In June of 1963, the Supreme Court upheld the argument of the atheist Madelyn Murray O'Hare and promulgated an edict with ramifications so widespread it insured that God would be evicted from public society across the entire spectrum of the American governmental system. From that day to this, not only has prayer been outlawed, God's very name has been declared anathema to the United States Constitution, and forbidden to be mentioned in almost any federal, state, county, city or municipal context.

Further decrees have revealed the depths of the ouster that initial edict has fostered. Not just prayer is forbidden in the public forum. Display of the cross is forbidden. The Ten Commandments are forbidden. The Bible is forbidden. Nativity plays are forbidden. Even the mere mention of the names "God" or "Jesus" in schools is forbidden. More than that, anything even suggestive of those names is forbidden.

No question about it, Pharaoh's heart has changed (Exod.14:4).

This brings into question, just who IS pharaoh, metaphorically the central figure in many of scripture's most crucial end-times prophecies - a question we will address later.
The government's legal decision hit like an earthquake when it was first delivered! Up to that moment, most people considered the United States government tantamount to a church. The morality echoed by both was virtually identical. It was that perceived union which inspired the public's reverence for its political system in the first place. Just as it is today, almost every person in the country at the time of the Court decision was Christian.

Displays of the Ten Commandments, the parables, Gospel quotations and Christian exhortations were everywhere. There were prayers in public schools, in public forums, vitally all government affairs and congress. Public grammar schools conducted nativity plays. The morality of the society was Judeo-Christian. Forgiveness was an essential principle in the land. Factors other than money drove the national mind. Businesses even closed their doors on Good Friday. God and Jesus were ubiquitous in almost every aspect of American society.

Suddenly all that was gone. All of it purged from the American scene in one sudden ruling.

That ruling was less a decision about school-sanctioned prayer than it was a decision about the constitution itself. O'Hare is the figurehead of this decision because she led the cause. As an atheist, she filed her petition on the grounds of separation of church and state, evoking the Constitution's own words. The reward went to atheism. There was no compromise, no blending of the past with the future. The Court agreed with her and threw God out of the public arena. For all intents and purposes, the Court ruled the U.S. Constitution a Godless document. The Godly do not even have a place in it. The atheists not only have a place in it, they now own it. The realization of that horrifying thought left much of the nation aghast.

Not only was there was no place for God in the Constitution, the Court ruled there never would be. Like a baby in a custody suit, the Constitution was brought into court with Madeline O'Hare claiming it belonged to her instead of the Godly parents that had been raising it for the previous 200 years. The Court examined the writing, tested it, and, in the end, said to her, 'You're right, Madeline, God has no place in this document.' So they stripped it out of the hands of the God-fearing people who had been loving and nourishing it since 1776, and handed it to O'Hare instead, the woman who hated God. 'Here, it's all yours', they said as they handed the document to its new mother. She was euphoric in her victory. The people of righteousness were dumbfounded in their grief. The court had taken the constitution out of their hands and given it to the atheist. There was no compromise. There is no place here, ruled the Court, for two mothers.

Immediately, as proof of what had just happened, God was stripped from all aspects of the government. It was a national purge. The consequences were enormous. So was the purge. Out went Christmas, the public decorations and Creche displays, the writing, the moral
lessons, the Ten Commandments, the nativity plays in schools, and on and on and on. Even the word "Christmas" was changed to "holiday". The word "God" had suddenly become anathema in the public forum and was stripped away as if it were as incendiary as a Communist call to arms.

There were many subsequent decisions, but the court never wavered in its initial assessment. The purge was relentless. It was the first in a series of decisions the Supreme Court issued deciding God's place in our system of government. They ruled He had no place in our constitution, and therefore no place in our governmental society. They made God the forbidden fruit of the nation. His name could not be mentioned in many parts of the public forum, His Son's name could not be mentioned, nor could His words or commandments be seen or discussed, especially by the nation's school children.

Today, 40 years later, we see the corporate and media worlds joining forces with the government to expand the purge to the very limits of the national society. So deadly is the idea of God to our Court that Karl Marx can be mentioned and Marx's words can be taught in our schools, but not Christ's. A Lyric by John Lennon can hang in a courthouse, but not the Ten Commandments.

What are the consequences for spurning God? Does this separation between God and government remove the shield of Grace that has guarded our country since its inception? If so, what can we expect? Did God send us any warning, any sign?

Five months after the American Supreme Court expelled Jesus, the president of the United States was assassinated. John Kennedy fell to an assassin's bullet in Dallas, Texas. Think of it! Five months!

