

# HUE AND CRY: Yeshua HaMashiach—America's Only Hope

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Have you ever considered the profundity of the statement: "God cannot lie!" If you believe it is valid, then according to the recognized Holy Writ, He is required to execute His judgment upon those who commit sin. This sobering prospect is especially disturbing when you take the time to read the historical accounts of the Almighty's actions down through the centuries. The Biblical texts are replete with descriptions of our Creator's correcting fingerprints, and when required, destructive footprints. The degree of punishment is always measured and with absolute justification.

Consider, for example, the increasing intensity of the chastisement meted out to the servants of the Most High (cf. Leviticus 25:55) as described in Leviticus 26. Ancient Israel was chosen to be God's servant nation, and as a result was entrusted with some serious responsibilities. Unfortunately, the testimony of Scripture shows that His chosen people did not always live up to their commitments. The foremost part of the mandate that God gave to Israel was to be a light to the rest of the world (cf. Isaiah 42:6; 49:6), something that Israel frequently did not do. On the contrary, rather than being a light to the rest of the world, Israel was frequently a testimony of God's judgment upon those who reject His ways.

Ironically today, followers of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob have been sliced and diced by the double-edged sword of the Word. The Lord was and is very precise about what the consequences of disobedience are to those who are to be His intermediaries between Himself and the world. If you take the time to read Deuteronomy chs. 28-29, you will find a listing of not only the blessings associated with obedience to His Word, but also a specific list of curses attributable to flagrant disobedience. I believe that for the chosen people of God, whether adhering to the Rabbinical interpretations of Moses or believing in the accomplished work of Yeshua at Golgotha (Calvary)—all the declarations are applicable.

Down through history, the consistency of God's curses has been chronicled as a plethora of corrections have been executed with precision. While many might disagree with this conclusion, the fact remains that unique combinations of *all* the curses catalogued have indeed afflicted the people of God, wherever they may be. Only ignorance of world history could preclude that the curses are only applicable to the Jewish people. If one has been redeemed and grafted into the olive tree of Israel (Romans 11:17-23) and become a part of the Commonwealth of Israel (Ephesians 2:12), then I believe all of the corrective measures apply. When you look at the different curses, and realize that ignorance of the Torah's instruction is one of the curses, a humbling reappraisal and reconsideration for what these things mean should be in order. Consider the words of Moses:

"And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, 'You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants and all his land; the great trials which your eyes have seen, those great signs and wonders. **Yet to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear**'" (Deuteronomy 29:2-4).

One of the amazing anomalies of Israel's history is that despite the obvious visible signs and wonders that have been duly recorded and witnessed by multiple parties, the human will still largely prefers to disregard the evidence and press forward into increased judgment. This vagary of human reason has its consequences.

Lamentably, I believe the compounding aspect of the sins of the fathers being passed down to the third and fourth generations (Exodus 20:5) is reaching a "tipping point." Like a glass of water, filled to the brim and almost overflowing, the cup of iniquity will reach a point when God is going to be required by His Word to execute some righteous judgment. But He always judges His people with an objective in mind. He sends trials, tests, and afflictions in order to lovingly admonish them back to His Word and required obedience. The Psalmist says it best:

"You have dealt well with Your servant, O LORD, according to Your word. Teach me good discernment and knowledge, for I believe in Your commandments. **Before I was afflicted I went astray**, but now I keep Your word. You are good and do good; teach me Your statutes. The arrogant have forged a lie against me; with all *my* heart I will observe Your precepts. Their heart is covered with fat, *but* I delight in Your law. **It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes. The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces**" (Psalm 119:65-72).

What affliction or judgment would be appropriate for a nation drunk with power, obsessed with killing the unborn, rampant with sexual immorality, and pointedly upside down when it comes to familial relationships? How would you judge a nation that does not confess that its blessings come from the Almighty? What would you do if you witnessed an unparalleled destruction of babies in their mother's wombs? How would you deal with the abominable sexual practices of men and women, and the proliferation of such attitudes exported to the world at large? And finally, is there some way that you could get the attention of many of the men of a country who have fallen into a trap of letting their wives totally undermine their position as fathers?

Without delving into all of the particulars of each of these questions, there is only one specific issue that has prompted this article. In America, since we live in a society that champions freedom and the governing principles of democracy, we are most susceptible to a majority of the people who desire to do their "godless thing." In a pluralistic society, where the differences between the Right and the Left could be within a percentage of a percent, the scales determining leadership can be shifted with just the slightest provocation. Additionally, as our electorate ages, the demographic profile is being dramatically altered as the elderly expire and the younger generation receives the right to vote.

By the election of 2008, many of the conservative, depression influenced, World War II fighting generation will no longer be able to vote because their days will be fulfilled. Instead, the voting public will have an expanding number of voters inculcated by an MTV, Hollywood, and anti-religious culture that has developed over the past few decades.

