

America - Drinking the Cup of Bitterness
Joseph Herrin (07-15-2010)



Absinthe Poster from 1896

Jeremiah 25:27-28

“Thus says Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Drink, be drunk, and vomit! Fall and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you.’”
And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, “Thus says Yahweh of hosts: ‘You shall certainly drink!’”

Recently I posted a link to a vision described by A.A. Allen who received it in the year 1954. The vision described Yahweh’s judgment upon America. This was revealed through an image of the Statue of Liberty standing in the Gulf of Mexico. She was given a cup of bitterness to drink, and refused to do so. God would not relent, and forced liberty to drink the vile cup of bitterness, resulting in her staggering, and falling into the waters of the Gulf whereupon she struggled to right herself.

If you have not yet read this vision, I do recommend it. It can be found here.

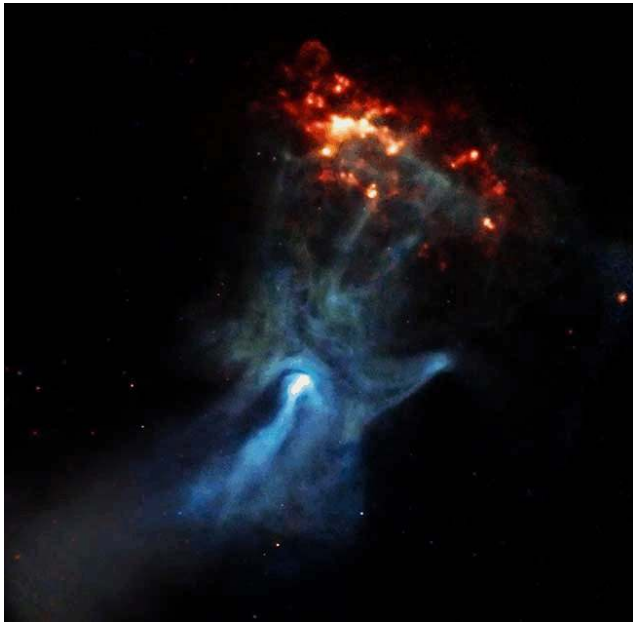
<http://www.harvestnet.org/prophecies/aaallenvision.htm>

In my studies on the Internet a few days ago I was led to a tremendous

affirmation that America has now entered into the time of judgment described by A.A. Allen. While reading the book of Revelation I began looking at the plagues and judgments being poured out upon the earth. I was struck by the similarity of similar judgments being observed in America.

For example, in verse 5 of Revelation 8 we read:

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth...



Hubble Space Telescope Image

I am presently in California. I just visited Yosemite National Park where evidence is still visible from a great fire that occurred there. In recent years great fires have swept across California, at one point leading to the evacuation of over a million people from the San Diego area.

Proceeding further in the description of the judgments poured forth, I was reminded of the current ecological catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico.

Revelation 8:8-9

And the second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood; and a third of the creatures, which were in the sea and had life, died...

Although there are some differences in this narrative, the similarities are profound. The ocean is on fire, for BP is torching much of the oil floating on the surface of the waters. The oil is reddish in appearance, and has been described as “looking like the Gulf is hemorrhaging.” Additionally, there is a tremendous loss of life among all creatures dwelling in the sea.

However, it was when I looked at the following Scripture that I saw an unmistakable parable of judgment upon America.

Revelation 8:10-11

And the third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters; and the name of the star is called *Wormwood*; and a third of the waters became *wormwood*; and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

The word “wormwood” in the Greek text is “apsinthos.” It is the root of the word absinthe, which is a type of bitter liquor. Strong’s Concordance defines this word in the following manner:

apsinthos (ap'-sin-thos); of uncertain derivation; wormwood (as *a type of bitterness*, i.e. [figuratively] *calamity*):

A very revelatory parable is seen as one looks at the history of the alcoholic beverage named absinthe, and its legal use in America. Following are excerpts from two news articles on the subject of absinthe.

Salem-News.com (Nov-27-2007 07:24)

Absinthe Makes Long Awaited Legal Comeback in the U.S.

Tim King Salem-News.com

This year alone, two brands of absinthe that are made according to traditional recipes have been legally imported to the U.S.

