

The next eight to ten weeks may well be the most important we have faced in the short history of the United States. The very concept of personal liberty is at stake, even though only a fraction of our population seems to understand the situation. We, as members of the church of God cannot orchestrate or incite any political activity one way or the other.

But we can carry out our commission, which is to watch and to warn those who will listen, about what is happening to our great nation. It is nothing short of the effects of the natural laws that God put into effect at creation.

How many times did Israel experience the loss of wealth, the loss of their way of life and of their national sovereignty as punishment for delving into sin and the idolatrous practices of the nations around them? Our beloved United States is likewise heading into a type of self-inflicted slavery in the name of “social justice” and “saving the planet,” and it’s beginning to look like there will be no reprieve.

As a nation, we’ve grown so accustomed to our way of life, to our blessings and freedoms, we apparently can’t imagine life without them. It is just inconceivable that we can be conquered from within, by those sworn to uphold our divinely inspired constitution. What transpires over the next several weeks will tell the tale.

The next several weeks are also critical for the Middle East, where the most important of prophetic events will play out. Tremendous pressure is being brought to bear for Israel to stand down and give diplomacy a chance. But, as all informed readers know, diplomacy has been tried over many years. It has not stopped Iran’s pursuit of nuclear weapons, and Israel is within easy range. Several reliable sources say they will not be surprised if Israel does take action.

At the same time that Americans are ready to abdicate their rights to a dictatorial central government, the pope is calling for global governance along with a whole host of leaders around the world. We have a section dedicated to that reality in the nearly complete edition of 21st Century WATCH.

My mom and I are leaving tomorrow to travel to the Detroit area for a special Sabbath meeting, and so this short update is being written on Thursday. Television results will come in next week’s update.

We hope for a good and successful trip, and hope that all of you will have a good Sabbath too. Our country needs our prayers, and God’s intervention.

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