Jesus Christ Controls History through the Hostility of Mankind, Ps 76:10*a*; the Lord Allows Negative Volition to Validate His Plan; the 5 Cycles of Discipline

- 6. This lust for equality feeds into the necessity to legislate all aspects of normal life so that no one is caught on the down side of the Bell Curve. From this seed totalitarianism sprouts and its fruits are the tyrants of the world such as Hitler, Lenin, Stalin, and other twentieth-century ilk.
- 7. Yet we must conclude that each was permitted to be in power by the Lord's delegation of authority to them. In His indirect control of history He must allow human volition to remain free.
- 8. By allowing human free will to move into degeneracy, God culls out the negative and allows the positive to regain freedom with the help of those who oppose tyranny.
- 9. The United States chose to defend the British and rescue the French from the Germans and in so doing removed the Führer und Reichskanzler Adolf Hitler from power. Surviving Germans, including Christians and Jews, were allowed to move forward in freedom, that is, the half that was not left victim to the hammer and sickle of Soviet Communism.
- 10. The Lord allows those who are negative to exercise their volition up to a point, then permits their demise to occur so order can be restored allowing the positive to prosper. This principle is stated in:

Psalm 76:10a - For the <u>wrath</u> [חָמָה *chemah*] of man shall praise You ...

- 11. The Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word for "wrath" is ὀργή, orgē, the latter being impulsive and motivational anger.
- 12. *Chemah* has a colorful etymology that amplifies this concept:

Hebrew is rich in terms for wrath, each of which originally denotes a specific aspect of anger. a. The most common of these words is $\neg \cancel{N}$ 'ap, which (means) "to be angry," originally "to snort." In the Old Testament the nose is less the organ of smell than that of wrath. b. The most common synonym of $\neg \cancel{N}$ ['ap] is $\neg \cancel{N}$ [chemah]. It most commonly (115 times) denotes the "wrath" or "rage" of God (90 times) or man (25).1

Chemah arises in someone or burns within him, it fills him. By nature wrath is cruel and merciless. Human *chemah* is always evaluated negatively ... implicit in the description as cruel and unbending.²

¹ Johannes Fichtner, "ὀργή," *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, ed. Gerhard Friedrich, trans. Geoffrey W. Bromiley (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1967), 5:392.

² G. Johannes Botterwick and Helmer Ringgren, eds., "הְּבֶּה *chemah*," *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament*, trans. David E. Green, (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.), 4:463.

- 13. The wrath of man was represented by the fascism of Hitler and those who followed him. Millions had to die and millions more threatened before the world took note of the pure evil of Nazism.
- 14. A new form of totalitarianism is arising on the international scene and we are joining its followers. The end results will be renewed *chemah* as the causes and effects of human viewpoint reach their critical point.
- 15. The cycles of discipline are the expressions of the wrath of men praising the perfect plan of God as human viewpoint spirals into the vortex of fraudulent problem-solving devices.
- 16. Take a look at how Jesus Christ controls history by means of the five cycles of discipline and how harbingers of the first three are evident today:
 - The first cycle: Loss of health, decline of agricultural prosperity, terror, fear, and death in combat, loss of personal freedoms due to negative volition toward Bible doctrine (Leviticus 26:14-17).
 - 2) The second cycle: Economic recession and depression, increased personal and individual discipline for continued negative volition in spite of the first warning (Leviticus 26:18-20).
 - 3) The third cycle: Violence and breakdown of law and order; severe restriction of travel and commerce (Leviticus 26:21-22).
 - 4) The fourth cycle: Military conquest and/or foreign occupation, scarcity of food (reduced to one-tenth of normal supply), separation of families (Leviticus 26:23-26).
 - 5) The fifth cycle: Destruction of the nation due to maximum rejection of biblical principles (Leviticus 26: 27-39).³
- 17. Those who survive such historical downturns must be prepared way ahead of time through personal knowledge of biblical problem-solving devices.
- 18. This is not a time to depend on things being like they have always been. It is time to be alert and be prepared while maintaining tranquility of soul.
- 19. A reality that must be recognized and faced is that not only is this the devil's world but Lucifer has coordinated more than half the population of this client nation into a juggernaut of brainwashed Progressive warriors poised and intent on changing the fundamental underpinnings of our free society.
- 20. There are a couple of sources that magnify this approaching reality in our country and illustrate the principle that in human history the sovereignty of God and the free will of man coexist by divine decree.

³ R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Freedom through Military Victory*, 4th ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2003),