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ROMANS 15:27

I. GLOBAL ECONOMIC BREAKDOWN

A. Confidence In Wall Street Is Shattered

1. Insolvent Banks Have Lost Liquidity

- a. Colorado Federal Savings Bank
- b. Eastern Savings Bank of Maryland
- c. Integrity Bank of Georgia
- d. \$13-billion Downey Savings and Loan of California; biggest financial institution with a highest ratio of bad loans
- e. Citigroup Inc. facing increasing credit losses and delinquencies in loan portfolio. Credit losses continue to grow culminating in a 20% drop in shares.

Source: Who's Next? List of Troubled Banks Worries Wall Street, DC - ABC News October 2008;

Source: Copyright © 2009 MarketWatch-4/20/09 John Spence, MarketWatch Pulse

2. Home Foreclosures Are Soaring

- a. Record U.S. foreclosure filings spiked by more than 81% in 2008; up 225% from 2006.
Source: NEW YORK (CNMoney.com)
- b. February foreclosure filings jumped nearly 6% from January, despite moratoriums and prevention programs with one in every 440 U.S. homes receiving a foreclosure filing.
Source: RealtyTrac's 2009, U.S. Foreclosure Market Report.
- c. In March, 175,000 homes were foreclosed upon across the country, up 44 percent from February's record high.

- d. In the first three months of 2009, almost 370,000 homes have foreclosed.
- e. The highest foreclosures are in California which experienced a rise to 38,000 last month, a nearly 60% jump from February.
- f. Foreclosures likely to go up with the recent lifting of the federal moratorium that put a 90-day halt to foreclosures.

Source: Business Journal, Friday, 4/17/09 Modified:
Monday, 4/20/09, 3:00am PDT

3. Unemployment Rate Is Growing

- a. Rate rose from 8.1 to 8.5% from March to April of 2009
- b. Since the recession began in December 2007, 5.1 million jobs have been lost, with almost two-thirds (3.3 million) of the decrease in jobs occurring in the last 5 months.
- c. In March, the number of unemployed persons increased by 694,000 totaling 13.2 million. Over the past 12 months, the number of unemployed persons has grown by about 5.3 million.

Source: The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, 4/3/09

4. Major Companies Asking for Bailouts

- a. AIG - has received \$170 Billion
- b. GM and Chrysler - has received \$17 billion and asked to borrow \$21.6 billion more.

Source: The Associated Press, 3/18/09 What If The Government Bailed Out Of The Bailouts?

B. National Debt Is Mounting

1. National debt is over 11 Trillion Dollars (\$11,197,184,010,710.07, as of April 2009)

Illustration: If you started business at the birth of Christ, stayed open 365 days a year... lost one million dollars each day until present day... it would take you another 700 years to lose one trillion dollars.

2. “Deficit Projected To Swell Beyond Earlier Estimates”

- a. “In the first independent analysis of recent budget proposal, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office concluded that current policies would cause government spending to swell above historic levels even after costly programs to ease the recession and stabilize the nation’s financial system have ended.”

Source: The Washington Post; 3/21/09

- c. “The (CBO), Congressional Budget Office said this year’s budget deficit is now nearly \$1.7 trillion, more than \$400 billion larger than it forecast two months ago.
- d. Next year’s deficit will be nearly \$1.1 trillion, \$430 billion more than its prior forecast which doesn’t count budget plans to cut taxes and increase spending.”

Source: The Christian Science Monitor 03/20/09

C. World Economies in Major Financial Crisis

1. Russia’s Financial Desperation Will Lead To Trouble... “

Source: Today’s Financial News- 11/12/08

2. “Iceland is bankrupt,’ said Arsaell Alfells, a professor at the University of Iceland. “The Icelandic krona is history. The I.M.F. (International Monetary Fund) has to come and rescue us.”

