

BARBARIANS AT THE GATES

A recent essay by Stephen H. Balch, the President of the National Association of Scholars, addressed the fact that there are Barbarians at our Gates. He cited evidence from history to confirm his assertion. The affluent Romans were crying out for “Bread and Circuses” when the Germanic tribes crossed the Rhine and destroyed them in 409 AD. Today we are instead crying out for sports and free health care. The affluence of our society appeals to our greed and desire for entertainment and universal health care. Since we have all we want we do not have to scramble for our living and are bored using sports to relieve our boredom. All the while Islam is plotting our destruction and sacrificing their lives to destroy us.

Balch pointed out that barbarians in the past were backward in wealth, culture and/or technology. What they did possess was fierceness in military matters. They lived harsh turbulent lives that produced a toughness that more cultured peoples lacked. This is not completely true today – for Islam has or is developing technology and they have oil money. The only thing that differentiates them from us is their culture. They are in possession of a triumphal faith, a prescribed hierarchy and the lex talionis (the law of retribution). It is true they do not have either agricultural plenty or adequate manufacturing capacity for conventional war, so those are the only things that hold them back. They do, however, have the ability to wreak havoc even in the heartlands of the West by sending small numbers of people willing to die with large quantities of potent

explosives to kill many and demoralize the rest. If they obtain weapons of mass destruction they will kill even more. I might note that they are using chlorine gas already. Soon they will have nuclear weapons.

An even more potent weapon is their ability to bleed us financially until we, too, get bankrupt like Russia did in their fight in Afghanistan. It took Islam ten years to get Russia out of that country, and they are prepared to take ten years to get us out. We cannot defeat them for they do not fight as an organized unit. They sacrifice a few to produce mounting casualties and greater expenditures. Richard Maybury a veteran of Vietnam and a financial expert. He commented on this strategy in a newsletter he distributed in January of 2005. He quoted Ben Laden who outlined his strategy in a speech he made in October of 2004. He said that 9/11 cost the terrorists 500,000 dollars and at the time he spoke it had cost America over 500,000,000 dollars. By now it has cost even more.

Islam has always been out to destroy us. We had hardly become a nation when the Barbary pirates attacked our shipping in the early 1800's. At that time we could defend ourselves by attacking their ships and their bases. We cannot do that these days for they are diffusely distributed and more elusive.

George Santayana said "those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it." All we have to do to learn what the strategies of the barbarians are is to look at the

historical record.

Our earliest record is that of the Jews who were instructed to kill everyone in the lands they invaded – lands they were given by God. When they had settled in, the Assyrians and Babylonians practiced genocide in Israel. They nearly wiped out the population and exiled the rest. In the seventh century Mohammed started his military campaigns and killed two whole tribes of Jews. After him Genghis Khan practiced genocide. It is said he killed two thirds of the population in the Near East when he invaded the area in the 1100's. Genghis Khan was noted for his extermination of the population of cities and even whole tribes. After him the Ottomans (1300's to 1923), who were governed mostly by Islamic Sunni's, killed over 1,000,000 Armenians in the years 1915 to 1923. They were noted for their warlike character. They reached the gates of Vienna twice. It was not long before the Nazi's took over and killed at least 5,000,000 while at the same time the Bolsheviks in Russia were killing and estimated 20,000,000. The Chinese communists killed even more. The estimates from data taken from all sources indicate that during Mao Zedongs regime 44.5 to 52.5 million people were killed.

There is no question that these regimes who murdered millions of people were all possessed of a triumphal faith. The only exception was the Mongol empire of Genghis Khan. It is clear that animism was the primary religion at the beginning of the Genghis Khan's regime. Later Tibetan Buddhism wielded a powerful influence. Buddhism could not, though, be considered a triumphal religion. In contrast Islam, National Socialism

and communism are triumphal religions. Islam has been said to give rise to belligerent fanaticism and the same is true of the other two.

