

## GOD'S WEAPONS OF WAR

*"Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours;  
stormy wind fulfilling his word.." (Psalm 148)*

[Note to Readers: This I wrote years ago but dredged it up and re-worked it a bit, as I felt some truth in it needed to be revisited at this time, and perhaps re-said in light of our current circumstances. Please bear with any apparent incongruities—they were not intended, if not unavoidable]

This essay was spawned by an article I read today which mentioned—in passing—the devastating Waco Texas tornado of 1953. It was the deadliest storm in Texas history. Wikipedia tells us it was actually just one of a "tornado swarm" that ravaged Texas through Illinois over a two day period in May of 1953. We'll get to that in just a minute.

The article wasn't about storms, however. It was about the recent Supreme Court case over the ["gay wedding cake" fiasco](#). The author was, in his own 'enlightened' way, mocking the whole thing and, though clearly not a big fan of homosexuality as civilized behavior, it was nonetheless lost on him as to why we're even having this discussion today in America. Probably not a Christian, he wasn't concerned much for the lawfulness of such perversions, or whether or not it was "sin", or if he even believed in such a concept. But I noticed, as he rightly perceived, that in 1953, the progressive movement had just started gaining traction in this once godly nation, and at that time it was still considered by most that homosexuality, like adultery and fornication, was "wrong". Alas, how very far we have fallen in one generation's lifetime... Hence the story portion from his article:

(I should mention that David Mullins is the sodomite at large and the instigator of the lawsuit against the Christian baker).

David Mullins says he was "mortified and embarrassed and hurt" by the experience at Masterpiece Cakeshop, but he should reflect on a story often told by my late friend Andy Sidaris, the legendary ABC Sports director.

In 1953 Andy was a young producer at WFAA, the NBC affiliate in Dallas, when the worst tornado in Texas history hit Waco. Andy put together a crew and sped three hours down Highway 77 and got there just minutes after downtown Waco had been reduced to rubble. He noticed a small hotel that had its roof ripped off and some of the walls still standing, but exposed to the elements was a ballroom full of abandoned gifts and, in the center of the room, a giant cake that had somehow survived the storm in one piece. It was a playful cake, with a few mild pornographic images on it, and Andy gathered from the invitations and guest cards that the gathering had been a gay wedding between a businessman who lived in Dallas and another businessman who lived in Houston. They had apparently chosen Waco for the celebration so

that everyone who was in the closet—virtually the entire guest list—could show up without having to tell friends and family members where they were going.

Of course there was no such thing as a legal gay wedding in 1953...

No, “gay marriage” was not legal then. We still had a few God-fearing men acting as judges in the land; the population was still largely homogenous and still considered themselves “Christian”. True, though, from the story, it’s obvious some of our people were inclining towards ever more open rebellion against their God. And what I also noticed, but the author didn’t, was that our God was becoming rather discontent with the situation. In fact, this storm was a warning shot directly from Him. And it hit its mark perfectly.

Jesus said, “For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither anything hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.” Indeed, there is a time set by God Himself when all things shall be made manifest:

*“Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts..” (1 Cor 4:5)*

Funny how tornados are... Not unlike political revolutions, they form suddenly and spontaneously and then whirl and rage in fury, dealing judgement in seemingly random ways—destroying one house, but leaving the neighbor’s standing; killing all in a building, save one who gets trapped under a mattress, or rides a bathtub out of a third story window and survives to praise God... Also, they *reveal* things. In fact, this is one of the principle purposes of God in bringing judgement—however He does it—to *expose wickedness* in the act of destroying it.

And it appears, from a simple reading of the scriptures, He always uses ‘natural events’ to do it. The earth is His, and He originates and controls all the physical forces of nature, including—and especially—the “wind”. These are God’s weapons of war! While He many times uses people (nations and armies) to judge other peoples, and sometimes angelic messengers, when Yahweh *personally* goes to battle, His weapons are *none other* than His natural forces (storms, earthquakes, celestial events)! In fact, as any military historian knows, very often God’s hand is clearly seen in the outcome of battle—in uncanny ways—through direct influence of the weather... Perhaps most notably, in the destruction of the entire Spanish armada in 1588 by storms and fog. In the end, when King Philip II of Spain learned of the result of the expedition, he declared, ***“I sent the Armada against men, not God's winds and waves.”*** And the course of history was forever changed.

So that tempest in Waco over half a century ago not only exposed the wickedness of this ‘secret’ debauchery (I wonder if any of the surviving guests got to explain just what they were doing there in Waco on that day), it very likely ended it, quite permanently for the ‘groom and groom’.