Source: NY Times - 10/08/08

3. International Money Fund

- The world’s economy is estimated to shrink by one and three-tenths percent this year; the worst performance in sixty years.
- Major industrialized economies expected to see the largest decreases; shrinking by nearly 4%

Source: VOA Special English Economics report; April 23, 2009

4. The decline of the world economy is usually chronicled in percentages - 8.5% unemployment in the United States; 15% unemployment in Spain; Chinese exports dropping 25%; Japan’s dropping 49%; global trade expected to fall for the first time in 80 years, by more than 13%.

Source: New York Times; Marcus Mabry, April 25, 2009

II. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS NOT OUR SOURCE

A. U.S. Government Is In Debt

1. America is broke. There is simply no way for our national bills to be paid under current levels of taxation and promised benefits. Our federal deficits alone now total more than 400% of GDP.

Source: Financial Sense Nov. 2006

2. Newly Printed Money Has Little Value

- a. July 1944-44 Allied nations held the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire to establish the first international financial system. They ruled that each country adopt a monetary policy that maintained the exchange rate of its currency within a fixed value-plus or minus 1% in terms of the gold standard.

Source: Roudedge Encyclopedia of International Political Economy

- b. “To stabilize deteriorating economic conditions, Richard Nixon announces price and wage controls, and takes the U.S. Dollar off the gold standard August 15, 1971 “For the first time in history, formal links between the major world currencies and real commodities were severed.”

Source: National Presidential Archives; Richard Nixon Timeline

3. Hyper-Inflation Is Coming

- a. The U.S. economy is in an intensifying inflationary recession that eventually will evolve into a hyperinflationary great depression.
- b. Banking Solvency Crisis Has Opened First Phase of Monetary Inflation
- c. Hyperinflationary Depression Remains Likely As Early As 2010
- d. The U.S. government and Federal Reserve have committed the system to this course through the easy politics of a bottomless pocketbook, the servicing of big-moneyed special interests, and gross mismanagement.

Source: Hyperinflation Special Report, Issue #41, 4/8/08

III. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOT BANKRUPT

A. Heaven's Financial Statement

1. “Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it.” (Deut 10:14)
2. “For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.” (Psalm 50:10)
3. “I know and am acquainted with all the birds of the mountains and the wild animals of the field are Mine...” (Psalm 50:11)
4. If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are Mine. (Psalm 50:12)

B. God Is Our Source

1. “If you will obey the voice of the Lord... all these blessings shall overtake you...” (Deut. 28:1)
2. “My God shall supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory.” (Phil 4:19)
3. “Beloved, I wish above all things that you prosper and be in good health, even as your soul prospers.” (3 John 2)
4. “This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth... for then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success.” (Joshua 1:8)
5. “...for it is He who gives you power to get wealth...” Deut. 8:18

IV. THE KEY TO GOD’S UNLIMITED BLESSINGS AND FAVOR

Read: “...For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their (the Jews) spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.” Romans 1.5:27

A. Obeying God’s Word Brings Blessings

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

B. Disobeying God’s Word Brings Curses

Deuteronomy 28:15-68

C. God’s Promise To Those Who Bless Israel And The Jewish People...

“I Will Bless Those Who Bless You...” Genesis 12:3

D. Financial Blessings to the Gentiles

1. Pharaoh and Joseph

“You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will be greater than you.” Genesis 41:40

- a. God saved Egypt from starvation through Joseph.
- b. Joseph purchased all the real estate around Egypt making Pharaoh the richest man on earth.
- c. Egypt became the most powerful nation in the world.

2. Jacob and Laban

“And Laban said to him, “Please stay, if I have found favor in your eyes, for I have learned by experience that the Lord has blessed me for your sake.” Genesis 30:27

