

The Harvest Is Past: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!

Wilson L. Thompson, Ph.D.

A forty-two-year harvest of butchered babies will not be halted by gruesome videos. Christians are justly horrified: however, we are powerless to ban marketing of fetal tissue for Nazified medical research. Rather, Washington's politicians have circled the wagons against demands to defund Planned Parenthood, the chief abortion provider -- its doubtful services being *deemed essential* to women's medical care.

Like Jerusalem, America is doomed unless we repent of legalized murder unleashed by *Roe v. Wade* in 1973. We need to heed Christ's lament, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not" (Luke 13:34)! Like Judah, we have raised up abortuaries to sacrifice babies in worship of the prevailing gods of sex and power.

As the Prophet Jeremiah laments, "Children of Judah ... have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the [beautiful] valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called ... valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter, [Hell on earth!]" (Jeremiah 7:30f).

Further, the 2015 Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage hastens death of the American family. Christians in business and government are being bankrupted and persecuted (jailed) for their marital beliefs. How could this be happening in our country? Jeremiah asks, "*Is there* no balm in Gilead; *is there* no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" (Jeremiah 8:22). The answer is that America "is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD ... truth is perished" (Jeremiah 7:28).

Like Jerusalem, our nation is perishing. Political and business leaders have lost the vision of life under God's Law (Proverbs 29:18). In their pursuit of Mammon's power, they support inflationary policies that erode the family. They "are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless [children], neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them" (Isaiah 1:23).

Our troubled land is hemorrhaging the innocent blood of up to sixty million babies since 1973. America's cities are filled with bloody violence, murder and mayhem. The economy is cratering. A disastrous deluge of immigration has roared in to fill the abortion-induced void of laborers. And, we are threatened with terrorism from within and without by Islamic zealots who have zero tolerance for homosexuals never mind same-sex marriage. God help us now!

It is high time we heed God's invitation to "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). God still calls His people to "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ... Save yourselves from this untoward [wicked] generation" (Acts 2:38,40). Unhappily, there is no sign of such widespread repentance on the horizon.

Let us pray that the Lord raises up preachers in the spirit of Elijah and John the Baptist to "turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:6). Until then, despite the horrible "chop shop" videos, we must conclude with Jeremiah, that "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jeremiah 8:20)!