



Spring 2009



In Amos 8:11, the prophet Amos warns the nation of Israel: "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD." Amos is telling the nation about the coming captivity when the people would long for the words of the Lord which they had ignored in their prosperity.

In 1975, I was with a tour group that visited Moscow for four days. We spent quite some time at Customs and Immigration assuring the authorities that the Bibles in our luggage were our personal copies and were not for distribution. A lady in our tour group said that a missionary acquaintance of hers spent three years in prison for handing out one Gospel tract in Russia. One could feel the oppression of a nation without God.

As a part of our tour, our guide proudly took us to an area of religious art in one of the large museums. In her effort to identify the paintings for us, she offered, "This painting depicts Moses baptizing Jesus Christ." I gently told her that according to the Bible, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist and not by Moses. She confessed to me that she had never read or seen a Bible in her life. As I looked at the religious art, I was reminded that Russia did experience revival in the eighteenth century, and I began to wonder how the nation had moved from revival to the place it was in 1975, where one could be imprisoned just for giving someone a Gospel tract. I concluded that Russia went through four stages. First of all, they had the Gospel. Secondly, they became used to the Gospel. Then, they became indifferent to the Gospel; and finally, God took away the Gospel from them. *continued on page 3...*

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May 2

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March 14 - 22

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A superb opening revival with great preaching and many hearts touched.

A good beginning to our 40th semester.

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with *thanksgiving*

Safety and power for the ABC Ensemble as they travel on Spring Tour.

God's blessing upon our 20th Anniversary Bible Conference.

Continued provision for our auditorium remodeling project.

Wisdom and direction for prospective students as they visit Ambassador this semester.



THE FAMINE IS COMING

BY DR. RON COMFORT

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT ...CONTINUED

I am not sure to which of the two middle stages America has declined. If we are indeed in stage three, could it be that the next generation will experience the time when God takes away the Gospel from our land? God's admonition to Ephesus was, "...repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." (Rev. 2:5)

If the United States government, through hate crimes legislation, can jail individuals who will proclaim what the Bible says about homosexuality and can forbid us to discipline our children according to the Book of Proverbs, they could also legislate that we cannot preach on Hell or on topics relating to the judgment of God. They could also mandate that unless we preach an ecumenical message that Jesus Christ is not the only way to Heaven, our local church will be marked as an illegitimate entity.

Famine is coming! First of all, consider the **reasons for the famine**. I contend that the major reason for the famine is the *condition in the pulpit*. I am deeply concerned about the attitude of many young men who are graduating from our Christian colleges and going into the ministry. It appears to me that there is a lack of passion about the urgency of the hour. Psychology has replaced passion. Very seldom do preachers preach messages which reach the heart. Sermons are prevalent, serving only to swell the head. There is a deluge of comfortable theology rather than confrontational truths. Many young men are coming out of fundamental seminaries believing that we do not have the authoritative Word of God today. If I did not believe that we have the preserved Word of God as our authority, I would not be in the ministry.

A survey was taken among 1100 young fundamentalists who are graduates of Christian colleges or seminaries with which the reader is familiar. The results were astounding. Twelve percent believe that the Bible becomes the Word of God only when he reads it by faith. Fifty-eight percent believe in the sovereignty of God according to Calvinistic theology, while eight percent were unsure. Seventy percent were sympathetic to Calvinist or Reformed theology. Thirteen percent believe in annihilation or no literal hell. Forty-eight percent said that the preacher should not preach on loose music standards, while eighty-six percent felt that music was not an issue at all. Thirty-nine percent believe that the emerging church philosophy as portrayed by Bill Hybels and Rick Warren is not an issue. Forty-five percent were not convinced fundamentalists. Twenty percent believed in drinking in moderation. Thirty-three percent believe that R-rated movies are permissible for a Christian to view. Thirty-five percent said that they had personal devotions three or fewer times in the week prior to the survey.

When these conditions are prevalent in the pulpit, you have *complacency in the pew*. Hosea 4:9 reads, "And there shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings." In my opinion the greatest paradox in the Bible is Matthew 24:12: "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." It would seem that when iniquity is abounding, the love of many would wax hot. In my forty-seven years in evangelism, I have never seen a day when alarm was at a greater height. Everywhere I go Christians are expressing concern that the foundations of our country are being destroyed every day of our lives. The paradox is that in these forty-seven years, I have never seen a day when consecration was at a lower depth.

In II Chronicles chapter fifteen, we see the **results of the famine**. In verse three we read of *national depravity*: "Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law." Azariah said that the Northern Kingdom had been without the true God because the eight kings that reigned in Israel during the forty-one-year rule of Asa were all evil. Azariah used Israel's problems as an

example of the evil that would come to Judah if they turned away from God as their northern brothers had. Today there is an attempt by many to take God totally out of our national life, but there is also an alarming mediocrity in the ministry that is unprecedented in my lifetime. When Azariah spoke about the Northern Kingdom being without the law, he was speaking not about civil authority but about the Word of God. I am seeing an attack on the Bible as never before. Many well-known preachers in our country would believe in dynamic equivalency, which is thought-inspiration rather than verbal inspiration. If we succumb to that theology, then there is no Word of God.

With national depravity comes *national disaster*. In II Chronicles 15:5-6, I read, "And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity." Those are the conditions that will prevail in the tribulation period. However, Azariah gives us a ray of sunshine in II Chronicles 15:4, when he states, "But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them." The only hope for America is a national revival. Our desire at Ambassador Baptist College is to train young people with a passion for souls to accompany the authority of the Word of God. □

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3	Pastor R.D. Hamann	Northwest Baptist Church	Greensboro, NC	336-668-9627
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7-12	Pastor Stephen Henderson	Harvest Baptist Church	Manhattan, KS	785-539-8174
14-19	Pastor Robert Eshleman	Harmony Baptist Church	Galesburg, IL	309-344-2144
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28	Pastor Ron Allen	Bible Baptist Church	Matthews, NC	704-535-1692
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