E. The Blessing of Divine Healing

1. My mother was diagnosed with colon cancer 26 years ago and God provided supernatural healing despite the doctor's negative prognosis. She will be 96 years old next month.
2. Two short years ago, our oldest daughter was diagnosed with a lethal and rare sarcoma that threatened her 37 year old life. God intervened and she is now cancer free!
3. My Testimony... As I was being prepped for open heart surgery last fall, the heart monitor showed my heart was having a massive spasm that could have lead to cardiac arrest. Suddenly the spasms stopped. Why? Because at exactly 7:30am when the spasms occurred, I was reading Psalm 91... "I will be with him in trouble... I will deliver him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." Our God is faithful to His Word which promises divine healing!
4. Diana's Testimony... "Within 90 days of my husbands open heart surgery, our family would be physically attacked once again with my diagnosis of breast cancer. Almost immediately after the diagnosis written supplications were left on my behalf at the Prayer Wall in Jerusalem and our Christian brothers and sisters around the world and friends within the Jewish community in America, Israel and abroad included my name in daily prayers as well as Sabbath and Sunday services. As the day of surgery approached I found myself waking up in the middle of the night calling on God's promise of blessing for blessing the Jewish people. I was constantly in the trenches but I was never alone through the ordeal. God was faithful to His promise; after the surgery I received the final pathology reports which stated, 'no residual malignancy found!'"

Conclusion: God's merciful favor for healing has abounded in our family because we have been obedient to His Word regarding the blessing of the Jewish people and He has been faithful to His promise to "bless those who bless you."

F. The Blessing of Salvation to the Gentiles

1. The House of Cornelius
 - a. "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one 'who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews..." Acts 10:22

- b. "...and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. 10:31
- c. Cornelius blessed the Jewish people and the Lord blessed Cornelius

V. BIBLICAL COMMAND FOR CHRISTIANS TO BLESS ISRAEL

- A. Psalm 122:6 "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you."
- B. Isaiah 62:1 "For Zion Sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,"
- C. Romans 15:27, "For if the gentiles have benefited from the Jewish spiritual things, it is their duty to minister to them in material things."
- D. What are the "Spiritual Things?"
 - 1. The Word of God
 - 2. The Patriarchs -Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
 - 3. The Prophets
 - 4. The First Family of Christianity
 - 5. The Disciples

CONCLUSION: JUDAISM DOES NOT NEED CHRISTIANITY TO EXPLAIN ITS EXISTENCE, HOWEVER CHRISTIANITY CANNOT EXPLAIN ITS EXISTENCE WITHOUT JUDAISM.

VI. AMERICA'S SECURITY IS LINKED TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY

A. Current threats against Israel

- 1. **Ahmadinejad of Iran plots to destroy Israel.**
 - a. President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Thursday the solution to the Middle East crisis is to destroy Israel.
Source: The Associated Press, 8/3/06
 - b. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called on the West to acknowledge Israel's "imminent collapse."
 - c. Ahmadinejad further incited his listeners to "stop supporting the Zionists, as [their] regime reached its final stage." Ahmadinejad

also urged the Western powers to help build nuclear power plants in his country saying it will be too late if they do not decide to do so immediately.

Source: OPA and Haaretz Services, 3/2/09

- d. Ahmadinejad, on the eve of Holocaust Remembrance Day, said the U.N. Security Council enabled the “occupancy regime” of Israel and “gave it free hand for its crimes.” He added that “world Zionism personifies racism.”

Note: America boycotted the UN. meeting and over 40 western countries walked out of the assembly as Iran’s president ranted against Israel.

Source: FoxNews.com, Politics - 4/20/09

2. Hamas Militants Attacks on Israel

- a. “Hamas militants fired a barrage of rockets at the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon in an increase of violence that has all but buried a five-month-old truce. The Israeli military warned communities near Gaza to remain indoors, and police and rescue services went on high alert in preparation for more attacks.”

Source: The Times, 11/15/08

- b. “Hamas is still running its propaganda about eventually destroying Israel and driving all Jews from the Middle East. Hamas appears to be practicing what it is preaching, with preparations continuing for a major attack on Israel. In Gaza, Hamas is well on its way to establishing a functioning police state. Opponents are being terrorized into inactivity.

Source: Strategy World, Pathetic Palestinian Plans. 4/24/09

3. Hezbollah’s Attacks on Israel

- a. “Iran-backed Hezbollah has made no secret of its desire to take control of the Lebanese government, and launch another attack on Israel. Only 30-40% of Lebanese favor a Hezbollah dominated government, but most Lebanese favor attacks on Israel.”

