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At a time when the American economy is already reeling like a drunken sailor, the United States is being hit by what seems like an endless parade of horrible disasters that threaten to push the fragile financial system over the edge. The massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that is now destroying not only the entire economy of the Gulf Coast but also the entire way of life for hundreds of thousands of people is getting all the headlines right now, but it is far from the only major crisis that has hit the United States recently. The old saying, "when it rains it pours", is certainly applicable to the United States right now. Already faced with some of the biggest economic problems in a generation, America is also being forced to deal with horrifying natural disasters, rapidly growing environmental nightmares and agricultural problems that could end up being absolutely unprecedented. So why do so many bad things keep happening to the United States? Does there come a point when the economic damage from all of these disasters just becomes too much? After all, how many body blows can the "biggest economy in the world" take and still remain standing?

Consider just a few of the major disasters that the U.S. is having to deal with....

*The Gulf Of Mexico Oil Spill

Industry experts are now saying that the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico could be increasing at a rate of 25,000 barrels a day - five times the U.S. government's current estimate. In fact, Barack Obama is calling the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico a potentially unprecedented environmental disaster.

So how much is this disaster going to cost?

Well, estimates vary at this point, but it is being reported that some analysts are already projecting that the costs related to the oil spill drifting toward Louisiana from a well operated by BP in the Gulf of Mexico could exceed 14 billion dollars.

The cost to the fishing industry in Louisiana alone could top 3 billion dollars, and it is being projected that the tourism industry in Florida could lose even more than that.

This is rapidly shaping up as one of the biggest environmental nightmares (perhaps the biggest) that the United States has ever had to face. In fact, there are some who are saying that this incident has already eclipsed the 1989 Exxon Valdez incident as the worst U.S. oil disaster in history.

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal is warning that the oil spill in the Gulf threatens the very way of life of people in his state. As bad as Hurricane Katrina was, there are those who are already claiming that this disaster will be worse than Hurricane Katrina for the region, because it will literally take years for this mess to be cleaned up. In fact, there is a very real possibility that the fishing industry may be crippled for generations by this disaster.

*The Disappearance Of The Honeybees

For the fourth year in a row in the United States, more than a third of all bee colonies have failed to survive the winter.

To be more precise, according to the annual survey by the Apiary Inspectors of America and the U.S. government's Agricultural Research Service, the number of managed honeybee colonies in the United States fell by 33.8% last winter.

Needless to say, this is not a good trend.

In fact, it could quickly turn into an unmitigated disaster as it is estimated that a third of all that we eat depends upon honeybee pollination.

Are you starting to get the picture?

Most flowering plants require insects for pollination. The most effective insect for pollination is the honeybee.

Without honeybees, we are going to be in a world of hurt.

According to WorldNetDaily, the following is a list of just some of the crops that depend on honeybees: almonds, apples, apricots, avocados, blueberries, boysenberries, cherries, citrus fruits, cranberries, grapes, kiwi, loganberries, macadamia nuts, nectarines, olives, peaches, pears, plums, raspberries, strawberries, asparagus, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers, cantaloupe, honeydew, onions, pumpkins, squash, watermelon, alfalfa hay and seed, cotton lint, cotton seed, legume seed, peanuts, rapeseed, soybeans, sugar beets and sunflowers.

In fact, Ohio State University's honeybee specialist, James Tew, recently told the following to the Dayton Daily News....

"The average person should care. Bees of all species are fundamental to the operation of our ecosystem."

So what happens if they all die off?

You don't even want to think about that.

But certainly our scientists can find a solution, right?

Well, the World Organization for Animal Health announced on Wednesday that the huge die off of bees worldwide is not due to any one single factor.

Some of the factors for the honeybee deaths the World Organization for Animal Health included in its report include parasites, viral and bacterial infections, pesticides, and poor nutrition.

Other researchers claim that genetically modified crops and cell phone transmissions are also playing a role in the disappearance of the honeybees.

But the truth is that a "solution" seems to be very far away right now and we are running out of time.

*The Deadly Tornadoes Which Have Ravaged The Southeast

Last Sunday saw an unprecedented outbreak of tornadoes across the southeast United States. Officials said 61 tornadoes erupted as a massive storm marched across states such as Mississippi, Florida and South Carolina.

Winds inside some of the tornadoes were clocked as high as 160 mph, and one of the tornadoes had a base one and a half miles wide.

The tornadoes killed at least 12 people, and it is estimated that the damage that they caused could reach into the billions of dollars.

