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WHY WILL GOD ALLOW THIS?

We shared in the last article (But What About The Saved?) that our Lord does not bring discipline upon a nation, upon one of His churches or upon one of His children without a reason. If you do not have a copy of the previous article, you may obtain one from the paper office or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bayourouge.net>.

As our national debt becomes larger and larger, the United States will find it harder and harder to find someone or some nation who will lend us the money we need to operate our government and its programs. Somewhere along the way it will become necessary to monetize even more of our governments' debt. When the debt is monetized, the Federal Reserve prints more of those little green pieces of paper that we call Federal Reserve notes and deposits them into the governments' account to cover the checks the government writes. Of course, more money in circulation means that each dollar bill (Federal Reserve note) will buy less goods and services. Put another way, it will take more of those Federal Reserve notes to buy the same thing we bought a year ago. It's called inflation.

Some of our readers may be too young to remember the inflation we experienced about 20 or 30 years ago. At that time many were shocked to see goods and services cost up to 18% more than they had cost just a year before. But I fear that inflation experience was just a precursor to what lies ahead for the citizens of the United States. When we search the scriptures for guidance, we see the final outcome of individuals and nations that turn away from the true and living God. *"¹⁷The wicked shall be turned into Sheol (the place of the departed dead), all the nations that forget God." Psalm 9:17 Darby's New Translation*

Our Lord allows these things to happen to us as He attempts to wean our affections from things of this earth and to cause us to depend upon Him and His ability.