SEPARATION FROM GOD

The real intent of those that fabricated the legalistic ideology of, "Separation of Church and State" is that they wanted separation from anything to do with God. As they were persons with positions and authority, they distorted the intended meaning of the Nation's Constitution, which for the most part was crafted by men sincerely seeking the True God of creation. This distortion paved the way for inserting ugly un-Godly thinking into every area of human society.

Stop and think for a moment. Can anyone honestly make a decision about an issue apart from what their beliefs are? Anyone in public office that declares they can deliver on such a thing is deceiving themselves, if they really believe they can. But more importantly they are misleading citizens they are supposed to represent. I make this statement because political officials will take an oath to uphold and protect the Constitution, but once they are in office will look for ways to circumvent and distort its' intent in order to put forth their personal and political agenda that disagree with it. There is no such thing as "private beliefs" for someone in public office. If a person believes in God, or don't believe in God, their decisions are going to reflect that belief in some way, whether anyone recognizes the biases of that public official's decisions or not.

As conditions stands now this whole nation, perhaps the whole world, has accepted what a few un-Godly citizens were seeking (i.e. separation from anything to do with God). This includes situations, in particular, with outlawing prayer in learning institutions and public gatherings, legalized abortion for any reason, and legalizing "same sex marriage." If there is such a concept as contradiction of purpose; "same sex marriage," and "planned parent hood" is it. The primary basis of marriage is to procreate the human race; and parent hood supposes that a child is in the process of being raised (not aborted) to adulthood by the married couple.

If I may use a commonly known phrase, "same sex marriage" and "planned parent hood" are an oxymoron.

The majority of this nation's populations seem to "get it" that mass execution of defenseless children in a classroom is a horrible evil against humanity, but have absolutely no concept of the inhumane acts of legalized aborted, defenseless, unborn babies over the last 30 to 40 years. Something is seriously lacking in the heart and mind of society, even within many church pulpits who think they are speaking the will of God!!! Study the scriptures; this is not the mind of God.

Consequences of Separation from God!

Those that desire to be without God have what they asked for, and are now indeed, "without God."

The institutions of authority have legalized what the Holy Scriptures refers to as "sin against God," and for a long time now great numbers of the Nations population are in spiritual adultery because they worship something other than the true and living God of creation. At some future time they may indeed desire to justify their actions by saying, "Well, I didn't realize what I was doing was false god or idol worship." But everyone put faith in something; it may be science, money, power, other humans, creeping things, or their own ability. And you can add such things to the list as Buddha, Astrology, Krishna, the sun, moon, Zeus, mass destruction, Baal, etc...

But the first of the Ten Commandments says, "Thou shall have no other gods before (or ahead of) me".

Few folks, Church goers and non-Church goers, seem to realize how grievously damaging to society these rejections of God is. People have always done the kinds of things scripture declares to be sin, but now the powers of human authority have made rejection to God legal. This is a whole new circumstance in the sight of God. We as a nation systematically and purposefully continue to discard the God of our Fathers and will not recognize, until it is too late, that He (God of creation, peace, truth) is being replaced with the gods (idol) of "mass destruction." Why do you suppose God judged ancient Israel??? It begins with the nation's leadership or lack thereof; secular and spiritual!!!

Solomon disobeyed God by taking wives and concubines from gentile nations. The influx of those gentiles brought their idolatry with them. Thereby Solomon caused the nation of Israel to sin against God. The judgment was that God divided the nation unto destruction. Ten of the tribes were divided unto Samaria (the Northern Kingdom of Israel); eventually they were destroyed by Assyria in 722 B.C, and are no longer known of on the planet, as a nation. The other two tribes, Judah and Benjamin at Jerusalem were taken captive to Babylon in 586 B.C., and were not allowed to inhabit their land again for 70 years. These were the chosen people of God. So, why would anyone think that God will allow all other peoples and nations to ignore his supreme authority indefinitely?

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And so now; the entire world is poised to go beyond (or perhaps have already gone beyond) "the point of not returning" to any semblance of the counsel of God. Unbelief in God and the sin nature are the key motivators that persuade citizens to accept un-Godly influences from persons in private and public authority, which result in rejection of the eternal God.

Communities, then whole world society are being lead to follow blind disobedience to the will of God.

Most folks haven't yet understood that obedience to the laws of God is necessary guidelines for preventing societies from devouring themselves. What part of "Thou shall not kill" has ever dragged down, or destroys society???

The purpose of societal laws are to identify, discourage, and/or punish wrong behavior to avoid the society's self destruction; but once the lawmaking authorities no longer recognizes wrong behavior as wrong, the boundaries for knowing sinful (destructive) behavior against man and God are removed. Then the laws that are put in place works to promote the society's self destruction, rather than to preserve it. The thinking becomes, "there is no such thing as sin, therefore wrong is relative to the individual's interpretation. So just go out and shoot everyone because you are upset; whether you like them, or not." Another term that describes this thinking is "situation ethics." This rejection of God is the results of diminishing belief that God really exists, and rejection of the witness that scripture do indeed speaks the will of God for mankind. The sin nature is loosed to do "whatever."