*The Drying Up Of The Ogallala Aquifer

Most Americans have never heard of the Ogallala Aquifer, but it is absolutely critical to food production in many areas of the United States.

The water from this massive underground lake is used to irrigate much of America's Great Plains. But it is being drained at a rate of approximately 800 gallons per minute and it is starting to dry up.

So why is that a bad thing?

Well, the Ogallala Aquifer is a gigantic underground lake that stretches from southern South Dakota all the way through northern Texas, covering approximately 174,000 square miles.

If it gets depleted, the era of "pivot irrigation" in the region will be over. That would mean that the Great Plains could quickly turn into the Great American Desert.

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Even if agricultural production continues to grow normally, scientists are telling us that the world is heading for a massive global food shortage. So what happens if our food production does not increase or is even reduced?

Sadly, the United States has only enough grain stored up to give about a half a loaf of bread to every man, woman and child in the United States.

How long do you think that is going to last in the event of a major emergency?

The truth is that "the good times" we have all grown up with are not going to last forever. The United States is in big trouble economically, and all of these natural disasters and environmental problems are not helping things one bit.

We are not entitled to endless wealth and prosperity just because we are Americans. In fact, we have recklessly squandered the wealth that prior generations have left for us.

But even as the economy crumbles around them, millions of Americans will remain in denial until the day they have to cook a dinner of "mouse soup" for their starving family.

<http://theeconomiccollapseblog.com/archives/why-do-so-many-bad-things-keep-happening-to-the-united-states>

Re: Why Do So Many Bad Things Keep Happening To The United States? - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/5/3 17:20

This blog reads almost like a commentary on the book of Amos.

Re: Why Do So Many Bad Things Keep Happening... - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/5/3 18:11

America could very well see a return to the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s.

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This whole article and website is propagating fear. There is NO HOPE, at all, offered on this website. If you are living in fear, you're not going to hear His voice.

If the Lord could provide food and water for about 2-3 million wandering Jews and for all their animals, then He can do it for His people if they happen to be in a dust bowl!!

God will either feed us or kill us; it's that simple.

Re: - posted by JS, on: 2010/5/3 23:13

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Amen!

The more bad things that keep happening to America, the more I think about God. The best thing I can do is to be still and know that HE is the Lord. Anxiety, fear, and depression all draw me away from Him.

Re: Why Do So Many Bad Things Keep Happening To The United States?, on: 2010/5/4 0:29

2 Chronicles 7:13-15 tells us to humble ourselves , repent ,pray , return to God and he will relent. He told us that if we turned away from Him and His decrees these things would happen. God does not want us to go to hell. That gives me hope to know that God's judgements are to bring about repentance. To bring us back to Him!!! To Love!!! Love never fails!!!

Re: , on: 2010/5/4 8:20

I know there are some who don't believe in a pre-trib rapture, but I for one hope there is. I'm ready to go right now, y'all. This world holds nothing for me except for my family and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Krispy

Re: out look?, on: 2010/5/4 10:09

KrispyKrittr times are going to get worse but God will be with us like never before. Where iniquity abounds so does grace. He wants us to have the answers during this time so we can receive the harvest at the end of the age!!!!

ANTI-christ persecution of the saints.

Daniel 11:32-35

32 With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.

33 "Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. 34 When they fall, they will receive a LITTLE HELP, and many who are not sincere will join them. 35 Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless until the TIME OF THE END, for it will still come at the appointed time

Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

16Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS ,TO THE VERY END OF THE AGE."

This is the super bowl of all life. You would not want to miss it would you. He wants you in the game, maybe to score the winning touchdown!!! God bless all my brothers and sisters with great courage to move in the supernatural!!!!

Re: Why Do So Many Bad Things Keep Happening To The United States? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/5/4 11:32

Just a few comments;

"because it will literally take years for this mess to be cleaned up."

While this oil spill is polluting, God has in his creation also provided for organisms to clean up a mess like this. Scientists were surprised how well nature worked in Alaska to bring this about. Seems to me if one has patience, one will once again see how God will through his creation bring about a 'cleansing' unrecognized by the modern, secular environmentalists.

Tornadoes vs flooding.

This article was written before the floods occurred in Tennessee and et al.

In my understanding of the damage caused by floods vs tornadoes, floods do much more severe damage. And here is w

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Water finds the lowest lever and congregates there, forming rivers, lakes of water that go everywhere. This water is teeming with life, including snakes and fish. It is contaminated with whatever is out there. This water gets into houses, buildings and then recede, leaving behind a dreadful mess in the form of slime, dead fish, snakes, and whatever was caught in this water. This mess creates a terrible stink which will linger for years, so I am told. The building may still be structurally sound so they have to be repaired - flooring removed, sheet-rock and whatever. The studs may remain which will house the foul odors. Insurance companies will not want to pay to have the house razed and be rebuilt - the payout would be enormous, it will bankrupt them quick.

