he calls upon the church and explains the functioning of the church in corporate prayer. He exhorts that “first of all” assemblies of believers express all kinds of biblical prayers—intercessions, supplications, petitions, and giving of thanks. He instructs that these be prayed first for all men, because this is where God’s heart really lies. God loves all people. Next, prayers are to be offered for kings, presidents, heads of state, and all others who are in authority.

You have a nation when you have a people and a king or, as in the United States, a president, and thirdly you have a government. These are the three things that constitute a nation. So, what the apostle is speaking about is that we have to pray in this three-fold way for our nation—for the people, the president, and all in authority.

I want to focus on God’s purpose behind this because this is often missing when we talk about praying for governments and praying for politics. It’s not that God is all that much interested in politics as such, especially not in party politics. God is not a member of any political party. He’s above political factions and parties. I’m glad.

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We must pray because the people are greatly impacted by those who are ruling over them. Whether we are Christians or non-Christians, all suffer under whatever government is up to.

The heart of the Lord is for the people, the well-being of the people we could say. This is why we need to pray for the rulers and for the government. But we do not pray for the government for the sake of politics. We don’t pray for party politics. We pray for the institutions of government no matter who is in power. Some will be a better blessing than others and some will be very bad, even a curse. We know this from experience in many nations over many years. It’s not immaterial what system of government a nation has. Some systems are certainly better than others, but

God’s heart is firstly toward the people.

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are high in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.” —1 Timothy 2:1-4

It is important to understand that we are still in an age where the world, the order and present arrangement, is under the sway of the evil one. This truth is not just something Jesus was referencing when He stated that “the prince of this world is coming.” (John 14:30) The “prince of this world” had the capacity to offer even the Lord Jesus all the kingdoms of the earth, if Jesus would just fall down and worship him. That was Satan’s temptation to Jesus in the desert. Some say that this condition was fixed a little later when Jesus died on the cross. That cannot be true because the last of the twelve apostles, the apostle John, still writes in his letter that “we know that this world lies under the sway of the evil one.” (1 John 5:19) John’s experience and testimony is much later in time than the cross. God has allowed Satan’s sway for a period of time in history.

We need to realize that when we pray for the government we are not just praying for human beings and politicians, but we are praying for them because they can only be either under the influence of the power of darkness or the power of the Holy Spirit. There’s nothing in between. Normally they are under the power of darkness but the Church can make a difference. Through prayer and intercession we can be an overruling power in the spiritual realm. We can oppose the unseen powers who are actually the real powers attempting to rule the nations. If we do a good job, we can cut their ties and cause something wonderful to happen—revival and reformation. It has happened in history and it can happen again.

We are not just praying for presidents and governments so that they may do a good job, but we are praying in order to oppose the strategy of the powers of darkness trying to influence and get hold of all who govern and rule.

There are two purposes for this prayer. The first is that through prayer we help release a spirit of righteousness so that the fear of God is present. An atmosphere of righteousness is impacting our nation, our institutions, our kindergartens, our schools, our universities.

Don’t you think that God wants children to grow up in a pure and decent atmosphere? Don’t you think that God desires that pornography and corruption and the false ideologies being taught be restrained and removed? Of course He does. He loves people. He loves all who are not yet saved, and even those who would never turn to Him.

God desires to change the climate of a nation, and that’s what we need. But then comes the primary focus of this prayer. God our Savior desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth because there is one God and one me-

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diator between men, the man Christ Jesus. It’s clear that this references the gospel. This means that God wants everyone in America to know who Jesus is and what Jesus has done to redeem fallen man. He doesn’t say that everyone will be saved, scripture says He desires that everyone should be saved.

And so as we pray for the government, we pray at one level for righteousness, but the real focus is the gospel. We are praying that the gospel may be preached and penetrate our nation, and that every interest opposing the gospel of Jesus Christ would be taken away.

If you put these two together, righteousness and the gospel, you’ve got what we term revival. These are the two elements of revival. Revival is more than evangelism. Revival is when an entire nation and society is impacted. As in the Welsh and other revivals, an extraordinary number of people get saved. Not the ordinary number that come through normal evangelization, but something extraordinary—a great harvest from a divine intervention!

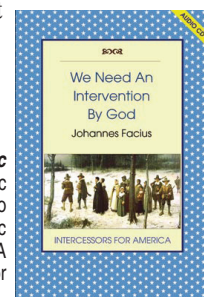


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CRY OUT AMERICA 2009 SEPT. 11

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NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

★ WASHINGTON, DC – September has been designated National Preparedness Month by the Department of Homeland Security. SurvivorMall.com, a “Christian Preparedness” company launched in the wake of 9/11 is providing free e-books, reports, booklets, and more on how to perform first aid, deal with flu and other pandemics, prepare temporary shelters, defend against terrorism, shield against biochemical and nuclear fallout, build bomb shelters, survive earthquakes, storms, floods and dozens of other potential catastrophes. (CN 8/1/09)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SEPT. 23 – NOV. 1

★ COLLEGE STATION, TX – The fall 40 Days for Life campaign is set for September 23 to November 1. More than 215,000 people in 240 cities have participated in this life-changing prayer vigil and peaceful protest—and at least 1,561 lives have been saved from abortion. For information and to receive updates visit www.40daysforlife.com.

