

God Forewarns Us

“Depart from me, you evildoers, for I will keep the commandments of my God!”

Psalm 119:115



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Many of you know that I was born and raised in Scotland, which is part of the country of Great Britain. Long before Germany attacked us in World War II, Winston Churchill tried to warn us of Hitler’s plans. He tried to prepare us for war. Most of us did not want to listen to him. We wanted to live in denial!

British people like to keep up with the world and local news. Early in the morning, we liked to hear the news on the radio. We liked to hear it before going to bed at night. We also liked our morning and evening newspaper. We liked to be informed of world events. What we did not like was when Winston Churchill told us that Germany was going to attack us. We were British! This could not happen to us. It happened to other countries, but it could not happen to us. He told us that we needed to increase our military, to build air raid shelters, to have fire drills, to prepare our homes, our schools, our workplaces, and our country, and that it would be a long war. Day after day he tried to warn and prepare us. Who wanted to hear this? Who wanted to start their day this way? Who wanted to hear this bad news, and who wanted to go to bed with this bad news?

It disturbed our sleep. It frightened our children. The majority of the leaders of our country told us that Churchill was wrong. Germany would never declare war on us. We were “Great Britain.” We were a powerful nation. We wanted

to listen to these false prophets saying “peace” where there was no peace, instead of Winston Churchill and others like him. We liked our new Prime Minister who told us what we wanted to hear: “Peace, peace do not be afraid.” Very little of what Churchill wanted us to do was accomplished, and so we were not prepared when the German bombers came. I have a book full of photographs of my country destroyed. I lived in air raid shelters, wore a gas mask, and saw the dead bodies.

God in His faithfulness tried to forewarn us through Winston Churchill, and we did not listen! Countless men, women, and children died because we refused God’s warnings. It was only by God’s mercy and AMAZING GRACE that Great Britain was never invaded. Beloved, God is trying to warn America and the world. God is trying to warn His people, the church. 2 Chronicles 7:14 reads, *“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 heal their land.”* Beloved, I want to obey God. I want to listen, and I hope and pray that you do also.

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