

Zechariah 2:8

For thus says the LORD of hosts, "After glory He has sent me against the nations which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye.

The scariest thing imaginable for me is to wake up one morning to discover that America has turned her back on Israel. Is this not what we are doing in forcing them to give up their land for peace; so that a Palestinian state can be in place before President Bush leaves office? Perhaps this plan won't take place until the next President is in office. Perhaps that new President will pull all of our troops out of Iraq and Afghanistan, and promise that America will never again send her troops to the Middle East. I can only imagine how the rest of the world will celebrate, as hundreds of Muslims did on the bridge overlooking New York City, when those two airliners crashed into the Twin Towers on 9/11. Can you not picture the European Union and the United Nations publicly stating how we finally got it right? Will we see a spike on Wall Street and an exponential decline in crude oil on that day? Beware church, if that day comes, it will simply be the calm before the storm! When the Living God made the first theocratic covenant with Abraham, our God promised Abraham this in **Genesis 12:3, And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."** Here in **Zechariah**, the Lord shares just how sensitive that He is about Israel. Should America continue to make Israel vulnerable to her enemies, and set her up for defeat; then we will face a fierce and righteous God. Too many Christians believe that the church will be spared when judgment comes to America; I believe such hope is naive. When the children of Israel went into captivity, they went as a nation. The righteous judgment of God fell on the just as much as it did the unjust. Our only hope is to come together as we are commanded in **2 Chronicles 7:14, and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.** We are in desperate need of a revival in this nation!! Our only hope is Jesus Christ! If we wait until judgment falls on America to get serious with God, then we will have waited too long.

Church, it doesn't get anymore real than this. Why aren't the watchmen crying out concerning the potential threat and destruction that is outside of our walls? Are they as asleep as the rest of the nation? If you go back in history, you will find that this type of apathy and lethargy was present right before other great nations and empires fell. We are certainly not immune from the judgment of God; in fact, I believe that ours may be more severe than the godless empires before us. Consider with me **Luke 12:48 ...And from everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.** Just as King Solomon was living proof that wisdom alone was not enough to save a man from sin; so America has proven that freedom isn't either. We have wasted our gift of religious freedom to make our wallets fatter, and in return have turned our back on God's Commandments and Laws. Church we must each fast and pray for our nation! Our pastors must become the Godly leaders that we each have been called to be. If America is to survive, then we must turn our hearts back to our Lord and Savior. My prayer is that it is not too late. My fear is that the church will continue to do nothing!