The Biggest Terrorist Attack in US History

A Biblical Perspective

The Fall of the World Trade Center's Twin Towers

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Introduction:

Tuesday morning September 11th 2001 at about 8:45 a.m. I was wondering about whether or not we should go ahead with plans for a scheduled Trip to the Holy Land (Israel) in May of 2002. I received my answer just about 15 minutes later. A woman in our church (Marilyn Watkins) called me and said that her husband informed her that our city was under attack and one of the twin towers had been struck by an airplane…

It was a beautiful morning. Perfectly clear, blue skys over our city. It was business a usual for many to went to work at the World Trade Center. No doubt many were at their desks; perhaps sipping a cup of hot coffee; when suddenly building #1 was struck by an aircraft. Instantly many were engulfed in flames and entered eternity. The Terrorist attack came unanounced; with no forewarning. (Even the CIA & NSA (National Security Admin) allegedly knew nothing of the approaching danger). In just a few hours, thousands of innocent victoms would either be burned to death, crushed to death, or fall to their death from the towers.

The mood of the city is sober & somber. Not the usual hilarity and gayity NY is known for. South of 14th Street in Manhattan Island looks like a war zone. Debri, soot, & acrid smoke fill the streets…

Our city has changed; The world has changed. The eyes of the world are on our city. The whole world is taking notice! The lives of multitudes will never be the same.

Senseless Murder! People destroyed! Families ripped apart by the loss of loved ones. Their deaths were not totally in vain; Their bloodshed was not for nothing if we might learn something from this tragedy.

What Lessons can we learn from the biggest terrorist attack in US History?

The Fall of the World Trade Center and the destruction to the Pentagon has a multitude of Lessons to give a country that had practically fallen asleep in the area of our national security. (Armed under-cover police on board of all commercial aircrafts is a good place to start our lesson. However, I would like to focus today a Biblical perspective of what we can learn from this American tragedy.

The biggest terrorist attack in US History, the destruction of the Pentagon and the Fall of the Twin Towers in NYC teaches us…

1. *A Lesson on the* <u>Depravity of Man</u>

It was not God's Fault, although He is sovereign over the world and allows man to exercise free will. The events that brought terror to America were motivated by the selfish desires of sinful people.

2. *A Lesson on the* <u>vulnerability</u> of any work of man in the physical world

The twin towers stood up like two proud peacocks above the Manhattan horizon. Their elevation and size and their splendor and beauty sort of said to the world which looked at them: "I'm Important" "I'm awesome" "I stand solidly settled on a firm and unmovable foundation"

Yet that structure as great as it was became nothing in a matter of minutes.

3. *A Lesson on the* <u>Brevity & Uncertainty of Life on Earth</u>

None of the innocent victims of this tragedy expected that 9/11/01 would be their last.

However all of us have an appointment with God.

Hebrews 9:27
And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Nothing in the future can be predetermined by you! Jesus said, "Take no thought for the morrow."

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow . . ." (Prov. 27:1)

James 4:14
Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Vapor = ex. breath appearing momentarily in the cold air; ex. smoke that quickly dissipates; ex. steam from a tea kettle.

Other figures applied to the duration of human life:
"a shadow that declineth" (Ps. 102:11)
"a breath" (Job 7:7)
"the cloud" (Job 7:9)
"grass" (Ps. 103:15)

God tells us to number our days (Ps. 90:12 - "So teach us to number our days--that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom")

4. ***A Lesson on the*** **Urgency for America to Wake Up and to Respond to God's Chastening**

9/11/01 may have been America's greatest Terrorist Attack, but it was not America's greatest Holocost. Abortion has killed hundreds of times more victims than the collapse of the twin towers did.

Sexual immorality is rampant in our country and particularly in our city and especially the lower section of Manhattan (where much homosexuality abounds)

"God has every reason to be angry with our nation and the great city of New York. Our sins have separated us from His mercy, and God has used the Arab nations again as a rod in his righteous hand just as He spoke to Habakkuk. Whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. The Scripture is clear and now we are facing the reality of God's Word. The Lord's voice does cry to the city. Hear ye the rod and who hath appointed it, Micah cried out to the cities of His day as God's prophet (Micah 6:9). I have said many times that the cities that are the centers of sin become the focus of God's judgment, Micah 1. Perhaps the day has come where America will never be safe again. A nation that senses they face the impending judgment of God will perhaps be ready to repent and be revived. Pray for NEW YORK CITY to have a revival. "
Matthew Recker

5. ***A Lesson on the*** **Importance of People**

Life is not about things, money, or material goods. It is about relationships. Primarily with God, then with others. Family, Friends etc.

6. ***A Lesson revealing that*** **the Secret to Unity is working together for a Common Cause**

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