

Greetings from Tyler,

We are right in the middle of the immediate aftermath of a truly historic presidential election. The president elect is still an enigma to many, if not most of those who contributed to his success. It has been demonstrated outside the realm of the mainstream media that our president to be has a history of mingling with some individuals and entities that lack respect for the “constraints” our founding fathers wrote into the Constitution of the United States. This, as you know, is a subject with many facets and one that is emotionally charged. All we know so far is that we can look forward to “change.” Mr. Jim Josephsen wrote a good commentary in the immediate aftermath of the election, and I think you’ll appreciate reading what he had to say. It is posted on the garnertedarmstrong.org website.

The fact of the matter is that our nation is facing a very difficult time ahead, regardless. The economic crisis is not behind us, and may not be for some time to come. U.S. auto manufacturers teeter on the brink of bankruptcy, in hopes of their own bailout, whatever form that might take. Unemployment is soaring, and jobless benefits are running out.

The enemies of the United States will prod and test an unproven leader, and that process is already underway. Within forty-eight hours of the election we learned that Russia will now position missiles along the perimeter of the EU, a move that is very frightening to Europeans. News has also just surfaced that Putin plans to reinstall himself in the Kremlin.

After a few days of relative stability leading up to Nov. 4, financial markets spiraled downward over the next couple of days, losing billions more in value. Europe is facing a severe economic downturn that promises high unemployment and the prospect of an eventual political upheaval on the continent. With the “soft jihad” well underway all over Europe and recent political strength shown by hard right politicians in recent elections, we may well be witnessing a transformation that is only now in its early stages.

Israel is essentially “between governments” right now, with elections for the next Prime Minister due to take place in February. Time is essentially up, as far estimates go for Iran to have enough enriched uranium to complete a nuclear weapon. That serious concern has not abated in Israel, and we can expect it to be the central issue in the upcoming elections there.

We are living in a time fraught with danger and intrigue here at home, in Europe and in the Middle East. May God grant us His guidance and protection as we enter into a time unlike anything we’ve ever seen.

Here at HQ, we’ve experienced one of the busiest weeks ever with the influx of response from our offer of The Bible, Fact or Fiction. At the time the report was issued a couple of hours ago, we’d tabulated 913 calls, with five hundred forty five first time contacts. This was our last program for now on the full ION network, although we’ll still be on all the other stations.

Even though we are living in some of the most unnerving, uncertain times imaginable, we know what our role is, and we intend to continue in it. Say a prayer for our beloved U.S. and also for all those in God's church, here and abroad.

Have a good Sabbath, and we'll be in touch next week.

Mark Armstrong