

The Word's Eye View

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Turn or Be Judged (Article 2)

The battle fronts of Afghanistan and Iraq are subjects of great debate from the halls of Congress to the barber shops on Main Street. Even though I am a strong supporter of our troops, I must admit to many different thoughts on how the entire situation should be approached. Ultimately, I am forced to consider how the hand of God may be involved in the entire conflict. I submit the following possibility:

Over the past several days I have read two or three news releases describing terrorist suicide bombings utilizing children, mentally challenged girls and the disabled in wheel chairs...in plainer words, the most innocent of the innocent. This is reflective of a larger philosophy, namely that human life is cheap and expendable. Saddam Hussein was possessed with the same twisted thinking as is the radical Islamic element that plainly states, without apology, that all Christians and Jews ought to be slaughtered.

There were a similar people inhabiting the land of Palestine at the time God promised that entire piece of real estate to Abraham. (Genesis 15:13-16) These people participated in the worst kind of idolatry---that is, offering their own children as sacrifices to their pagan gods. (II Kings 21:11-16) In prophetic anticipation God tells Abraham that Israel will spend 400 years in Egyptian slavery to accommodate a span of grace offering the Amorites an opportunity to repent. When it becomes abundantly clear they have no intentions of turning from this wicked practice, Israel is freed from bondage and used as an instrument of judgment on them.

The Bible is full of examples of how God has used one nation of people to bring judgment upon another. Now before you blow a head gasket and respond with, "America has no right to be the moral police of the world," do a "Paul Harvey" and hear the rest of the story.

God used ancient Babylon to bring catastrophic judgment upon His own people, Israel, even though Babylon was fraught with its own sins to the extent that its ruler, Nebuchadnezzar, is a great type of the anti-Christ. The prophets announced eventual doom on Babylon which arrived right on schedule. And so the dominoes of history goes. A nation is give a time period to turn from their wicked ways (II Chronicles 7:14) and then judged if they fail to do so, but the judging nation does not escape divine scrutiny.

Interestingly, it would be the pro-choice crowd that would be the loudest objectors to the war---would that be an attempt of self-justification? Nothing like a Word's eye view to mess up your day!