The lesson here is this: “God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”  
Moreover:

*“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:17)*

But let's revisit how God "fulfills His Word" with "Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; and stormy wind". Because, my contention is, *that's how He ALWAYS does it...*

*"And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.... And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man." (Genesis 7)*

Therein is recorded the first judgement of Adam's descendants. By that I mean a final judgment. End of life. The time of preaching and mercy had finally come to an end, and nothing remained but the swift execution of the sentence. Later in Genesis we see the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed by "fire from heaven" (probably a meteor—whatever those are) for "the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly." Nothing new under the sun...what was going on in Waco in the 1950's has been going on for a long time; and for a while, God permits it, until He doesn't. When the trap is finally sprung for the wicked, there is no warning.

But the Lord does always warn His people of coming judgement:

*Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the Lord hath not done it? Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. (Amos 3)*

Back to the point... Our God has ALL the forces of nature at his disposal. And He uses them at His discretion, 'at a time and place of His choosing'...But He sure seems to be fond of giant hail!

*"Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now. Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die. "(Exodus 9:18,9)*

*"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war? "(Job 38:22)*

Many people will pass over these sorts of scriptures without much thought... God has reserved *huge "treasures" of ice* to be used against His enemies "*in the day of battle!*" Where? ... Job didn't know either.

But whether this is literal or sometimes metaphorical, Jesus warned his followers that God's enemies would be judged and Christ would be vindicated. THAT generation which rejected Him would receive their just reward:

*For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark: And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; **so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.** (Matt 24)*

Sadly, many in Judea were caught unawares, and they perished for their unbelief.

Today, if it seems sometimes like no one is noticing the clear handwriting on the wall (as those who don't even see the irony of the building torn apart by a tornado, but leaving a perverse wedding cake and gifts untouched, as a clear witness against the evil that was being done in secret)...it may be because so few indeed *are* noticing:

*And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. **For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.** Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. (Luke 21)*

Those early believers in Jerusalem who were watching and heeded the warnings of Christ fled the city and escaped the destruction—that “damnation of Gehenna” which Jesus promised them. And isn't that always the pattern of God's judgment upon the wicked? ...It comes *AS A SNARE*.

What trap is now being prepared for those who hate God? Should we be witnesses to the truth by warning them? Of course. We should not “take pleasure in the death of the wicked” as neither does our Lord. But the tendency, as always, is for God's people to become complacent as they live among a wicked society. Peter had to warn the flock even then to guard against this:

*“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2Peter 3:9)*

As it was in the beginning, as we are told in Genesis, God moves and watches over His Creation:

*“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”*

That word “moved” is *rachaph*—‘to flutter, move, or hover’. Literally translated, “*God brooded over the face of the waters...*” The “waters” in scripture many times refer to “peoples, nations and tongues” (Rev 17:15, etc). Today Yahweh is brooding over the waters of humanity, and again, darkness is upon the face of the deep.

The prophet Ezekiel saw a vision for the end of the age. It was for the end of *his* age, as were Daniel's prophecies culminating in the coming of the Messiah and the arrival of His Kingdom. Perhaps all in metaphor, and speaking of deep things which we even now hardly understand, nevertheless it was fulfilled in Christ's generation. But, as we always see, the prophecy was determined for a time, yet an eternal precedent is set, and the ultimate fulfillment of God's Word continues to unfold throughout the ages...

*“And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, **and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down**, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. **Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord.**” (Ezekiel 38)*

“Mountains” here, as in many places, refer to “nations”. Consider carefully what is being told to US, those who are “in Israel”. Most of the world does not know God, and mostly because they have *chosen* to reject Him in their hearts. In the Western world, we knew Him once. Just as He once “foreknew us” (Rom 8:29). But our slow and steady departure from Christianity has resulted in circumstances which are now untenable for our God.

And so we come back to the point of the article and the “gay wedding cake”. Because so few Christians stood against this slow-boil of progressive thought, because we had no *riots*, or even mass protests against the egregious Court decision of [Obergefell v. Hodges](#), three years prior, and because we, as ostensible “heritage Americans”, in fact *denied* our heritage, have denied our patronage, have denied our responsibilities under God—**have denied the Faith** “once delivered unto the saints” ...we are in a maelstrom... From which we shall not escape with our liberties, wealth, property, nor probably our borders fully intact. We may only be in the very eye of the storm right now.

The final battle, if there is one in this nation, will clean the slate, so to speak. But if there is no fight left in our people, God will act alone, as He must. He has his own weapons at the ready.

*“Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.” (Rev 16)*

That is biblical hyperbole describing the end of the Old Covenant Age. And yet these events literally happened in some form (we have eyewitness accounts of this from Josephus and others). God WILL have the glory He’s owed by His creation, and His judgments will be recognized for what they are, and not some random, chaotic events. The point is, GOD IS WORKING in our midst now, and we must be cognizant of it *and ready to hear His voice* as He [directs our paths](#).

Therefore, let us not be found as the hypocrites and suffer as they do. For they indeed “observed” but did not discern. And therefore, they had no part in the forthcoming harvest...

*“He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?” (Matt 16)*

*“He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.” (Ecc 11:4)*