At the heart of Jeremiah's prophecies regarding the invasion of Israel by eastern troops in the final days who hurtle across the dried sands of the Euphrates (the spearhead invasion leading to Armageddon) is the assassination of the Pharaoh of Egypt:

"And here is the proof for you that I mean to deal with you in this place: so that you may know that the words with which I threaten you will come true: Yahweh says this: I will hand the pharaoh Hophra, king of Egypt, over to his enemies and to those determined to kill him..." (Jer.44:29-30).

"The sixth angel emptied his bowl over the great river Euphrates; all the water dried up so that a way was made for the kings of the East to come in." (Rev.16:12).

"Terror from every side! - it is the Lord who speaks. The
John's prophecy in the Gospel makes it unquestionably clear that the rejection of Jesus by the nations and their people is the strategic reason for God's withdrawal of His offer of peace and reconciliation to the world:

"On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19).

"On these grounds is sentence pronounced..." Did Kennedy's assassination carry with it a foreboding of far greater consequences looming ahead, born of the rejection of Jesus by the nations, a jettison of Christ by world government completed during Kennedy's term?

What had Jeremiah's prophecies warned? Pharaoh's assassination, wars in the East, earthquake and tidal wave?

Just months after that assassination, Johnson plunged the United States into the Vietnam War. Using the Gulf of Tonkin as an excuse, he ordered 400,000 troops sent into Viet Nam to replace the 15,000 American 'Advisors' who were there when he became president. The war he pushed lasted ten years and killed, maimed or wounded over 200,000 Americans.

Exactly nine months after that Supreme Court ruling, the final signs were delivered on Good Friday, the anniversary of the Lord's crucifixion. Like nails in a cross.

On that day, in April of 1964 the United States suffered its worst earthquake and tidal wave in recorded history, a 9.2 behemoth that shattered Alaska and sent massive tidal waves roaring across the Pacific coastline, obliterating towns all across Alaska before smashing its way southward destroying cities all the way to the port of Los Angeles where, even in that distant place, it inflicted more than a hundred thousand dollars in damages.

An earthquake on Good Friday would seem, itself, a sign. In the ninth hour, just after 3 PM, when Jesus died on the cross, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and an earthquake split the rocks.
"Meanwhile, the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'" (Mat.27:54).

In 1963, and its immediate aftermath there was no one there to say anything similar. There was no one there to contemplate the signs. Professor Henry Chadwick, as quoted in the New York Times, once said, "Nothing is sadder than someone who has lost his memory, and the Church which has lost its memory is in the same state of seniility." he was not talking about the 1963 events, but he should have been. For if the Church was not senile, at least it was sound asleep.

In Bible chronology, the Good Friday earthquake and its tidal waves in America occurred in the eleventh hour (just after 5 PM). Roget's Thesaurus calls the eleventh hour the "crucial moment, the critical moment, the decisive moment, the moment of truth; the psychological moment; the nick of time; the zero hour, the H hour, D day, the deadline."

Was the Madelyn Murray O'Hare ruling America's moment of truth? Did it (over a period of nine months) give birth to a stream of fateful proofs of that decision's magnitude? Are we racing now against a deadline set by God? Was that Supreme Court decision the zero hour for our country? For our world? Scripture says yes to all of these. The Bible tells us the denial of God is always fatal. According to scripture, America and the other nations of the western world, by removing God from the mastheads of their stately ships, have struck off on a course to oblivion.

Enter the kings of the East:

"The sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice come out of the four horns of the golden altar in front of God. It spoke to the sixth angel with the trumpet, and said, 'Release the four angels that are chained up at the great river Euphrates'. These four angels had been put there ready for this hour of this day of this month of this year, and now they were released to destroy a third of the human race."

"I learnt how many there were in their army: twice ten thousand times ten thousand mounted men. In my vision I saw the horses, and the riders with their brasesplates of flame color, hyacinth-blue and sulfur-yellow; the horses had lions' heads, and fire, smoke and sulfur were coming out of their mouths. It was by these three plagues, the fire, the smoke and the sulfur
coming out of their mouths, that the one third of the human race was killed..."

"...But the rest of the human race, who escaped these plagues, refused either to abandon the things they had made with their own hands -- the idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood that can neither see nor hear nor move -- or to stop worshipping devils. Nor did they give up their murdering, or witchcraft, or fornication or stealing. (Rev. 9:13-21)

Ignoring these warnings and refusing to repent it's decision to governmentally abandon God, our nation has steadily enlarged the gap between itself and safety.

We can only conclude that the "Great Revolt" Paul predicted (2 Thes.2:3) has now taken place and even the United States has succumbed to its delusional influence (2 Thess 2:11-12). For this reason, it is important that we examine the signs and become cognizant of the events that scripture has declared will precede and accompany the "day of vengeance" made manifest by this extraordinary rebellion.

