DOCTRINE OF THE UNITED STATES IN PROPHECY

- I. The principles of the interpretation of prophecy.
 - A. Interpret literally based on I.C.E. (Isagogics: to interpret the Bible in historical context. Categorically and Exegetically: to analyze Scripture in the original languages.)
 - B. Interpret with a view to determine historical setting (Isagogics).
 - C. Interpret categorically comparing Scripture with Scripture.
 - D. Interpret exegetically to determine EXACT meaning in original language.
 - E. Determine if prophecy is fulfilled, unfulfilled, or conditional.
 - F. Recognize to harmony of prophecy.
 - G. Interpret dispensationally.
 - H. Interpretation differs from application and illustration.
 - I. Recognize the existence of figurative language, like idioms, similes, etc.
 - J. Interpret according to the law of double reference. Two events widely separated as to time of fulfillment are brought together in one prophecy.
 - 1. Near the frame of reference for distant is the near. David is FOR Christ in many Messianic psalms.
 - 2. Two are compared and contrasted.
 - 3. Appreciate the minuteness of detail.
 - 4. Recognize the novelty of combination, e.g. arrows and nuclear missiles, Christ as a human child and a divine child.
 - 5. Note the mysteries of contradiction. Historical Babylon (BH) prophecies did NOT get fulfilled in political Babylon (BP) or religious Babylon (BR).
 - 6. Appreciate the nearness of fulfillment.
- II. Major passages dealing with the U.S. (Isa.13; 21:1-10; 47; Jer.50,51; Rev.18).
- III. Identification of Symbols: Churches, Tyre of Revelation, and Jezebel. The final revolt of perfect environment after the Millennium. Gog & Magog.
 - A. Babylon means "confusion"; it is identified as the U.S. under evil.
 - B. Chaldeans = Anglo-Saxons.
 - C. Medes (as enemies) were enemies of BAH and were famous archers, symbolizing Russian nuclear might.
- IV. Uses of the word "Babylon" in Scripture.
 - A. Gen.11, the Tower of Babylon (principles apply to us).
 - B. The Babylonian Empire, 605-535BC (head of gold in Daniel)
 - C. Religious Babylon (Catholicism, Rev. 17, mother of harlots).
 - D. The U.S., BP; political and economic entity (Babylon the Great of Rev.18).
 - E. Rome (1Pet.5:13).
- V. BP must be distinguished from BR.
 - A. They are different as to designation (Rev.17:5; cp. 18:2).
 - B. They are different as to destroyers: BR by the Revived Roman Empire, BP by Russia.
 - C. The are different as to direct statement (Rev.18:1 "after these things").
- VI. BP must be distinguished from BH.
 - A. BH was NOT devastated by the fifth cycle, but was left intact.
 - B. BP is to be left completely devastated, left without inhabitant (Jer.51:29).
 - C. BH did NOT permit Jewish exiles to leave before the fifth cycle (Ezr.1).
 - D. BP will allow American Jews to leave prior to the fifth cycle (Jer.50:8,9,28; Jer.51:6,9,45; Rev.18:4).
 - E. BH enemies came from the EAST (Isa.46:11).
 - F. BP enemies come from the NORTH (Jer 50:9).
 - G. BH was a river in a desert (the area called Mesopotamia).

