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National Crisis

The Prime Minister recalled Parliament to deal with a national crisis as the Islamic State advances towards Baghdad, beheading and slaughtering innocent civilians who do not accept their version of Islam. But is bombing the right answer to these fanatics? We are already a nation under judgement since the passing of the 'Same-Sex Marriage Bill' last year in a pathetic attempt to redefine marriage which is part of God's act of creation. You cannot tamper with God's laws without bringing judgement upon the nation.

God may be using these Islamists as the "*Rod of his Anger*" to bring judgement on our godless society. It is this possibility that greatly disturbs me and causes me to cry out to the Lord for help and guidance. God has sent many warning signs which have all been ignored by both church and state.

Warnings

For more than a year now I have been hearing warnings of severe judgement. We got very close to the total breakup of the United Kingdom through the Scottish Referendum where a 'Yes' vote would have resulted in the crumbling of the social foundations of the nation. God responded to the vast amount of prayer from faithful believers calling for mercy in the midst of judgement. But instead of coming before God with prayers of thanksgiving our political leaders recalled Parliament and simply engaged in human arguments of how to face the enemy which may bring violence to our shores and destabilise the whole of the Middle East and lead to a Third World War which would bring untold disaster to the whole world. They do not understand the spiritual nature of the war we are facing. Why did none of them - not even the Archbishop of Canterbury - call for prayer?

Blind Leaders

Are all of our national leaders in both church and state so utterly blind that they cannot

see that we are on the very brink of disaster? The Chancellor of the Exchequer has warned that the economy of the nation is still increasing the national debt every day that takes us closer to bankruptcy. The day of reckoning will surely come - he knows that! And so do most of our politicians! But they dare not say so! They go on with measures simply designed to postpone the day of reckoning which will surely come unless there is a total change of policy. So what should we do?

The answer is, "*Repent and believe!*" which is the message that both John the Baptist and Jesus took to Israel. The leaders of Israel did not heed the message and disaster followed. This is what will happen to Britain if we do not heed the call to repentance for the mess we have made in the nation by flouting the word of God!

When the Babylonian army was attacking Jerusalem God spoke to the Prophet Jeremiah, "*This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: I am about to fulfil my words against this city through disaster, not prosperity*" (Jeremiah 39.16). God is saying a similar word to Britain today. Like the King of Babylon we have also been "*weighed in the balance and found wanting*" (Daniel 5.27). The only thing that can save this nation today is to turn to the Lord in repentance and call upon him for help

Silent Church

Why do we not hear the word of the Lord from the church in this time of national crisis? Our church leaders are like those in Isaiah's day who were blind to the things that were happening around them and they were said to be like "*mute dogs who could not bark!*" (Isaiah 56.10). So they were unable to give warning of danger. That is the pathetic state to which the church in Britain has fallen. They are still saying "*Peace, Peace*" when God is saying "***There is no peace!***" The enemy is at the door! Mobilise the believers to intercede for the nation!

The Last Call!

Judgement day for Britain is close. But there is still time to cry out to God for mercy and warn all those who still call themselves Christians, however nominal, to turn to the Lord in prayer on behalf of the nation. The word of the Lord to Jeremiah applies to our nation today, "*This is what the Lord says: look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions*" (Jeremiah 18.11). This may be the last call.

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