"And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people and of women which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold the days are coming in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck! Then shall they begin to say unto the mountains, Fall on us, and to the hills, Cover us! For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?" Luke 23:26-31

JESUS WARNED US

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This past week, the nations Capitol was graced by the presence of 60,000 Americans who believe that abortion is just a modern day term for murder. As pro-life supporters from all over the nation marched through Washington D.C. there were millions of others who, though not present in body, were there in spirit and in prayer.

Just a few months ago a state Supreme Court decided that it was a woman's right to kill her unborn child if she so chose. The local headlines read, "Court Affirms Abortion as a Woman's Right". And what a shocking thing it is! We have finally come to the place in this nation where the highest courts have used our own Constitution to legalize murder. We have been handed over to the whims of the devil. The judgement of God is sure to follow.

We have become a nation of paradoxes. With one hand we legalize abortion and ignore the fetus, and on the other we restrain the practice of midwifery because of the danger to the child, as though we are concerned about the life of the child that is in the mothers womb. It's profitable to play both sides of this coin if you are an ambitious doctor. After all, if a woman wants to have sexual liberty without moral responsibility, shouldn't she have the right?

We go on the rampage to arrest drunk drivers, while we are giving beer and wine licenses to every gas station in town. As if a person picking up a six pack at the drive in window were going to take it home and drink it. We've become a nation of contradictions.

We are living in the most litigious society that the world has ever known. We have placed the authority of the legal system above the moral laws of God. It matters no more what's right or wrong, but who has the loopholes.

We are the most prosperous nation in the world, and yet we have become wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. We have listened to the poll takers too much who tell us that 65% of this nation is Christian, but have they ever taken a poll to find out how much of that Christianity is Christian?

Oh yes, we need to weep for ourselves, just as Jesus told the women that lined the roadway as He carried the cross to Golgotha. We are in the days about which He prophesied in that very verse of scripture. "For behold, the days are coming in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck." If you don't believe in Bible prophecy take a look around you. This

day this scripture is being fulfilled right before our very eyes. Go and try to rent an apartment if you have more than two children, it can be very difficult. "Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bare."

And what does all this have to do with judgement? In verse 30 it says, "Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us." This verse parallels with Revelation 6:12-17 when the sixth seal is opened and the wrath of God is come. "And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come and who shall be able to stand?"

In 2 Timothy 3:1-3 Paul told Timothy, ". . . that in the Last Days, perilous times will come, For men will be lovers of themselves, covetous...without natural affection". There is no more natural affection than a mothers love for her child.

These are signs of the end times and we should be looking for the ". . . appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). Just as surely as Jesus was born of a virgin, died on a cross, rose again from the dead and ascended to the Father, He will come again. "For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?" (Joel 2:11). And He will surely judge, with righteousness, those who have thrown away the millions of living babies, God's little ones, for profit, and in the name of freedom. Their cribs may be silent, but the temple of God resounds with their cries: "Who will avenge us?" Their precious lives are of great value to God, and He will judge with great and terrible wrath, all those who have participate(ed) in this Last Days Holocaust. In the words of a famous Christian singer, "If the Lord don't care, and He chooses to ignore, tell it to the people of Sodom and Gommorah."

We need major revival in this country if we are going to escape the judgement of God. This can only come about by prayer and fasting and God's people seeking God and his righteousness for the nation. It's time we displayed a little righteous zeal for God. Our condition is certainly desperate.

May God grant this nation revival. Not just tent meetings, or evangelistic crusades, but a major outpouring of his Holy Spirit that will shake us to the roots and bring us all to our knees. Break us from our haughty, independent attitudes, and deliver us out of darkness and sin before it is too late.

The time of great shaking is at hand. "For the time has come that judgement must first begin at the house of God. And if it first begin at us, what will the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Peter 4:17,18).

There is great sorrow upon our land. It is the spirit of death that cries out from the trash cans and receptacles of our hospitals and abortion clinics: Death Houses! And who shall hold back the judgement of God? "Thus saith the Lord; a voice heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not" (Jeremiah 31:15).

Already God is dealing with our nation with plagues and disease (AIDS, herpes, etc.) that are the direct fruit of our liberality and sinfulness. Will we listen or will God sweep through the land like a consuming fire?

This is the beginning of sorrows. It is time to humble ourselves and pray; time to

plead for a major outpouring of God's righteousness upon this land, and indeed the world. It is time for God's leaders to lay down their personal wars, and join together against the enemy that seeks only to "steal, kill and to destroy".

O merciful God in heaven, hear the heartcry of your servants and deliver this people from your wrath. Turn the hearts of this great nation back to Thee, O Lord, by your Holy Power, that we may again serve you alone and stand as a beacon of your righteousness to all the world. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.