A tornado will rip apart, spread debris everywhere within the area. It can be an easier cleanup if you have chain saws to cut and remove tree; wear thick gloves to pick up and move debris; and have tractors with front end loaders to haul it away. The only slime you will encounter is if you find items you want to salvage but it will not be of the sort you will find with items that sat in dirty, contaminated water for hours.

Bees and their die-off.

Some experts declare that GMO are the cause of this die-off. If this problem were not so serious, it would be like a football game in which an unknown team will challenge a famous team to a game. Or something like a David vs Goliath.

Monsanto vs the small farmer. Monsanto vs common sense. Monsanto vs nature. Monsanto is the bully on the block that has successfully stymied and cornered the market for seeds, being the developer of seeds that resist herbicides like Round-up. They have sued and sued and sued and won. Wild life has spurned GMO corn when fed...Oh my, this is such a huge problem...like I said if it weren't so serious, it would be funny because it seems as though Monsanto may have met its match and, and,....but will see...Likely Monsanto will prove in court they are not responsible for the disappearance of the bees. SIGH

My thoughts as I read this article..now ya'll have a good day!

ginnyrose

Re: Why Do So Many Bad Things Keep Happening To The United States? - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2010/5/4 14:19

I believe that the scriptures are full of times when God has allowed disasters to visit those that are forsaking His name and word. Unfortunately it gets rough for the faithful alongside the rebellious. But He will be beside His own. He can still multiply loaves and fishes and is even doing this in some parts of the world today.

We can know that as long as the earth remains we will have:

Gen 8:22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

I have watched the wasps, spiders, and bugs pollinate my plants too. It is tragic about the honey bees, but as Gen 8:22 says harvest will remain as long as the earth does in some parts of the earth for sure, but He told there would be famines as well.

I live in the good ol' USA and love it. But my heart is deeply grieved over the state of the church in our land. I just read about the revivals in China and Korea and saw how important it is to those believes to win the lost, and for the most part we are more concerned about ourselves and our "about me lives" to inconvenience ourselves with those going to hell around us. How many of us will use every extra moment for witnessing and pouring our lives out for another the way they did. Not too many I'm afraid, including myself. If you get a chance read the book on the Korean Revival by Goforth and see why they had entire towns without one unconverted soul. We are just too busy to really want what we say we want out of one side of our mouths.

You know it used to be that when visiting pastors or missionaries came to town we would put them up, now we send them to an impersonal hotel so they don't interrupt our lives too much, even though the word tells us to be given to hospitality, in fact this is what it says:

Rom 12:13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Tts 1:8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

1Pe 4:9 Use hospitality one to another without grudging.

Or maybe we just don't want them to see what we are really like when we are not at church.

We will not interrupt our fun lives of ease for anyone. As I read about these revivals and how they grieved for every soul, knowing that the fire of hell awaited them, I am ashamed of my selfishness. We act like this world is our own home. In Alabama, if Auburn or Alabama football fell on church day, ball games would win out. We allow our kids to play ball and skip church because their futures as famous ball players are more important. Unlike Eric Liddel in Chariots of Fire who would not compromise his convictions to play even in the olympics on what he considered a day for worship. Where is that spirit? Where is the laid down life and forsaking all to follow Him. Where is the heart that bleeds over the fact that people are perishing without Him.

No Krispy I don't think we are ready for rapture, because we are leaving a host of people to their hellish fate when we bow out.

It is no longer about us. The difficult times are to take our focus off ourselves. Hey when our ball fields are flooded we might have time to really pray, or witness to those who have no homes left.

How real are we? I am ashamed. Are we just content to make it in ourselves? We need to take stock of how much of everything we waste, including time and compassion. It is time to live like we are part of the Kingdom. He is asking us to fill His house. The hard times are wake-up calls. The virgins are unprepared and sleeping. It is time wakeup, trim our lamps and fill them with oil.

Do we really care? Do I? I wonder.

Re: - posted by Giggles (), on: 2010/5/4 15:38

And why the rest of the world too? And why throughout all of history? I believe the real answer is sin. Tragedies reveal to us the severity of sinfulness. As much as I feel the burden for today's struggles, we shouldn't think that the U.S. is enduring anything out of the ordinary or even extreme in light of global history.