In spite of the attempts of the Right to build their political base on conservative values and a fervent appeal to the exploding Latino immigrant population, the mood of the country can swing on one of many convoluted issues. The current administration's policy toward terrorism, the irresolvable Iraqi War, or an economy that is struggling due to the burden of debt and increasing energy costs—all add up to a national consensus that "America needs a change!" This is the historical pattern that has kept the "two-party system" in power for well over a century.

Now if this hypothesis is correct, then *change* is just what the American electorate is going to want and get. And what better change in a two-party system than to give the other party a chance to remedy the current problems caused by the current party? The change in political parties at the next presidential election seems inevitable to me (whether there is some dramatic event like 9/11 or not). It appears that the momentum is certainly turning toward another change in leadership that will simply replicate the patterns of modern American political history.

But, in order for God to accomplish His will for His people, I think it seems that a perfect judgment for an "Ahab America" would be to install a woman—who in many regards appears to operate like the Jezebel of Ancient Israel—as the next president of the United States. I consider this to be a perfect way to execute judgment and bring godly affliction on many purported "Believers" in this county, while continuing to use the governments of this world to execute additional justice—just like He said He would do in the nations where Israel has been scattered:

**"Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known. Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul"** (Deuteronomy 28:64-65).

The Creator God is in the business of accomplishing all of His Word. Everything He has declared will be accomplished. We might not be able to see or understand it, because that is also one of the curses we have inherited:

**"The LORD will smite you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart"** (Deuteronomy 28:28).

Our Heavenly Father will fulfill every curse that He has proclaimed to a wayward people that He loves. While this might not make logical sense to the natural mind, it makes perfect sense to those who are filled with the Holy Spirit—who comforts, teaches, and helps the faithful through life's challenges. I view the upcoming judgment as a great opportunity to take the truth to those who are seeking answers from God. It is when God's people cry out for deliverance and understanding that He

hears and responds. In the 1930s and 1940s when the Jewish people endured the Nazi Holocaust, the Lord heard their prayers and confessions, ultimately restoring them to the Promised Land:

**“But you will perish among the nations, and your enemies' land will consume you. So those of you who may be left will rot away because of their iniquity in the lands of your enemies; and also because of the iniquities of their forefathers they will rot away with them. If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me—I also was acting with hostility against them, to bring them into the land of their enemies—or if their uncircumcised heart becomes humbled so that they then make amends for their iniquity, then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and I will remember also My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham as well, and I will remember the land”** (Leviticus 26:38-42).

The Lord responded by having the nations of the world establish a toehold in the Promised Land for the Jewish people.

Now many non-Jewish Believers, scattered abroad, are turning to God's instruction in the Torah. The Prophet Malachi says, **“He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse”** (Malachi 4:6). His words that many will turn back to their fathers, and fathers will turn back to their children, should give us impetus to cry out to God for deliverance from the possible oppressive weight of a “Jezebel-led” government. Perhaps in His mercy, He will hear and have compassion upon us, when men make declarations to the religious and secular leaders of America, just like Amos did in his era to the last generation of the Northern Kingdom of Israel at the Samarian gates:

**“Hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the gate! Perhaps the LORD God of hosts May be gracious to the remnant of Joseph”** (Amos 5:15).

Only time will tell if my assumptions and conclusions are accurate. No one knows exactly how or when the Father is going to deal with His people, whether in Israel or elsewhere. But the fact remains that He will execute His righteous judgment in order to accomplish His will and purpose for Creation. Thankfully, after the trauma of reading Deuteronomy chs. 28-29, the Lord does explain an end-time plan of restoration that will follow such judgment:

**“So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind in all nations where the LORD your God has banished you, and you return to the LORD your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, then the LORD your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live. The LORD your God will inflict all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the LORD, and observe all His commandments which I command you today. Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your cattle and in the produce of your ground, for the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, just as He rejoiced over your fathers; if you obey the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and soul”** (Deuteronomy 30:1-10).

By His mercy, I pray that we will all turn to Him with all of our hearts and souls. This is something that we can all do today as we repent of our sins, and ask God to restore us to Himself. How the rest of these words are fulfilled for His corporate people is something that is only in His hands.

Maybe this is the time and maybe not. Only the events of human activity will tell if we are ready for the perfect judgment upon America.

So now that we have the time, make sure you have the hope of glory, our Messiah Yeshua, dwelling your heart. He is the ***only hope*** that humanity has to survive the ultimate judgment. Let us all be about the Father's work and do what Yeshua has commanded His people to do:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).

**Yeshua HaMashiach is America's and the world's only hope!**

May God bless us all!

Until the restoration of all things...

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