

OUR FUTURE, OUR COUNTRY

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A WISE MAN SEES DANGERS; A FOOL GOES HIS MERRY WAY—*PROVERBS 22-3*

The same goes for our country, the danger signals are flashing, yet we “go about our merry way.” Here we are at end of 2015 with storm clouds on the horizon. Recent events in Paris and California signal an escalation with more attacks coming. President Obama’s address to the nation had little substance. We do not have a plan to beat ISIS and a strategy to protect American lives.

Let’s look at three situations; world events, economy, and Biblical insights.

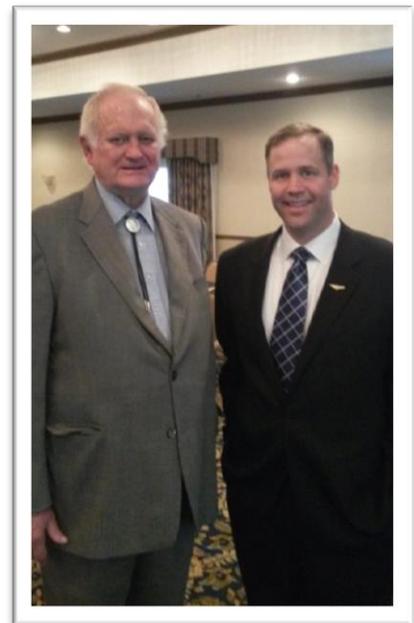
WORLD EVENTS

Recently, I had the privilege to attend small intimate lunches with Congressman Jim Bridenstine, Markwayne Mullin and Senator Jim Inhoff. They have a strong message that we better wake up and listen.



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My take here, we are Americans . . . going our merry way. Both made strong points about world conditions, especially Russia and Islamic State. Pope Francis last week mentioned that “we are in World War III”. The economy is on brink of a major collapse, worse than the recession in 2008.



Russia is dramatically expanding its military system. Over the past year we see President Vladimir Putin being more aggressive. His popularity in Russia is at an all-time high. This week a dramatic drop in oil prices can and will put them in a recession. Our USA military budget has been dramatically

cut. Our military capacity is at an all-time low. The Obama administration does not have a clear foreign policy. The current strategy will not contain, let alone defeat, ISIS. They have declared war on America.

ECONOMY

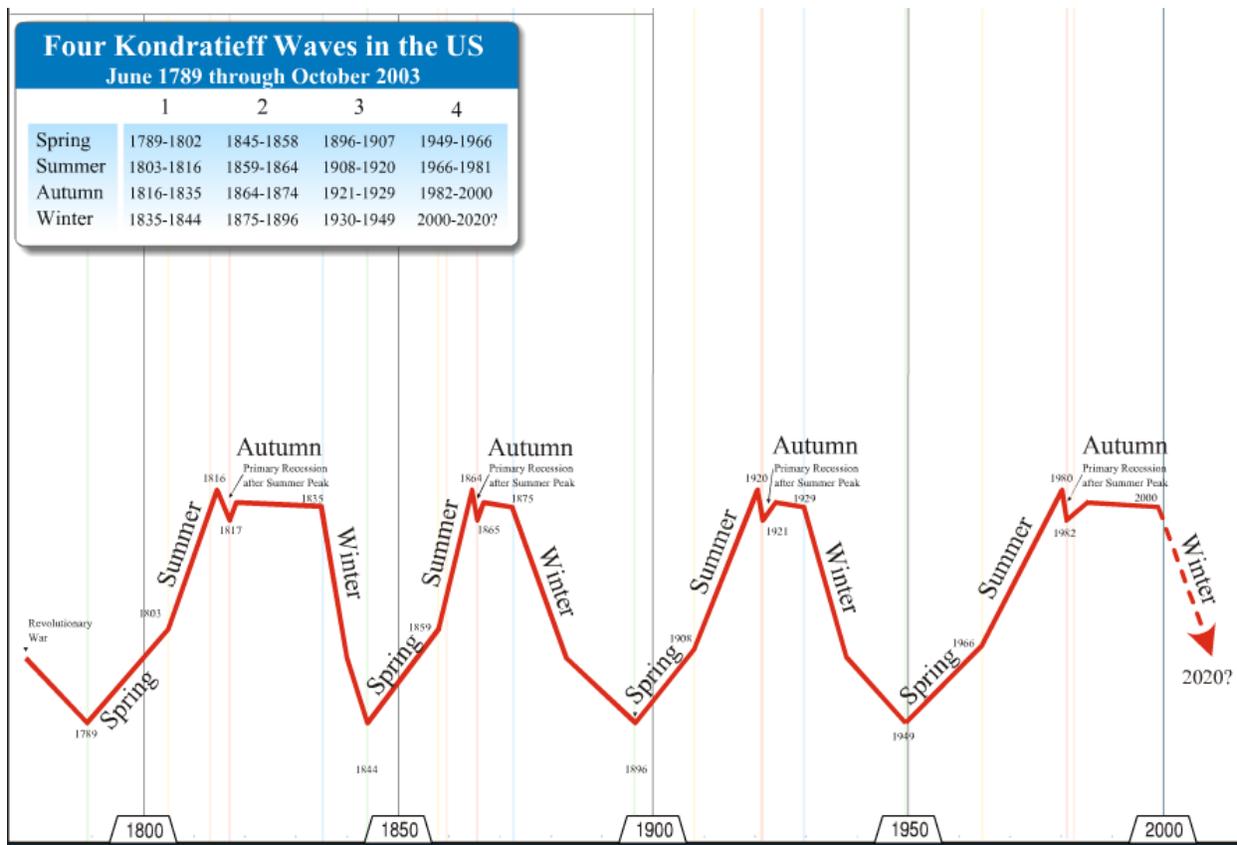
Debt over \$18 trillion. Kondratieff Curve which has been on target since 1800, shows project low is on the horizon. Another trend, economic crashes in 1973, 1980, 1987, 2001 and 2008 all were six or seven years apart. Let’s see 2,015 minus 2,008 is seven years.