Even though it is not often publicized, I was once told by a young German psychiatrist that his father, who was a colonel along with other leaders in the SS, worshiped the Teutonic God's. There is also a book written about the Teutonic religion of the Nazis leadership corroborating this statement.. Communism is a religion in itself.

At this point I feel that I must explain why these belief systems constitute religions. If we try to define religion we find that it involves the worship of supernatural beings or it is a cause, principle or system of beliefs that are held with ardor or faith or both. There is no question that Islam, National Socialism and Communism were held with ardor and a firm faith that they are a true religion. They believe that their ideology will produce a utopia. In all instances we can find evidence that they are not only mass murderers but are also liars.

This latter point is very important. Jesus described the origin of religion that teaches mass murder and lying. Speaking to the Jews of his day who wanted to kill him he said, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). Knowing who the father of murderers and liars is, we should carefully examine

the supernatural aspects of our present difficulties.

Paul the apostle said, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." At present we do not admit to this aspect of our war. As a result we do not unite in spiritual warfare against our enemy. The reason? We have ceased to believe that there is a supernatural evil being who has supernatural subordinate forces. To be sure there are some of us who do believe, but we do not constitute a major force or do not consider it important in our fight. Hardly anything is said in our society about Satan's role in our war.

To divert us we can also be sure that Satan is using people in our society to discourage us in our fight. They make every effort to convince us we cannot win, and that we should cease fighting the enemy on their own ground. The enemy would find our withdrawal desirable so that they can bring about more 9/11s to us. As porous as our borders are it will be easy! If we withdraw it will not be over like it was when we withdrew from Vietnam. They will bring the war to us as they did before. They will not stop because their goal is the domination of the world. Our power is their greatest obstacle.

It is obvious that Islam wants to see the elimination of Judaism and Christianity. Mohammed indicated his desire to eliminate Judaism when he began his military

campaigns. His followers continue to seek the destruction of Israel and the US today. They will come after us because we are grafted onto the root of Israel (Romans 11:19). Think about it. This makes us God's chosen people too. Satan has not changed his mind. He still desires to ascend to the throne of God, but he has been permanently banished to the earth and knows he cannot win. In his rage he, therefore, desires to destroy those of us made in the image of God because we are God's treasure. We are the people he has to attack to get exact vengeance on God.

Now it is a fact that we do not believe in all of the supernatural story. Interestingly, we will believe that there is a supernatural God, but will not believe the rest of the story. The rest of the story is that the supernatural world is populated by supernatural good and evil beings. The evil ones are, however, restricted to the world and Hell while those that are good operate in the world and in Heaven. There is a consensus that there is warfare in the supernatural world outside of heaven. The heavenly hosts and the forces of evil often contend for the souls of men. In the book of Daniel (Daniel 10:13) the evil prince of Persia tried to prevent the messenger of the Lord from bringing a message to Daniel, but he got help from the archangel Michael. This indicates that there is warfare in the supernatural world that affects us.

I want to emphasize at this point that when we become Christians the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of God and Jesus, comes and dwells in us. If this is true then, when the Holy Spirit does not live in people, other supernatural spirits can live in these people. Jesus

made this plain when he said. ". . . How can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions without first tying up the strong man? Then his house can be plundered." He also cast demons out of people who the minions of Satan possessed.

Suppose that the god of a people is not the god of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He obviously has to be a god that belongs to the evil one or is the evil one. If there are only two groups of inhabitants in the supernatural world, it is clear that their god is Satan or his demons. What then will be the fruit of their spirits? Obviously it will be murder and lies. This is in contrast to the fruit of God's Spirit – love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control.

One thing is true these days. We do not take Satan seriously enough. Realize that he is not going to come against us with conventional strategies of warfare. In the beginning God told the Israelis to wipe out the inhabitants of the Land of Canaan. He did this because he knew that if they were still in the land they would contaminate his people. That is exactly what happened when they failed to carry out his orders. We cannot wipe out all the Muslims in the world, this would be genocidal, but we can convert them. We need to get on our knees and pray for God to move in Islam. We need to be warring in prayer for the conversion of Islam. Let's do it.