

Greetings from Tyler,

The underlying tenets that made the United States free and prosperous are being dismantled. The unalienable rights our constitution says were granted by our Creator are being trodden down in favor of an over-reaching authoritarian government that believes it should determine, and control every aspect of American life.

The unprecedented debt the current administration is determined to saddle our nation with is expected to run at least four generations deep. But even that's a pipe dream. This nation will not survive to see four more generations, particularly if current behavior becomes the standard.

Not only is the current administration moving to bail-out and/or finance its political benefactors, it is working to fund a radical (unproven) transformation in our consumption of energy. An article appearing yesterday on Newsmax.com revealed that "climate-change" lobbyists now represent the number one growth industry in Washington D.C. There have been an estimated 2,340 such lobbyists hired to influence Congress in just the past year. According to one such lobbyist working in Houston, "The whole purpose of climate change legislation is to make current energy more expensive so that new forms of energy production can compete with it."

And if it destroys the standard of living in the U.S.? At least we'll have the comfort of believing we "saved the planet!"

The world now hold's its collective breath as North Korea fuels an ICBM it says is intended as a test launch for an experimental satellite. Most fear that it's a test launch for nuclear warheads. An article in yesterday's U.K. Telegraph reports that North Korea "has deployed multiple nuclear warheads" in underground facilities.

Benjamin Netanyahu has just formally assumed the office of the Prime Minister in Israel. He took the opportunity to warn that Israel may have no choice but to act to prevent Iran's acquisition of nuclear weapons. "You don't want a messianic apocalyptic cult controlling atomic bombs. When the wide-eyed believer gets hold of the reins of power and the weapons of mass death, then the entire world should start worrying, and that is what is happening in Iran." (I guess the Israeli's don't understand they should be looting their economy in pursuit of the real enemy, "global warming!") Even U.S. General Petraeus has warned that Israel may well strike Iran.

If you've ever wondered how militarily weak and economically stunted Europe could ever subjugate the United States, the outcome of the G-20 meeting should shed some light on the possibilities. Our prosperity has been offered up on a silver platter to the International Monetary Fund, not only with hundreds of billions of dollars, but also with regulatory authority over our economy! The mysteries of end time prophecy are unraveling before our very eyes.

The Garner Ted Armstrong program this week brought in 437 requests, with one

hundred sixty eight first time contacts.

We've mailed out Passover (Lord's Supper) DVD's to our approximately 400 regular recipients, as well as a special sermon for the first Day of Unleavened Bread. We hope that everyone will have them in time. Another mailing will go out the first of the week for the last Day of Unleavened Bread and another for the weekly Sabbath. I know these are difficult times to watch, because the results are so predictable. But we need to take this time to prepare for the times ahead. Our thanks go out to all of you in the field who continue to lend loyal support.

Have a good Sabbath,

Mark Armstrong