Increasingly, God believing citizens will be restrained, rebuked, and sometimes even killed for speaking the name of God anywhere. Then those that want separation from God in the society shall have accomplished what they wished for.

And even though Jesus, the Lord of Glory, said of those that crucified him; "Father forgive them for they know not what they do," those that crucified him must repent and ask for that forgiveness before it benefits them.

The only course left to such "rejection of God" minded societies is what we see described in the "Book of Revelation", where we see the ultimate separation of Church and "the man ruled state;" The patience of God reaching its limit, and in his wrath putting an end to all man ruled society in the earth.

This may be of great interest to those who honestly seek after God and wish to have favor with him, but more and more there are others who "care less," because they have rejected God (i.e., don't believe all that God stuff anyway). But if God be God, and I'm convinced he is, his judgment upon rejection of God, and salvation in Christ Jesus shall be as described in scripture; and according to the Book of Revelation in particular.

Hard of Believing, Hard of Hearing, Don't Understand, or Just Don't Care?

Perhaps many folks don't realize that the course of events over the centuries have occurred as predicted by Biblical scripture?? The following are some example of prophecies which happened as predicted by men inspired of God:

To understand where the ultimate destination of world affairs are headed it is important to consider the Judeo-Christian world view and record ...

God chose a family, Abraham and his offspring, to whom he revealed himself first; Then, through this people he made himself known to all other peoples in the world. Even though this family, this nation, Israel was chosen of God to spread the knowledge of him and who he is, they were punished for their sin of turning away from him (disobedience concerning his laws, and turning to idolatry). The Holy Scriptures show this over a period of many centuries. God raised up prophets on many occasions to warn Israel of their wrong behavior. One such prophecy about the punishment that would come upon Israel for their idol worship, and iniquity, was given by the prophet Amos about 750 B.C.; which was 27 years or so before the Assyrians destroyed Northern Israel in 722 B.C.

- Amo 3:1 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,
 Amo 3:2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.
- Amo 4:10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses (or ability to make war, and defend yourself); and I have made the stink (dead corps) of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. (Even this harsh judgment has not turned you away from iniquity and idolatry back to me)
- Amo 4:11 I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah (*cities filled with homosexuality*), and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
- Amo 4:12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: *and* because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.
- Amo 4:13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what *is* his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, *is* his name.
- Amo 7:8 And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline (*Jesus Christ/Messiah is that plumbline, or standard, and measurement*). Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by (*help/protect*) them any more:
- Amo 7:9 And the high (*idolatry*) places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries (*temple/safe places*) of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise (*fight*) against the house of Jeroboam (*Northern Kingdom of Israel/Samaria*) with the sword.
- Amo 9:5 And the Lord GOD of hosts *is* he that toucheth the land, and it (*the land*) shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it (*the land*) shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned (*or overflowed with the enemy*), as *by* the flood of Egypt.
- Amo 9:6 *It is* he that buildeth his stories (*place of abode*) in the heaven, and hath founded his troop (*saints*) in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth (*or spoke the sea into existence that rain upon the land*): The LORD *is* his name.

The Ethiopians were not chosen people of God. Thus, because of their idolatry Israel has become estrange; without God as the Ethiopians, and other gentile nations. But in Amos 9:8, God says he will not completely destroy Jacob/Israel. Amos 9:9 and 9:10 prophesy of what shall be done unto Israel instead of permanent destruction.

- Amo 9:7 Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?
- Amo 9:8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving *(except)* that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.
- Amo 9:9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve (*strainer*), yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.
- Amo 9:10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

But at a future day the LORD God shall recover a remnant of his covenant people of Jacob/Israel.

- Amo 9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle (*Jesus*; the temple and tabernacle were figures of Him. Ultimately, our access to God is through Jesus alone) of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his (*David's*) ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:
- Amo 9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.
- Amo 9:13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt (resources will be in such abundance that the people will have all they need without waiting for the new season of harvest, and access to hard to reach places shall no longer be a problem).
- Amo 9:14 And I will bring again the captivity (*obedience*) of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
- Amo 9:15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

The God of forever orchestrated these events. Who can say they counseled him when he created the universe? These were God's judgments upon his chosen people. Why would any other nation think God would tolerate the same kind, and even worse behavior from them, indefinitely?

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We know from Biblical and non-Biblical references that the nation of Israel was indeed scattered throughout the world, spreading their knowledge of the God of their fathers. Amos 9:9 above and many other scriptures throughout the Bible prophesy of this.