The most obvious of these signs are the very ones which followed the Supreme Court's 1963 decision, i.e., assassination (Jer.44:29-30), earthquake (Mat.24:7), warfare (Mat.24:6) and tidal wave (Jer.51:42).

These seem to be the most important in terms of the Revolt and its consequences, but there are many more. Jesus tells us there will be astonishing signs in the sun and moon and stars, and nations bewildered by the clamor of the ocean and its waves. We can expect to see lawlessness so virulent that love on earth will virtually disappear. Worldwide distress beyond anything ever seen before will follow. There will be widespread famine; even cosmic "hailstones". All of this because the world has rejected and spurned Christ's offer of peace.

The denial of God brings catastrophe. That is what the signs all point to. The separation of America from God guarantees, not justice, only trouble. It removes the shield of grace that protects our nation from the assaults of Satan and nature. Unless our government reverses its fateful course, our nation seems certain to have to participate in the mechanism of God's Judgment. That has already been made evident.

In 2001, God made our nation the billboard announcing His day of vengeance.

On September 11th, of that year, 38 years after the Supreme Court's decision on O'Hare's petition was declared the law of the land, and just 9 months into the dawning of the "third day", the images of the 18th chapter of the Book of Revelation were written on the walls of
America's city towers, plunging them into the waters of Babylon.

No writer could have invented this. Yet it happened. Right before our very eyes.

The world is Babylon and America has become the world's policeman. That makes America the world's wall - the first line of defense for the world's nations against attack. Perhaps we didn't want to be, but God has forced us against our will to become the wall of Babylon. That is why 9/11 was so ominous. God was able to display Revelation's fateful chapter before the eyes of the whole world in a sure sign of the certain fate that lies ahead.

According to Jeremiah, the definitive biblical proof of the attack and military presence of foreign troops in Jerusalem will be displayed before the eyes of all mankind in the assassination of the "Pharaoh of Egypt" (Jer.44:29-30). It is this attack that the Book of Revelation discusses in terms of the drying up of the Euphrates river (Rev. 16:12) (Rev. 9:14-19). If that catastrophic event is accompanied by an earthquake and the tidal waves against the coast of Babylon so widely prophesied, it will present a full circle that encompasses the astonishing sequence of events surrounding America's fateful decision in 1963.

The veil hiding the modern pharaoh and his Egypt of metaphor (it's troops stationed at the Euphrates and its military pact with Israel firmly in place) will have been pulled back, exposing America's reward for abandoning God in 1963, and holding steadfast to that decision despite the increasing rockiness of the road our nation now travels.

Scripture tells us that the world has been living the past 2000 years in a "year of favor" from God. It is called the "millenium" because scripture tells us a year to God is like a thousand years to man. God has almost doubled that period of world grace, just as Joshua said He would (Josh.10:12-15).

Jesus began His ministry by standing up in a synagogue in Nazareth and reading words from a text by the prophet Isaiah. The text of His reading concerned the "year of favor" that has produced the rule of Christ on earth for the last 20 centuries - God's offer of peace to the world. Jesus told the congregation listening to Him that Isaiah's words were about Himself and that they were being fulfilled in their hearing:

"The spirit of the Lord God has been given to me, 
for God has anointed me. 
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, 
to bind up hearts that are broken; 
to proclaim liberty to captives, 
freedom to those in prison; 
to proclaim a year of favor from the Lord,"
For almost 2000 years historians have revealed a world bathed in the Gospel of Christ through the active encouragement of western governments. God's year of favor became a hundred years and then a thousand years and then almost another thousand. Century after century, Satan's captives all over the earth have been set free and led to safety by the cross of Christ. Assisted in their flight by the governments of the world, the journey of God's people from this world to the next was made easier by those who ruled them with God in mind.

Only in the last 100 years has world encouragement faltered and disappeared. First evident in Europe, we have watched an astonishing reversal of the western world's support of Jesus since then. Although last in the list of governments to denounce Him, nowhere in the world has the official denial of God been more dramatically and clearly stated than in the United States of America, thanks not only to Ms. O'Hare, but to all the government officials, politicians and judges who flocked to her side, leaving Jesus standing alone.

The rule of Christ was first created on earth when the Roman Empire ordered the purge of Godlessness from its empire and put God in charge of its government. Our Supreme Court has done exactly the reverse. They have overturned all that Constantine, Theodosus and Galerius implaced. Now it is God who is being purged from the government and godlessness championed in His place.

Scripture warns that God's year of favor will end (and the day of vengeance begin) when Christ's offer of reconciliation is spurned by a revolt of the people and their governments (John 3:19). Obviously there are far too many politicians and officials in our government who haven't read these warnings, because that is the very thing they did - throw off Christ's rule and toss Him and His words out of their hearing (2 Thes.2:3). Prophecy is clear. That revolt will bring both the tribulation and the Judgment.