(SALEM, Ore.) - "Absinthe" is being consumed legally in the United States for the first time since 1915. The easing of restrictions have seen this unique and sought after green liquor making appearances on liquor store shelves throughout the country.

The consumption of absinthe has been known for providing

narcotic like - even 'hallucinogenic' qualities, and the way people consume it, by pouring it over a sugar cube in a spoon and mixing it with equal parts of water, has always kept the fascination with this alcoholic beverage alive. It isn't known however, for its good taste...

Wormwood is the ingredient in absinthe that has caused most of the controversy, and it is the part of the drink that at times has caused it to be illegal...

This elusive drink is remembered for its legendary use among writers and artists in Paris, France and beyond during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Names like Degas, Van Gogh and Hemingway are heard in the lingering romantic association with the effects of absinthe in popular culture.

*Absinthe a distilled, highly alcoholic, usually 68 to 80 percent, anise-flavored spirit made from herbs that include the flowers and leaves of the medicinal plant *Artemisia absinthium*, also called Grand Wormwood or Absinth Wormwood.*

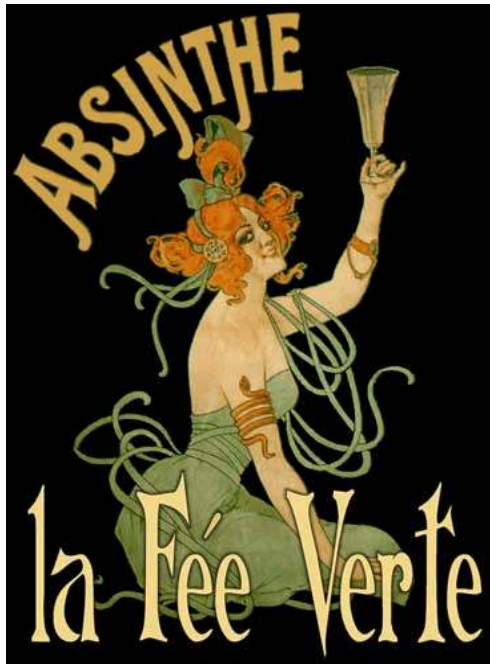
Adding to the mystique, absinthe is often referred to as la Fée Verte 'The Green Fairy...'

Absinthe was vilified in the press during the early years of the 20th Century, and portrayed as a dangerously addictive, psychoactive drug. The murder of a family in Switzerland in 1906 was blamed on absinthe. Specifically in that case, the chemical "thujone" was blamed for most of what were regarded as its deleterious effects.

Those murders in 1906 led to absinthe's prohibition in Switzerland. Other countries followed, and by 1915 it was banned in several European countries and the United States...

The LA Times reports that it took four years for a Swiss distiller, an importer and a Washington attorney to eventually jump through the hoops of the complex bureaucracy and land the drink on U.S. shores.

[S o u r c e : http://www.salem-news.com/articles/november272007/absunthe_legal_112807.php]



Absinthe - The Green Fairy

This next article, which appeared in the New York Times, ties together some recent themes in the articles posted on solar eclipses and ball games.

Absinthe: The American Remix
NY Times, April 24, 2007
By BRENDAN I. KOERNER

In praise of the opaque green liqueur beloved by his creative contemporaries, Oscar Wilde once posed the rhetorical question, "What difference is there between a glass of absinthe and a sunset?"

The prosaic answer, at least for Americans, has long been one of legality: sunsets can be freely enjoyed, but absinthe was forbidden because it contained thujone, a potentially toxic compound.

Intrepid drinkers have worked around the ban by ordering imported bottles off the Internet or smuggling them back from Eastern Europe. Now they have a third, less dodgy option: Lucid, which is being marketed as the first legal, genuine American absinthe in nearly a century.

Lucid is the debut product from Viridian Spirits of Manhasset, N.Y., founded in early 2006. According to Jared Gurfein, Viridian's president, the

company's first order of business was to contact Ted Breaux, a chemist known for his detailed analyses of vintage absinthes.

