

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.*

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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God Downgrades the United States Government

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The big news of last week centered on the Congressional debt deal that President Obama signed. Much could be and is being said about this deal, which was sold to us as the best that they could do and that it would reduce spending. Excuse me; but trimming your **expected or projected increase** in spending over the next ten years is not reducing spending. By some estimates, the debt will increase by trillions of dollars with this so-called "deal."

It is like saying that today we live on \$40,000 of borrowed money, but in ten years we want to live on \$120,000 of borrowed money. But then we decide to lower our expectation, so we lower the \$120,000 to \$100,000 and call it a spending cut. This is no reduction in spending. It's bogus.

The problem the United States faces today is a **borrowing problem** and the **usury** that goes along with it that demands we pay interest to our creditors, whether they are foreign governments, the Federal Reserve, or other institutions. We have become a **debtor nation** because of our government's abrogation of its constitutional responsibility to directly issue currency that is backed by the wealth of the nation and not issued as debt.

Well, there are others who are much more knowledgeable on this subject than I am, so I won't attempt to delve into the technical details of it. All I know is that the United States Government (USG) is not operating according to the law of God regarding the lending of money and charging interest.

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower becomes the lender's slave. (Proverbs 22:7 NASB)

In case you miss the point, we have become the poor and the slave. It is as if we are like ancient Judah when they lost all their wealth and were taken captive by the Babylonians and removed from their national territory. The only difference is that we have been allowed to remain within our national territory. We have been taken captive by the international bankers that govern the financial realm of **Mystery Babylon**. In the US, it is called the **Federal Reserve** (banking cartel, not a government agency) that is in collusion with our Federal government.

I often cite **God's law on usury**, but we need to understand that the US is the foreigner under God's law. Consider how the law of usury is worded.

(19) "You shall not charge interest to your countrymen: interest on money, food, or anything that may be loaned at interest. (20) "You may charge interest to a foreigner, but to your countrymen you shall not charge interest, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all that you undertake in the land which you are about to enter to possess. (Deuteronomy 23:19-20 NASB)

It is the Babylonian system that is lending us our money with interest (usury), which is the reason our currency is called **debt notes**. In a sense, the **banking cartel** is acting legally under God's law because we are foreigners to them. Likewise, all of our banks are governed by this same system, and they are lending money at interest to American "countrymen." However, this does not mean we are not breaking the law of usury, for many of the banks and financial institutions in America are owned by Americans, including some owned by churches, and they all charge interest to their countrymen.

This may be difficult to grasp, but it makes sense if we see that the whole world has been yoked to this financial beast. It matters not if we are on our own land. We are all enslaved to it, and Mystery Babylon sees all the nations as indebted or enslaved to it. It is like a parasite living in our land, as if it were one of us. Unfortunately, we have been trained to think this beast is a good thing when it is not.

This is God's doing, for it is His judgment on not only the United States but the whole world. He has blinded us to the truth. By the way, the only nations that seem to follow the law of usury are in the Arab world.

Now, the big news of the day is the downgrade of the worthiness of our credit. Interestingly, these credit ratings pertain to our ability to continue borrowing money and paying interest on it. In other words, it is a rating by the Babylonian financial system of our ability to play the game of usury with foreign investors. What they are saying is that we are not playing the game so well right now. But let's be real; a downgrade from AAA to AA+ doesn't sound so ominous. Actually, another rating group called Weiss Ratings previously downgraded the US to a C.

The comments coming out of the politicians and pundits over the downgrade are laughable; some call it insanity. Comments range from blaming S&P for "stunning lack of knowledge" and "half-baked political analysis" to blaming other things like the "tea party" or "military spending." A former Fed chair has said the solution is to print more money, which is like saying: "Let's go wild with the credit card." Then, one of the richest men in America was stunned by it all, not understanding why this is happening.

I stand fast with my earlier assessment that there is a **spirit of stupor** over our nation right now, brought upon us as a judgment of God. See issue #05-1140, July 30, 2011, *Spirit of Stupor*.

From the spectrum of comments on the downgrade, there is also a **spirit of confusion** over the nation. With such massive confusion, we can be sure that God is behind it all. We know it is so because He has done it before.

(7) "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech." (8) So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of the whole earth; and they stopped building the city. (9) Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of the whole earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth. (Genesis 11:7-9 NASB)

Babel is the forerunner of Mystery Babylon. God confused the language of the Babylonians then and He is doing it in our day, only this time, it is not through different languages but by analysis and commentary that makes little to no sense to the reality on the ground. As the Tower of Babel had to be stopped, so Mystery Babylon will be stopped.

Well, here is the point of this issue: In a manner of speaking, in His own way, God has downgraded the USG. Notice that I am not stating that He has downgraded America. America stands for the people and the land, but the USG stands for the entity that rules the land.

The USG is no longer a government for the people and by the people. It shuns the **law of God** for the **law of man**. It is **USG Incorporated**, for it operates more like an incorporated business that talks about increasing its "revenues," as if it produces a product that people purchase. The fact of the matter is that it is in the business of doling out favors and all sorts of entitlements, even providing government paid cell phones or abortions on demand, to the people to keep them happy, or at least in line, so they don't question the power and control of government over their lives. It is like carrots on a stick.

So, I suggest that the downgrade is part of God's judgment on our governmental/political system. It is yet another shot across the bow, so to speak, another warning that we need to **seek the Lord that you may live** (Amos 5:6). Please do not take what I say as if I am some anti-government radical, for I am nothing of the sort. I love my country, but I am looking for a **better country** called **New Jerusalem**, and long for America to be ruled by the One who will give us righteous government. His name is **Jesus**.