

# DIFFICULT QUESTIONS, HONEST ANSWERS

*When the watchman sees the enemy coming, he sounds the alarm to warn the people. Then if those who hear the alarm refuse to take action, it is their own fault if they die. They hear the alarm but ignored it, so the responsibility is theirs . . . But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn't sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths. Ezekiel 33:3-6*

**The Question: What specific signs of God's judgment are now coming on America with eerier and overwhelming precision? Is there any hope for a nation that appears to be racing toward judgment?**

- Nine Harbingers manifested in ancient Israel in the nation's last days. Each one was a sign. Each one was a \_\_\_\_\_ of judgment.
- It's all happening again according to the same pattern, according to the judgment of ancient Israel. The Nine Harbingers that appeared in the last days of ancient Israel are \_\_\_\_\_ on American soil. Each one contains a prophetic message. And upon these, the \_\_\_\_\_ hangs.
- When do you think God began removing His hedge of protection around America?  
*And they shall throw down your shrines and break down your high places. Ezekiel 16:39*  
*They shall...break down her towers. Ezekiel 26:4*  
*Upon every high tower, and upon every fortified wall. Isaiah 2:15*
- According to the template of the judgment of ancient Israel, America is a nation \_\_\_\_\_.
- Elul = a month in the biblical calendar that leads up to the Feast of Trumpets. Special prayers, ordained from ages past, were spoken by Jews in synagogues and homes. The prayers are spoken anytime between midnight and dawn, though they are most often spoken as \_\_\_\_\_. These are prayers for mercy in the day of national judgment.
- During the month of Elul, the shofar is to be sounded to prepare for the days linked to \_\_\_\_\_. The trumpets were to start sounding in the morning—at the breaking of dawn.  
*A day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers. Zephaniah 1:16*
- How long did the trumpets sound on 9/11? The trumpets continued until the morning prayers were finished. And they were to be completed within a \_\_\_\_\_—beginning at sunrise.
- The sound of the trumpets is the alarm of the watchman to \_\_\_\_\_. So when the destruction was over, the trumpets stopped.
- What do you make of this? Was it all coincidence?
- Before judgment falls on a nation, God sends warnings. Didn't anyone hear the trumpets? Has America deafened itself to the voice of God and to His warnings?
- What happens to a city—or a nation—that doesn't hear the sound of its own alarm?

# The Nine Harbingers:

**The First Harbinger:** The \_\_\_\_\_

**The Second Harbinger:** The \_\_\_\_\_

- In ancient Israel, the strike was carried out by the soldiers of the Assyrian Empire. The Assyrians were the first to use \_\_\_\_\_ as a means to a political end. Their language was Akkadian.
- In America, the attack was carried out by terrorists who originated in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. The closest language in the modern world to Akkadian is \_\_\_\_\_.

*The bricks have fallen down, but we will rebuild with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will replace them with cedars.* Isaiah 9:10

**The Third Harbinger:** "The bricks have \_\_\_\_\_."

**The Fourth Harbinger:** "But we will \_\_\_\_\_."

- When Isaiah recorded their words, he wrote that they were spoken in \_\_\_\_\_ and arrogance. In Hebrew, the word used for arrogance is linked to the word \_\_\_\_\_.
- The rebuilding at Ground Zero would be a single tower that would reach a height of \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Fifth Harbinger:** "But we will rebuild with \_\_\_\_\_."

- The Hebrew word behind hewn stone is gazit. It refers to a stone quarried from \_\_\_\_\_, and is used for constructing buildings of strength.
- On July 4, 2004, American leaders and spectators gathered around the stone in a ceremony that was to mark the beginning of the tower. The governor of New York proclaimed that they were performing the act in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Sixth Harbinger:** "The sycamores are \_\_\_\_\_."

**The Seventh Harbinger:** "But we will \_\_\_\_\_ them with cedars"

- Cedar = Hebrew = Erez tree
- In November, 2003, a tree appeared in the sky at the corner of Ground Zero. It was being lowered into the place where the Sycamore of Ground Zero had once stood. They even gave it a name: \_\_\_\_\_.

*He will . . . take away and cut down the branches.* Isaiah 18:5

*Its branches have fallen...its boughs lie broken.* Ezekiel 31:12

*He has kindled fire on it, and its branches are broken.* Jeremiah 11:16

- A biblical sign of national judgment: The \_\_\_\_\_

*When the boughs are withered, they will be broken off.* Isaiah 27:11

*He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two.* Psalm 46:9

**The Eighth Harbinger:** The speaking of the \_\_\_\_\_

**The Ninth Harbinger:** The \_\_\_\_\_

- The vow was not only a declaration. It was a prophecy of things \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your thoughts? What hope is there for a nation that appears to be racing to judgment?