“Wise men see danger, and a fool goes his merry way.”

“Economist predicts return of inflations” Tulsa World September 7,2014. Mr. Alan Beaulieu, CEO of Institute for Trend Research states, "We could see recession much worse that what happened in 2008-2009. In fact, the downturn could rival the Great Depression that started in 1929.

All bad; not according to Allan Sloan article “I hate to say it, but what this country needs is another financial crisis.” Fortune Magazine, June 10, 2013, pg. 63.

“WISE MEN SEE DANGER, AND A FOOL GOES HIS MERRY WAY.”



Politically motivated decisions like government bailout of General Motors is an example. GM should have gone bankrupt. The bankruptcy would have “cleansed” GM and restructured a GM that made safe, reliable, and efficient cars. All bail out did was “here guys . . . save some pain and keep marketing cars that tragically have killed scores of Americans.” My column of 2008 “Bailouts A Big Mistake” saw it coming. It took Fortune Magazine years to confirm the obvious and publish their story.

BIBLICAL INSIGHTS

What is a Blood Moon and is it a sign for change?

A lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth, sun and moon are aligned. A lunar eclipse lasts for hours because the moon slowly orbits through the Earth’s shadow. The Earth’s sunsets are red and Earth’s shadow is red at the edges, because when sunlight passes through the Earth’s atmosphere it is scattered, removing the other colors from the spectrum.

Hence, the moon looks red.

We have had our four blood moons, April 15, October 8, 2014, April 4 and September 28, 2015. The four “blood moons” the experts say, all fall on Jewish feast days. They say that although scientists insist that lunar eclipses are normal, the coincidence of the Jewish feast days is off the charts.

In 1948, the state of Israel was born. In 1967, Israel won the Six-Day War and recaptured Jerusalem. Both events take place at the time of a blood moon.

All we need is a flash point—world event, natural disaster, or major conflict that makes Syria or Iraq look like a fight on the playground.

I wonder what it means when the Bible clearly states “Damascus” will be destroyed (Isaiah 17).

The Jewish New Year on the Hebrew calendar is not just any new year. It is the Sabbath year of “Shemitah” year. Just as the seventh day was laid out by God as a day of rest in the Hebrew Old Testament, every seventh year was designated as a Sabbath year. The word “Shemitah” is most often translated as “the release” or “the remission” and applied to the wiping away of debts as well as the resting of the land.

Messianic Jewish Rabbi Jonathan Cahn believes he has unlocked the mystery of the Shemitah's meaning as it applies to modern-day nations. In his new book, "The Mystery of the Shemitah," he explains that nearly every major U.S. stock market collapse since the early 1900s has occurred during a Shemitah year, as did the terrorist attack and stock market collapse of September 2001 and the financial collapse of 2008.

But what if the "Shemitah" contains an ominous warning about a wider collapse of not just stock markets or housing markets but potentially America's very existence as leader of the free world? If the nation does not pull back from its current course and repent, it could be in for some rough times as this next Shemitah year plays out, according to Cahn.

Conclusion

The clock is ticking. No democracy in the history of man has lasted 250 years—here we are at 238 years.

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."—Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I agree with Dante, that the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in a period of moral crisis maintain their neutrality."—Martin Luther King, Jr.

Here in Oklahoma we have senators Inhoff and Lankford along with representatives Bridenstine and Mullin that will stand tall and lead the effort on behalf of the state of Oklahoma and influence national policy. I have had the privilege to meet with all four and exchange ideas . . . these are men of integrity and character. I have confidence that Inhoff, Bridenstine and Mullin will stand tall. Markwayne Mullin made the point that Christian pastors and churches should come forward with a strong message.

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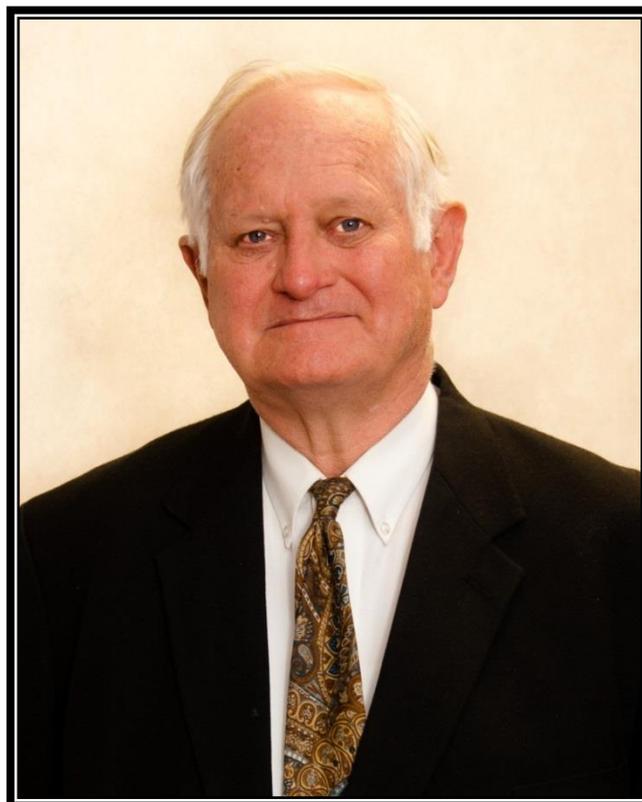
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