Source: Strategy World, Hezbollah Attacks Via Venezuela, 8/30/08

- b. “Israel warned Israeli businessmen in Europe to return home because of the threat of a terrorist attacks by Hezbollah.”

Source: Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) “Israel Warns Nationals in Europe of Hezbollah Plans” 4/24/09

4. “German Neo-Nazis View Islamists as Allies”

- a. “A new report from the domestic intelligence service of the German city-state of Hamburg shows, that actual neo-Nazi groups in Germany – i.e., groups that themselves embrace this description – opposed the “Anti-Islamification Congress” and are notably hostile to its sponsor, the “citizens’ movement” ProCologne [ProKöln]. As the report notes, for the North German Action Office [Aktionsbüro Norddeutschland], Islam, “globally considered,” is to be regarded as “an ally against the mammonistic dominance of the American east coast.” Allusions to the American “east coast” are commonplace in Nazi discourse, with the expression meant to connote “Jewish” domination of America and, by extension, the world.”

Source: PJM, 10/10/08 - by John Rosenthal

B. Old Testament Threats

1. Pharaoh orders the Hebrews to be afflicted and killed.

- a. “Come let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply . . . “
Exodus 1:10
- b. “And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage...
“Exodus 1: 14
- c. “and he said, “ When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthing stools, If it is a son, then you shall kill him;” Exodus 1:16

2. The Amalekites attacked the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land.

- a. “Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.”
Exodus 17:8
- b. “Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God.” Deuteronomy, 25:17
- c. “Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt.” 1 Samuel 15:2

3. Haman hated Modecai and his people, and used his position to destroy the Jews

- a. “Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus- the people of Mordecai.” Esther 3:6

1. Queen Esther was put in a unique position to speak up for the Jewish people in captivity in Persia (modern-day Iran). “For if you remain completely silent at this time, deliverance will come for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s house will perish.” Esther 4:14
- b. “if it please the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king’s treasuries.” Esther 3:9
 1. Queen Esther put her life on the line. She said... “If I perish, I perish.”

VII. BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIANS ARE IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO SPEAK OUT ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL.

- A. There are over 50 million of us; we must unite with one voice in support of Israel and the Jewish people.
 1. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity... For there the Lord commanded the blessing.” Psalm 133:1&3
 2. “I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till he makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.” ...” Isaiah 62:6
- B. What sacrifice are you willing to make to stand with Israel as her enemies plot to wipe the Jewish people off the map with a nuclear holocaust?
 1. Are you willing to be a part of Christians United for Israel?
 2. Are you willing to go to Washington DC and stand with Israel and the Jewish people?
 3. Are you willing to support a Night to Honor Israel in your community showing unconditional love for the Jewish people of your city?

VIII. HOW TO RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS AND FAVOR OF GOD BY BLESSING ISRAEL.

- A. Pray - Psalm 122:6, “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; May they prosper who love you.”
- B. Give - Romans 15:27 “...For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their (the Jews) spiritual things, their duty (the Gentiles) is also to minister to them in material things.”
- C. Take Action - Isaiah 62:6 “I have set watchmen on your walls, a Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day or night. You who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent, and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”
- D. Become united with one voice as you Join Christians United For Israel; Make a commitment today and register for the CUFI Washington Summit

1. Now is the time to take a stand!
2. If not you then who?
3. If not now then when?
4. Will you stand by and watch the Jewish people be destroyed by her enemies as the Church did during WWII?
5. Will you be what the Lord calls “dumb dogs”?

“Israel’s watchmen are blind, they all lack knowledge; they are all mute dogs, they cannot bark; they lie around and dream, they love to sleep. They are dogs with mighty appetites; they never have enough. They are shepherds ‘who lack understanding; they all turn to their own way, each seeks his own gain. Isaiah 56: 10-11

Or will you be obedient to God’s mandate regarding Israel and the Jewish people and receive God’s supernatural blessings?

“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.”
Genesis 12:3



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