

Franklin Graham Sees the Writing on the Wall for America

Franklin Graham is as passionate about America as anyone. But it appears he also sees some writing on the wall.

Graham took to Facebook to share his fears about our Republic, making direct comparisons to Iraq 2,500 years ago.

“It was known as the Babylonian empire and had the largest military in the world at that time. Its king, Belshazzar, was having a big party drinking and boasting with his wives, his mistresses, and his nobles,” Graham says. “While they were partying, the hand of God appeared and wrote a message on the wall, terrifying everyone including King Belshazzar.”

As the account in the fifth chapter of Daniel goes, Belshazzar’s face grew pale and his knees grew weak. Daniel interpreted the handwriting on the wall. “This is the interpretation of the message: Mene: God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it. Tekel: you have been weighed in the balances and are found wanting. Peres: your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians” (Dan. 5:26-28).

“Daniel warns Belshazzar that he is guilty of worshiping false gods... That very night the king was slain and the kingdom was lost to their enemies. What’s the writing on the wall for America? As a nation we are found lacking because of sin and disobedience to God’s Holy Word,” Graham says. “We have not honored Him. If we don’t turn back to God, I fear that our end will be near.”

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I respect Graham and agree that we need to turn back to God. Thankfully, it doesn't take the whole nation. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

Thankfully, it doesn't require every single one of God's people—and a remnant is contending for the prophesied Third Great Awakening even now.

I'm not into the "judgment scene," but I do believe God does send—and is sending—warnings to America. I believe we reap what we sow. I believe where there is unfettered sin, there is ultimately death. And although some like to make the argument that many nations are more sinful than America, consider this: To whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48). As a world power, America has done much good. But the foundations of our Christian heritage are fast eroding. The seven mountains of society—economy, government, family, spirituality, education, media and arts—are shaping an idolatrous, New Age culture.

In April 2007, the Holy Ghost woke me up at midnight and told me a shaking was coming with the purpose of laying bare the sin in the land. He told me He requires repentance for abortion, prayerlessness, apathy and idolatry. He also told me there is a Great Awakening coming to the nation and that it would get darker before the light shines brightly again. And so it has.

Again, I'm not one to prophesy judgment. Jesus came to save the world, not condemn it (John 3:17). I believe the blood of Jesus is sufficient for the sins of America. I believe God is a covenant-keeping God, and I believe that it will be just as it was told to me. I believe we will see a Third Great Awakening.