WE FACE THE FUTURE

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This is unquestionably a time of deep and growing danger, all over the world. Facing this, many people either close their minds and refuse to believe the facts, or else they panic with terror. Both reactions are wrong. Truth must always be faced, and this is the most imperative when truth is unpleasant. It is only unpleasant when there is something you should be doing about it.

Christians should have no fear of the future. We should act boldly for the right, and more so in proportion to the danger. Yahweh's promises in the Bible are clear assurance that our victory is predestined. For example Psalm 139:16 says, "All the days of my life were foreseen by thee, set down within Thy book; ere ever they took shape, they were assigned to me, ere every one of them was mine."

<u>Isaiah 44:8</u> records, "Fear nothing; dread not in the days to come: have not I foretold it and announced it long ago?" <u>Proverbs 16:3-4</u> continues, "Trust your affairs to the Eternal, and your plans will prosper. The Eternal has made everything for an end of its own. Yes, even for the wicked for their day of doom." In <u>Romans 8:28-31</u> Paul comforts us with these words. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love Yahweh, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son. Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified. What shall we say to these things? **If Yahweh be for us, who can be against us?**"

What now? Pray earnestly to Yahweh for instructions, don't look for it in the left wing, liberal newspapers, but in the prewritten news of the Bible. Psalm 25:14 tell us, "The secret of Yahweh is with them that fear him; and He will show them His covenant." In Psalm 32:8 Yahweh promises, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye." II Esdras 16:75 reminds us, "Be ye not afraid, neither doubt; for Yahweh is your guide." The first instruction will be in the warning signs to watch for. Yahshua told us in Matthew 24:37, "As the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." How was it in the days of Noah? Noah received two different warnings. In Genesis 5:23 & 6:22 there is recorded a long range warning, of coming destruction, with a command to start building the ark. Then there was a final "this is it" warning, telling him the flood would come in seven days.

We have also received our long range warning in <u>Matthew chapter 24</u>, where Yahshua told us the seven signs which would indicate that His second coming is near. We have already seen all seven of these. False Christs and false prophets, great wars,

unlike any there have ever been. Great famines, pestilences and earthquakes. Persecution of Christians throughout all the communist half of the world and even beginning in the United States, also widespread lawlessness. The fact that this gospel of the kingdom of Yahweh is being preached. Finally, "The abomination of desolation standing in the holy place." When the Jewish forces treacherously seized the old city of Jerusalem and the site of King Solomon's temple, this fulfilled this sign.

This seventh sign Yahshua indicated, was to be the urgent short term warning, and should alert us for great developments soon to come, we must pay attention. Daniel 12:10 warns us, "Many shall be purified and made white and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand."

What should we do? Don't try to avoid it by hiding under the bed, with Yahweh's protection what is there for us to be afraid of? Isaiah 43:1-2 tells us, "But now, thus saith Yahweh that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel: fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle thee."

<u>Psalm 37:39-40</u> assures us, "But the salvation of the righteous is of Yahweh: He is their strength in the time of trouble. And Yahweh shall help them and deliver them, because they trust in Him." The victory was that of Yahweh's mighty power, incomparably greater than that of our enemies. However on our part, we have had to show our confidence by coming boldly to do our part, it is always so.

In <u>II Chronicles 20:17</u> we were told, "Set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of Yahweh with you, fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for Yahweh will be with you." Yes, Yahweh fights for us, we must take our places in the ranks of His armies. <u>Exodus 14:15</u> records, "And Yahweh said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." So that they would know that it was Yahweh who gave the victory, Yahweh made Gideon send back all but 300 men of his army. However, Gideon and his men had to boldly move into battle.

This is still an eternal truth. Yahshua said in <u>Matthew 16:25-26</u>, "For whomsoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoeverwill lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" <u>Psalm 118:6-7</u> tells us, "Yahweh is on our side: I will not fear: what can man do to me? Yahweh taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me."

One of our Pilgrim ancestors was walking to church on Sunday morning, he had a Bible in one hand and a rifle in the other. A friend came along and said to him, "John, don't you believe that until your time comes, nothing can kill you, but when your time comes, nothing can save you?" John answered him saying, "Yes." "Then John, why are you carrying that gun?" John said, "I might meet an Indian whose time has come."

Therefore be like John, our victory is absolutely certain, for Yahweh has promised it to us. True, it will be Yahweh's victory, the work of His limitless power.

What will you be doing while He is bringing victory to us? When it is all over, will He find a people of whom He need not be ashamed?

Hebrews 10:38 states, "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." In Revelation chapter 21, Yahweh tells how He set up His eternal holy city upon the earth. "He that over cometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." He goes on to list those who will not be able to enter into that city of Yahweh. The first on the list of those who are kept out we find the fearful and unbelieving.

You know what future you face today. The enemies of all civilization are the enemies of Christ. They are mobilizing all the forces of evil against us in Asia, Africa and wherever they have control and influence, even among us on our own continent. They boast of the weapons they have prepared. They brag about the number of slave troops they will unleash against us and the war of destruction they have planned.

However, we have Yahweh's promise, "No weapon formed against hee shall prosper." The war these Assyrian Jews are planning will be their own suicide. Don't pray to avoid it, for Yahweh has already prophesied that it will come and very soon. Rather pray for Yahweh's early intervention for our victory. Be like the John I told you about. Prepare yourselves for battle, wherever it may occur, then walk without fear, for it is your enemy whose time has come.

Critical note by Clifton A. Emahiser: I will here use an excerpt on "Romans 8:28-31", quoted by Comparet above, and also used in my *Watchman's Teaching Letter*, #101 for September, 2006 in a debate where William Finck defended the apostle Paul from a vicious attack by Clayton Douglas:

"Here again we shall continue to address Clayton Douglas' article *The Seduction: Judeo-Christianity OR Pauline Christianity? Saul of Tarsus: Paul. A different view,* which he published in the December, 2003 issue of his *Free American Newsmagazine*: ... Clay Douglas states: '(Romans 11:32) For God has consigned all men to disobedience, that he may have mercy upon all.' (Paul of Tarsus)"

William Finck answers Douglas: "First, 'men' here must be taken in context: Paul is only talking about Adamic, or Caucasian man (Romans 5:14-21), and of those only the men who were foreknown and predestinated by Yahweh (Romans 8:28-39), which as the Old Testament prophets show again and again can only be the children of Israel (i.e. Amos 3:2). So Paul is only talking about Israelite men, who were the only men under the law and expected to be obedient in the first place! Now, which Israelite — male or female — can claim to have never been disobedient in any way? I wouldn't dare imagine one, and especially not myself, for I am no exception. James said: 'For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all' (2:10). How could Clayton Douglas dispute this? Does he imagine himself to be wholly obedient to all of the law? ..."