

SOLOMON'S PORCH NEWSLETTER

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1973 – MARKING A GENERATION

The year 1973 could be considered a generation marking year in the U.S. The war in Viet Nam was claiming 300 American lives a week when President Nixon took office in 1969 but his successful effort to end America's unpopular involvement was overshadowed by Nixon's resignation a year later after openly lying to Americans over a seemingly benign political maneuver called Watergate. Changes in America were occurring very rapidly on the political, social and economic fronts but God was moving a step ahead of a world (America) heading toward self-destruction.

A drug culture had become firmly rooted in the new American 'way of life' and the targets for drug dealers were teen agers barely out of high schools. The U.S. Supreme Court had ruled in Roe v Wade that abortion on demand would become the law of the land. White collar crime was confirming the lust trapped within America's economic infrastructure as the love of money and the quest for power proved to be the motivating force behind the rapidly ascending financial moguls in the world. God continued to move a step ahead of the enemy.

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Quantum Fund in 1979. Its value grew to \$381 million by 1980 and to over \$1 billion by 1985. This financial empire backed a "Shadow Party" in American politics that would nurture left-wing radical American groups and directly led to this now understandable statement, "We are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America." Barack Obama (October 30, 2008), from Horiwitz and Perazzo, "From Shadow Party to Shadow Government", 2010. God was moving a step ahead of the great deception.

"During my lifetime I've had the privilege of seeing God move across America in powerful ways, and yet we have seen our nation steadily sliding into moral and spiritual ruin."

"The hour is late, and the need is urgent. The eternal destiny of many souls – and the future of our great nation – is at stake. Pray that we will turn from our wicked ways and that God will heal our land."

"I feel a deep burden for so many Americans who live with no lasting hope. Together, we can help them find it."

**Billy Graham (watch for)
MY HOPE FOR AMERICA
MATTHEW
and FRIENDS
MT 9:9-10**

Ten years after David Wilkerson's book "The Cross and the Switchblade" (1963) hit the streets of New York City, the Pennsylvania preacher returned to the City and established *World Challenge, Inc.* in 1971. Another book, "The Vision", published in 1973, provided a glimpse of what God chose to reveal about the future of America through the Holy Spirit. Wilkerson's predictions are more fully understood 40 years later. David Wilkerson made his walk to Glory in 2011 but the ministry of *World Challenge* continues through the calling of David's son, Gary Wilkerson. As a new generation carries the Word of God worldwide, Times Square Church, continues to preach the Word in New York City.

The Word of God came to Gaylord, MI in 1973 through the evangelistic outreach of James Spellman sharing a teaching on the *Head of Joseph*, a revelation of God to the Church. During this meeting in the gym at Gaylord High School (the old school) the

the United States as an ally of Israel, as the world moves against God's chosen people "to erase them from the face of the Earth

This past summer, The Senior Pastor of *World Challenge, Inc.*, Carter Conlon, has recently released a book titled "Unshakable" – Trusting God When All Else Fails. If you have shared with me similar concerns of these past five years, striving to understand my role as a Christian in a nation of declining world influence, then Pastor Conlon's book is a must read.

But it is more than simply reading to understand the path forward. It is about being a 'doer of the word' in this world and realizing how necessary it is for Christians in the Body of Christ to take their place on the wall as a "WATCHMAN" to sound the alarm, to share the counsel of the Holy Spirit with those inside God's protected city of the faithful.

SOLOMON'S PORCH NEWSLETTER is intended to make the 'call' to the 'Watchman' in the churches and fellowships throughout the northern lower peninsula that the Word of God shall be made known to our unchurched neighbors.

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