

## A Nation Imploding

A critical question facing the Church in America is what a Christian response should be to the riots occurring right now in our major cities.

According to the liberal news-media, the protests are “peaceful” except for relatively few antisocial types who are exploiting the situation to commit mayhem. Is that true? Or are the “peaceful” protests really only cover for the violence, which is the real purpose of the movement? What’s the point of violence after all? It represents rebellion.

Photographs and videos of the protests all show demonstrators giving the “clenched fist salute,” which, although most of the demonstrators are too naïve to realize it, symbolizes adherence to communism. (The activists with the bull-horns leading the demonstrations know full well what the raised clenched fist means.) Some protest leaders dramatically brandish daggers. And lately, photos of protests show demonstrators waving the “peace” sign, a symbol of Satan. The shout for “justice” is a classical Marxist slogan. The attack on police is also classically Marxist. Many of the demonstrators are white college students who’ve been heavily indoctrinated with Marxist “critical theory” (ie, there exist in the world only two classes of people, oppressors and the oppressed, and free markets, rational dialogue, law and order, and Christianity are tools of the oppressors).

There are way too many windows getting smashed, way too much looting, and way too many rocks and fire-crackers thrown ... in short, way too much violence for the explanation that only a few sociopaths are causing it. What we’re witnessing is a mass movement of rebellion. But against what? Against civil authority? Against business? Against general concepts such as oppression and inequality? Against American society and its traditional norms? *Against civilization?*

We’ve had riots before in America’s history, but that doesn’t mean the current movement will eventually subside and everything will return to normal. What’s different is, these “protests” today aren’t spontaneous. They’re all carefully planned, well funded and organized, because a hidden agenda is being carried out. Whether or not we in the Church understand what that agenda is, we cannot be indifferent to it.

Two days ago, in a Weis parking lot, I approached a young black woman to give her a gospel tract. She took it and said, “The Rapture must be any day now, don’t you think?” I gave an exuberant “Amen!” But as I walked away I wondered, how many of us at York Bible Church likewise see unfolding events as indicating that Christ’s Return is imminent. She understood that the protests and riots are not just to tear society apart; they indicate the end of an era. She’s right.

A powerful movement, that drastic systemic change is needed, is beginning to sweep across America right now, potentially to engulf almost everyone who’s not a believer. The noisy claim that we’re “systemically racist” is only the point of the spear. The real thrust is, we need to change *everything*, politics, the economy, our culture, our life-styles, in short, radical and fundamental change is needed. No aspect of American society is going to be left out; the change-agents include big corporations, the media, all layers of government, the whole world of education, the entertainment industry, and more. And you can bet the change that’s on the way is Marxist. Because hiding behind Marxism is Satan.

Since WWI, America has been a unique force for good in the world. It has shone a beacon of light into almost every corner, teaching that there’s a God who loves and saves, and that it’s possible to enjoy freedom, justice and prosperity, and warning the world that America will protect Israel and others who are persecuted. So Satan’s present goal is the neutralization of America. That’s because Satan’s ultimate goal is to prevent Christ from returning by annihilating Israel. To do that, America has to disappear as a world power. This is an end-game gambit, because the current era is rapidly coming to a close. Christ’s Return is indeed imminent. So is the Rapture.

So, what should we do? A vote for President Trump in November is not the answer. The church’s response isn’t political, it never is. Church attendance is no answer. Continuing to live as we always have in the past isn’t an answer either. We need to – we *must* – fall to our knees in prayer, in deep heart-felt prayer, every day, that God’s will be done and that we may be His agents, His servants, to further His will while we still have time. The Spirit of God will reveal what each of us can do to express faithfulness. And, for just one example of what all of us can do is, we can share the Gospel with those around us, hopefully to snatch a few souls from judgment. If we’ve experienced Christ’s love, if we’re aware of all that Christ accomplished at the cross, how can we not want to expend ourselves telling others?

May God be glorified by how we show loyalty to Him during these last days before He comes back.