

Job 37:9-13

⁹ From the chamber of the south comes the whirlwind, And cold from the scattering winds of the north. ¹⁰ By the breath of God ice is given, And the broad waters are frozen. ¹¹ Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds; He scatters His bright clouds. ¹² And they swirl about, being turned by His guidance, That they may do whatever He commands them On the face of the whole earth. ¹³ He causes it to come, Whether for correction, Or for His land, Or for mercy.

America has recently suffered one of her greatest natural disasters with the fires that have raged in Southern California. Fireman worked feverishly to try and save homes and businesses; because with the winds it was impossible to subdue the fires themselves. One might ask, "Why" such a destructive catastrophe had to take place; I believe that the answer lies within the Word of God. Here in the book of **Job**, we learn that it is the Lord Himself who uses the forces of nature to either bless or discipline a nation. It doesn't require much discernment to recognize the Hand of God on America's soil over the past ten to twenty years, to awaken us from our spiritual slumber, through floods, droughts, fires, hurricanes and earthquakes. So why does America still continue down the path of sin and degradation? It seems the more that the Lord does to wake the church up, the lower our nation sinks in depravity.

Today, our nation is seeking to divide the nation of Israel, and even to encourage half of Jerusalem to be given to the Palestinians in hope of peace. A summit has been called for in Annapolis between Israel and the Palestinian government, in hope of a treaty being drafted which will end all of the fighting. Yet, isn't it amazing that the nation of Israel is the only party which is being required to give up anything. Not only do the Palestinians demand land that has been deeded by God Himself to the nation of Israel, but they also are demanding that terrorists who are in Israeli prisons be released as well. Daily terrorists fire rockets on innocent civilians in Israel, and the world does nothing! Women and children are wounded and killed, and the UN looks the other way. It seems as if no one is concerned with what is taking place in Israel; no one that is, but God! Many scientists believe that Global Warming is responsible for all of the natural disasters here in America; but I am convinced that it is a Global Warning for all of mankind from God. The Lord will hold the nations of this world responsible for the decisions and choices which they make either for or against His chosen people, and their land. Once again I want to remind you of **Genesis 12:3, I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**" It would be not only very dangerous, but also very naive for anyone, including Christians, to believe we can sit idly by as the world tramples over Israel, and that we will not be held accountable. America must wake up, and return to God and our Christian heritage. Lawyers and politicians have sought to rewrite not only our history, but to remove anything in our nation that speaks of God. Unless we take a stand today, our tomorrow will hold no resemblance of the Godly foundation by which this nation was built upon. It is up to you and me to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for our own nation to repent. Our only hope is Jesus Christ! I am convinced that if we don't, then these fires in California, the floods, hurricanes and droughts that we have tasted, are only a small measure of what's to come.