POST LABOR DAY HEALTH CARE VOTES COULD EXPAND ABORTION

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. House and Senate are expected to vote after Labor Day on “health care reform” bills that, in their current forms (see Page 2), could produce the greatest expansion of abortion since Roe v. Wade. The bills are being pushed hard by President Obama and by top Democratic congressional leaders, including pro-abortion House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). No congressional Republicans endorsed the bills, and growing public concern caused sufficient resistance among some factions of Democrats that the leadership was forced to abandon the original plan of having floor votes on the bills in July. Pro-life leaders request prevailing prayer and contact with members of Congress. (NRLC 8/1/09)

NURSE FORCED TO PARTICIPATE IN LATE-TERM ABORTION FILES LAWSUIT

★ SCOTTSDALE, AZ – Alliance Defense Fund (www.AllianceDefenseFund.org) attorneys filed a lawsuit against Mount Sinai Hospital in New York on behalf of Catherina Cenzone-DeCarlo, a devout Christian nurse who was forced to participate in a late-term abortion against her will. She was threatened with disciplinary action, including the possible loss of her job and her nursing license. Under this threat, she was required to watch the dismemberment of the unborn child and to deliver the bloody body parts to a specimen room. Under federal law, hospitals that receive federal funds (like the \$200 million that Mount Sinai receives annually) cannot force employees to participate in abortion procedures. Such “conscience protection” needs to be extended to all health care providers under any national health plan. (ADF FRC 7/23/09)

PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT GROWS TO AUDIT FEDERAL RESERVE

★ WASHINGTON, DC – A growing number of Americans (some polls indicate up to 75 percent) and more members of Congress are supporting House bill, H.R. 1207 and S. 604, The Federal Reserve Transparency Act. This measure would reform how the Federal Reserve System is audited by the U.S. Comptroller General. Spearheaded by Rep. Ron Paul (TX) and Sen. Bernard Sanders (VT), as of early August the bill had 282 House sponsors (64 percent) and 23 Senate Sponsors. (HP 7/30/09 RonPaul.com 8/4/09)

In America Today...



September 13, 2009

★ SAN DIEGO, CA – In response to findings by LifeWay research indicating that 82 percent of un-churched and de-churched people said they would be open to visit a church if a friend or family member invited them. A National Back to Church Sunday has been set for September 13. LifeWay also found that only two percent of church members routinely invite an un-churched person to attend. More information and materials to help plan a “visitor friendly” Sunday service are available at www.backtochurch.com.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE SEPT. 23

★ FT. WORTH, TX – Multitudes of students will again gather at 7:00 a.m. at their public school flag poles for concerted prayer on Wednesday, September 23. A 2009 thematic focus is drawn from 2 Kings 22:2 and simply says *ENGAGE: Go and Pray*. Visit www.syatp.com

DRAMATIC DROP IN RATE OF DIVORCE

★ NEW YORK, NY – The severe economic recession has produced a major decline in the number of people filing for divorce. An industry survey by lawyers indicates that the number of divorce cases has dropped 40 or more percent in 2009. (WSJ W 7/24/09)

TOUR FINDS MARRIAGE SUPPORT STRONG

★ HANOVER, PA – Teams from The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP) conducted a 16-day tour in New York, Maine and Rhode Island. TFP reported the public’s support was strong for traditional marriage, and that many people thanked them for their public witness. The groups findings from their direct street contact fits with data from CBS/New York Times, USA Today/Gallup, and the Pew Foundation polls that indicate support for same-sex “marriage” like support for abortion, is dropping nationwide. (CN 8/3/09)

RESOLUTION OF APOLOGY REINTRODUCED

★ WASHINGTON, DC – A Resolution of Apology to the Native Peoples has been reintroduced as S.J. Res. 14 in the U.S. Senate by Sen. Sam Brownback (KS) and as H.J. Res. 46 in the House by Rep. Dan Boren (OK). The measure calls for no financial reparations but is intended as a first step “To acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.” Similar acts of reconciliation have been expressed in Canada and elsewhere. Visit NativeRes.org for updates.

U.S. SUPREME COURT ASKED TO HEAR OKLAHOMA TEN COMMANDMENT CASE

★ DENVER, CO – The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit narrowly decided not to review a three-judge panel’s determination that a Ten Commandments display at the Haskell County Courthouse is unconstitutional. Attorneys with the Alliance Defense Fund are appealing the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. As some of the dissenting judges pointed out, the panel’s decision is in conflict with both the Supreme Court and other federal appellate courts. “There is no difference between this Ten Commandments display and the one at the Texas state capitol that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court nearly five years ago,” said ADF Senior Counsel Kevin Theriot. (ADF 7/31/09)

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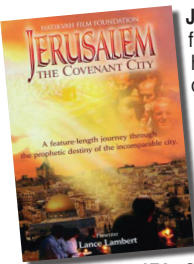
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“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand [together].” –Ephesians 6:13