

TERROR ON EVERY SIDE

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“We looked for peace, but no good came;
For a time of healing, but behold terror.
Go not out into the field, nor walk on the
Road, for the enemy has a sword;
Terror is on every side.”

† Jer. 8:25, 6:25

A few days ago just after the mass shootings in El Paso I kept hearing the words, “Terror on every side” which I knew was from the book of

Jerremiah and it was the word of the Lord to the nation and its leaders concerning the judgment that they were under because of their sin. I was then reminded of something that the Lord spoke to me back in the mid 1980s after there was shooting at a mall in Irivng, Texas. At that time this type thing was rare and there was only one person killed but the Lord said that it would become more frequent in America because we had loosed the spirit of murder through allowing abortion. So I expect to see more and more of this and other judgments of the Lord that He uses such as famine and deadly diseases as America continues in its decline on the road to perdition.

As a Christian, you need not be concerned about all the violence. Remember, Jesus prophesied it when it said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man." Back in 1999 one morning as I read those words I immediately turned back to Genesis to read just what conditions were like with the human race during the days of Noah. And it was a time where violence covered the earth and the thoughts of people were only evil continuously. Such is the zeitgeist in America today so that means the return of Jesus is near.

Another reason you should not be concerned is because Satan, although he has a lot of power, cannot shorten your days *unless* you get into chronic, unrepented sin. My pastor friend, Pedro Valdez, in Adrian, Michigan, has a stop sign in the front of his church that reads, "Stop Sinnins." That's good advice. Sin is an open door for the devil as we've learned over the years. But the Bible talks about, "The number of your days I will fulfill," and the Lord will fulfill your days if you remain holy and are quick to repent of sin.

It's an unfortunate fact, my brother and sister, that most Christians really never mature past infancy. They don't spend enough time in the Word and prayer to grow spiritually so they are easy targets for the devil. Often they cannot even hear the warnings of the Holy Spirit not to take this road

or go to the mall today so they could be victims of a mass shooting. Even so, if you find yourself in that situation, cry out to the Lord and then begin to pray by the Spirit.

If you're not from Montana or the North country then you're probably not familiar with moose. Where I grew up, Texas, there aren't any moose. They are huge animals. A male is about 7 feet tall at the shoulders and of course they have huge muscles and a big set of horns that can ruin a vehicle or kill a person. And they are not gentle animals but often very, very aggressive and territorial.

A man at our church in Libby gave a testimony one Sunday how the Lord had protected him while he was out in the woods. He was out hiking and didn't have any weapons. He came out into a large clearing and was walking across it when a huge bull moose charged out of the woods right at him. He stopped and began to pray by (in) the Spirit as fast as he could. His testimony was that the moose became confused, shook his head around and around and apparently could no longer see him! He stood there close to the moose who was snorting violently and shaking his head. Then the moose turned around and charged back into the woods.

Remember what Psalm 91 says, which is a promise only to those "who abide in the shelter of the Almighty" who can receive and be certain of the promise that "a thousand may fall at my side and ten thousand at my right hand but it shall not come near thee."

The word works and God is faithful to "watch over His word to perform it." He will protect you "from the snare of the fowler and the noisome pestilence." And "the number of your days" He will fulfill as long as you remain holy and are about the Lord's business.

Praise the Lord!