Then there is the prophecy and the appearing of Jesus Christ the Savior of the world. The great prophet of Israel referred to him as Immanuel, God with us, the "Messiah." Jesus was sent to save Israel first. And God extends this plan to save all peoples through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because all have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God; we can't live to satisfy God according to his righteousness. Therefore God sent his Son Jesus to be punished with death in our place. When we accept the gift of Jesus and him crucified on the cross in our place we are forgiven if we ask according to the terms of God (not our own terms). The divine justice of God is satisfied, and our sins are forgiven. The scripture says we will be alive with him forever. The scripture also says anyone without the forgiveness that is through Christ Jesus has no hope of redemption from sin, and is lost forever. After all, creation belongs to God. Who is equal or above him to declare their' own terms??

Moses Spoke of the Coming of Jesus in Deuteronomy

- Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;
- Deu 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.
- Deu 18:17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken.
- Deu 18:18 I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.
- Deu 18:19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him (this him is whosoever will not hearken unto the word of God which he/Jesus shall speak in my/God's name).

How Jesus Will Come: Isaiah the Prophet

Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (*God with us*).

Where Jesus Will Come: Micah the Prophet

Mic 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, *though* thou be little among the thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee shall he come forth unto me *that is* to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth *have been* from of old, from everlasting.

When Will Jesus Come, and Confirm Covenant Promises from God: Daniel the Prophet

- Dan 9:21 Yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.
- Dan 9:22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding.
- Dan 9:23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.
- Dan 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy (Jesus is the most Holy, not the temple.

 Remember the temple represents Him. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit after John baptized him).
- Dan 9:25 Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall be* seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.
- Dan 9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince (or Roman General and army) that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood (Israel will not be able to throw off their enemy), and unto the end of the war (against Israel throughout the centuries) desolations are determined (upon Israel. That desolation is they have no place to worship, and the people scattered).
- Dan 9:27 And he (Messiah; not the man of sin) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week [or after one half week (three and one half years) of ministry] he (Jesus) shall cause the (animal) sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make (animal sacrifice) desolate, even until the consummation (which is at the time of the second coming of Jesus), and that determined (the sacrifice of Jesus/Messiah) shall be poured upon (or put in place of) the desolate (animal sacrifice).

Then, the appearing of Jesus is documented in the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

If you haven't studied them, you should!!

Therefore, since these predictions and many others not mentioned here were fulfilled, shall the remaining Bible prophecies be ignored? I believe it is a foolish decision for anyone to assume these predictions are irrelevant.

If you are one of those that have problems believing what the scriptures have said, investigate other sources of things that have already been recorded throughout the centuries of history. There are many factual events of scripture that historians were not able to misrepresent.

For example, there were three major destructions of Israel that caused a large displacement (scattering) of its' people.

In 722 B.C. the Northern Kingdom, Samaria was carried away captives of Assyria. In 586 B.C. the Southern Kingdom, Judah and the Temple at Jerusalem was devastated by Nebuchadnezzar; conquered, and captives carried away to Babylon.

Then in 70 A.D. the Romans destroyed Jerusalem again. No other nation in history has suffered such displacement and yet maintained their national identity as a people. After each event of Israel's destruction the people were scattered. The so called lost tribes of Israel (Northern Kingdom) never recovered. But the Southern Kingdom (Judah of Israel, at Jerusalem) was re-established after both events of their destruction, in 586 B.C. and 70 A.D. However, they have remained in desolation as Daniel 9:26 and 9:27 prophesied; because they rejected Jesus as the Messiah (Luke 13:35), and they have no way of accessing God according to the ordnances of Moses. For God allowed removal of the Temple at Jerusalem since 70 A.D.

After Hitler's Germany tried to exterminate the Jewish people (the olive tree) during World War II, they have been gathering into the city of Jerusalem and its' countryside since 1948 A.D.

The scriptures declares that God would not permit all of Israel to be destroyed, but that he would save a remnant and bring them back into the land he had given them; Amos 9:9 is one such scripture, but there are others. That is precisely what has happened over the centuries and is continuing to happen. Investigate this for yourself. Israel is the only nation God has promised a place in his kingdom; other nations may be present, but he has promised Israel.

Conclusion

Separation from God is not like deciding you are not going to check into the same hotel he is staying!! People who say they want this separation don't really understand what they are asking. I'm certain they don't realize the consequences, because if they did they wouldn't wish for the separation.

God has access to everywhere, and in my mind this is a prerequisite for him being God. Then, where is it that one would exist separated from God??????? The best explanations we have are from Revelation Chapter 20.

It is important that we not over look the message that, "scripture is telling us it would be better for an individual to have never been born, if he or she should die without God". Therefore, those who have come to know the truth of the God of Creation are obligated (yea, commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ) to shout that truth as loud, and often, as possible!!!

Mat 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

There is no conspiracy (no plan of destruction) in the heart of the "really true follower of Christ Jesus" to wreck anything, as some have claimed.

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Nothing hopeful can continue separated from God. Many folks are so very, very ignorant of this, and go about day after day unconcerned. We can only pray that it will not be too late when they finally see "the truth."