- H. BP will become a desert by the seas (total contrast).
- I. BH has been inhabited since her fall.
- J. BP will not even be visited following her fall, much less lived in (Jer.50:3,39,40; 51:43).
- VII. BP and Tyre (Isa.23; Ezek.26-28; cp. Rev.18).
 - A. Both are portrayed as economic powers of their day (history repeats itself; Ezek.27:3; cp. Rev.18:9).
 - B. Both exhibit great arrogance as a result of God-given prosperity (Ezek.28:1-6; cp. Isa.47:8).
 - C. Both practice economic internationalism (Isa.23:15-18; Ezek.27:33; cp. Rev.18:3,9).
 - D. Both became involved in anti-Semitism because of greed (Ezek.26:2,3; cp. Jer.51:34).
 - E. Both were ruled by monopolistic capitalists (Isa.23:8; Rev.18:23).
 - F. Both experienced sudden cessation of economic affluence due to the fifth cycle (Ezek.26:7-11; Rev.18:17,22).
 - G. Both fell, never to be revived (Ezek.26:14; Rev18:22).
 - H. Both were entertainment capitals of the world (Ezek.26:18; cp. Rev.18:22).
- VIII. Reasons for identifying BP with the U.S.
 - A. BP is described as the LAST of nations, a later nation in human history (Jer.50:12).
 - B. BP is said to have a mother nation.
 - C. BP is made up of peoples from EVERY NATION ON EARTH (Jer.51:9,44; E Pluribus Unum).
 - D. BP is the dominant economic power going into the Tribulation (Rev.18:18,19).
 - E. BP is located in the midst of the sea (Isa.21:1; Jer.51:13).
 - F. BP has a northern enemy (Jer.50:9,41).
 - G. BP exists contemporaneously with other nations such as Russia, Orientals, Pan-Arabic bloc, Roman Empire, Roman Catholic Church, and Israel.
 - IX. Various false interpretations of political Babylon.
 - A. It is the entire world.
 - B. It is the same as religious Babylon.
 - C. It is the same as the kingdom of Antichrist
 - D. The ancient city of Babylon will be rebuilt. (The Jews have to go to that land during the Tribulation, so it will be inhabited.)
 - X. Identification of America's enemy (Ezek.38 and 39).
 - A. It is a powerful northern nation Russia (Jer.50:3,9,26; cp. to Ezek.38:15).
 - B. It is described as rapacious and cruel (Isa 13:18; Jer.50:42).
 - C. It is armed with nuclear missiles (Jer.50:9,14,25; Jer.51:11).
 - D. It fulfills the plan of God by completely destroying America (Isa.13:3).
 - E. It has allies (satellites) who will participate with her (Jer.51:27).
 - F. Russia will execute a complete surprise attack on the U.S. (Jer.51:12,27,32).
 - G. By close attention to detail, the enemy is identified (Isa.21:6-10).
 - XI. Language of accommodation and nuclear warfare in the overthrow of the U.S.
 - A. There are unusual and recurring references to arrows in the overthrow of BP (Isa.13:18,16; Jer.50:9,14,29,42; Jer.51:3,11).
 - B. There are constant references to fire (Isa.47:14; 13:8; Jer.50:32; 51:25,30,32,58; Rev.18:8,9,18).
 - C. The land becomes a desert without inhabitants (Jer.51:43).
 - D. The land cannot even be approached by man (Rev.18:10).
 - E. The fall will occur in one literal hour of one day (Rev.18:8,17,19).
 - F. Conclusion: The U.S. suddenly becomes a radioactive desert as a result of nuclear warfare.
- XII. Comparison of America's destruction with that of Sodom and Gommorah (Isa.13:19). Chaldeans = Anglo-Saxons (Jer.50:40).
 - A. It is unexpected and sudden (Isa.13:19).
 - B. Believers were and will be delivered, even the raunchiest.
 - C. Destruction is by fire (and fall-out, like Lot's wife).

- D. There is a cessation of human, animal, and plant life, producing a desert.
- E. There is a cessation of reversionism.
- F. The Lord causes it.
- XIII. Various reactions to the fact of America's overthrow.
 - A. Her citizens' hands hang limp, terrified (Isa.13:17).
 - B. The vision of Isa.21:3,4 produced for him mental and physical anguish.
 - C. The president will NOT respond aggressively, but WILL be timid (Jer.50:43).
 - D. World leaders financially dependent on the U.S. will "mourn" (Rev.18:9).
 - E. Foreign business leaders will be hysterical over her fall (Rev.18:15).
 - F. Communists will be jubilant (Isa.13).
 - G. Believers are commanded to rejoice and celebrate (Rev.18:20; Jer.51:48).

XIV. The U.S. will fall despite:

- A. Her claim to the contrary (Isa.47:8,9; Rev.18:7).
- B. Her experience in diplomatic affairs (Isa.47:9-15).
- C. Her advanced technology (Jer.51:53).
- D. Her past military successes (Jer.50:22,23).
- XV. Specific categories said to be destroyed.
 - A. Young men (Isa.13:18; Jer.50;27,30).
 - B. Babies and children (Isa.13:18).
 - C. The diplomatic corps (Isa.47:13,14).
 - D. Agriculture (Jer.50:16; 51:23).
 - E. Bureaucrats and the academic world (Jer.50:35).
 - F. The clergy (Jer.50:36).
 - G. Men of the military (Jer.50:36).
 - H. Foreign visitors (Jer.50:37).
 - I. U.S. wealth (Jer.50:37).
 - J. Transportation (Jer.50:37).
 - K. Old men, youth, women.
 - L. Politicians (Jer.51:23).
 - M. The President (Jer.50:43).
 - N. Businessmen (Rev 18:24).
 - O. Commerce (Jer.51:36; cp. Rev.18:23).
 - P. Social life (Isa.21:5).
 - Q. The entertainment world (Rev.13:22).
 - R. The environment (Isa.14:23).
 - S. All military armaments (Jer.51:56).
- XVI. Further details in regard to the fifth cycle to the U.S.
 - A. It will occur AFTER the Rapture, in the third year of the Tribulation (Jer.51:45,46).
 - B. It will be announced by a special angel, Christ; and also the 144,000 (Rev.18:1-20; 14:8; Jer.50:2).
 - C. Americans will be given a gospel hearing (Rev.14:6).
 - D. Americans will be given an opportunity to exodus (Jer.50:16; 51:9; Rev.18:4).
 - E. At the time, Americans will be arrogant, prosperous, complacent, self-indulgent (Isa.47:8).
 - F. Her leaders will be decadent.
 - G. She will be completely surrounded by enemies' arrows (Jer.50:14,15,19).
 - H. America's industrial and agriculture wealth will be completely destroyed (Jer.50:26; Rev.18:17).
 - I. Her judgment will come suddenly, in one day, in one hour (Rev.18:8,10).
 - J. By her own greed, she has constructed her own historical trap; namely, trade with her enemies (Jer.50:24).
 - K. Her military establishment will be impotent and annihilated (Jer.50:30; 51:3,30,56).

- L. Her defensive system will be destroyed (Jer.51:58).
- M. Her discipline will be doubled because of her special blessing (Jer.50:29; cp. Lk.12:48; Rev.18:6).
- N. Her suffering is contrasted to her affluence (Rev.18:7).
- O. Every nation has suffered because of her policies (Jer.51:49; Rev.18:24).
- P. Her land, once the praise of mankind, will become an object of horror and fear (Jer.50:23; 51:41).
- Q. Her cities and surroundings will be burned by thermonuclear war (Jer.50:32; 51:25; Rev.18:8).
- R. Her land will be rubble: a hot, radioactive desert without an inhabitant, with contaminated swamps, along with desert creatures living in the ruins, a land unapproachable by man (Rev.18).
- S. The U.S. will never be revived (Rev.18:21; Jer.51:26; Isa.13:22; Isa.47:5).
- XVII. Documentation of America's descent into evil.
 - A. It is a nation established by God (as all are; Jer.18:9).
 - B. The U.S. has experienced unprecedented prosperity (Jer.51:7).
 - C. As America became the economic leader of the world, she began a gradual descent into evil (1Tim.6:10 *the love of money is the root of all evil*).
 - D. What is her evil? Economic internationalism, whereby she has led other nations into evil (Jer.51:7).
 - E. She came under the control of monopolistic socialists (Rev.18:3,9; Rev.18:23).
 - F. Her citizens came under the idolatry of covetousness and were unwilling to break the control (Jer.50:38).
 - G. Her "unseen" rulers (David Rockefeller/Prince of Tyre) have clandestinely supported communism (Isa.21:2. The result is world unrest, revolution and suffering).
 - H. World unrest is due to universal covetousness (Rev.18:3).
 - I. America is leading the nations in an unprecedented revolt against the Lord, which will usher in the Tribulation (Ps.2:1-3).
 - J. However, Christ is going to break America's control over the nations, ushering in unprecedented universal freedom, called the Millennium (Jer.50:34).
- XVIII. Reasons for the overthrow of the U.S.
 - A. Economic internationalism (Rev.18:3).
 - B. Blind arrogance (Jer.50:19; Isa.47:7-8; Rev.18:7).
 - C. Anti-Semitism (Jer.50:11; Jer.51:34-40,49).
 - D. Idolatry and demonism (Isa.21:9; Rev.18:2).
- XIX. Relationship of the seventh vial (bowl) judgment to the U.S. (Rev.16:17-21).
 - A. The seventh bowl judgment occurs at the end of the seven years of the Tribulation.
 - B. The greatest earthquake in history, eliminating all islands, mountains, and all national capitols characterizes it.
 - C. Jerusalem is not destroyed, only dived into 3 parts.
 - D. Also, there will be intense meteor showers.
 - E. In God's frame of reference is the U.S., which He has just destroyed.
 - F. For complicity with the U.S., nations will lose their capitols.
- XX. Relationship of this doctrine to the Rapture and Tribulation.
 - A. The rapture awaits the existence and evil of the U.S.
 - B. The U.S. fulfills in the 20th century the requirements of BP.
 - C. Scripture also prophesies an apostasy which concludes the Church Age (2Tim.3:1-7; 1Thess.5:1-10).
 - D. In the U.S. there will be a positive remnant of people, the Royal Family.
 - E. The evil of the U.S. will set up the apostasy of the Great Tribulation.
- XXI. Applications to the Royal Family in the U.S.
 - A. The U.S. will NOT be destroyed before the Rapture.

- B. Look for constant increase in world and national evil.
- C. The U.S. will still be a dominant economic power until the Rapture.
- D. We are not going to be at war with communists to win.
- E. The Royal Family will be delivered two years before the fifth cycle.
- F. Avoid, via grace provision, the idolatry in the land/monetary reversionism.
- G. Persist in GAP (the grace apparatus for perception; Heb.10:25).

© Copyright 1998, Maranatha Church, Inc.