*A New Orleans native, Mr. Breaux now produces absinthes in Saumur, France, using the same recipes and ingredients — including the plant *Artemisia absinthium*, or grand wormwood — employed by his 19th-century predecessors...*

Mr. Breaux blended the grand wormwood with green anise and sweet fennel from Europe, instead of using more-affordable imports from East Asia. Using herbs from Europe, absinthe's native continent, he said, gives the drink an earthier essence...

Several Lucid prototypes were ready by last July; Mr. Gurfein and his staff at Viridian used an office taste test to select the formula they would take to market. That formula was then sent to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, a division of the Treasury Department, which checked the absinthe for traces of thujone and other impurities and approved it. The bureau also reviewed Lucid's bottle, paying close attention to the words on the back.

"They wanted to make sure that we were going to market this responsibly, that we didn't intend to piggyback on some of the myths," Mr. Gurfein said. Absinthe's fabled reputation for causing hallucinations and madness has since been debunked...

Lucid will be available starting next month, priced at \$59.95 for a 750-milliliter bottle. A Web site, DrinkLucid.com, will soon post information on liquor stores that will carry the product...

I sampled the 124-proof liqueur last week, while watching the National Basketball Association playoffs. When diluted with water and a pinch of sugar, the absinthe's taste is strong and pleasant. And the buzz has an odd way of focusing the mind — I've rarely been so entranced by the swish of a basketball net.

[S o u r c e : http://www.nytimes.com/2007/04/29/business/yourmoney/29goods.html?_r=1]

Oscar Wilde's question relates absinthe to a sunset. America as a nation is

truly experiencing her sunset. The light is going out in this nation, and her freedoms and prosperity will also be extinguished. The company marketing this absinthe is calling it lucid. This word, meaning “bright, or luminous” shares the same root as the name Lucifer. The company is similarly called Viridian Spirit. Viridian bears a double meaning, being the name of a blue-green color. Absinthe is not blue-green, but either green or colorless. The name Viridian is intended to evoke in the mind a relationship to the word virile, which is defined for a man as “having strength, energy and a strong sex drive.” Absinthe has long been associated with increasing the sex drive, as is evidenced even in advertisements from over a century ago.

America’s drunken and uninhibited emphasis upon sexual promiscuity has led to a flood of sin. Children are being corrupted at early ages by a flood of pornography easily accessible on the Internet. They are lured into sexual promiscuity even by such media outlets as Disney, who promote young girls such as Britney Spears and Miley Cyrus as role models, only to have them become harlots dragging along millions of girls who want to emulate them, and boys who are consumed with lust.

The same trend is even seen among Christian artists. Recently Jennifer Knapp announced her return to the music scene. She confessed to being in a lesbian relationship, and has undoubtedly led many of her “Christian fans” into much confusion and error. Katy Perry, who began her career as a Christian singer, is now one of the most immoral secular singers, and is widely promoted. Her song, “I kissed a girl, and I liked it” has been a powerful tool of Satan to promote a perverted sexual mindset. America has drunk deeply of the intoxicating beverage of sexual promiscuity and is exporting it to the rest of the world.

The extraordinary and inordinate focus upon sex has led to out of wedlock pregnancies, an abandonment of all virtue, over sixty million abortions, and increasing sexual deviancy. The current President of the United States has made it his personal crusade to endow homosexuality with garments of honor and virtue, while at the same time he decries those who call such things abominations as “narrow minded” and “intolerant.”

Absinthe represents this drink that America has been imbibing. America cannot have one part of this drink without the other. Not only is it a drink of great narcotic properties, associated with sexual virility, but it is also a bitter drink which is known by the name “Wormwood.” America must now drink

fully of a cup of bitter judgment, for her transgressions and abominations have arisen before the throne of God.

I find it to not be coincidental that Absinthe was admitted into America again at the end of 2007. It was the same year that Miss USA fell on stage at the Miss Universe Pageant. A.A. Allen speaks of America being forced to drink a cup of bitterness and it resulting in her staggering and falling. Miss USA fell again at the precise time in the show, during the evening gown competition, in 2008.

The evening is the time of the setting of the Sun, and the Spirit testifies that the Sun is now setting upon this nation. Darkness has fallen across the land, and gross darkness upon the people.

Yesterday a brother in Christ informed me of a detail relating to the Chatsworth Train Wreck of which I was not aware. Some may be more familiar with this event as the Metrolink 111 train crash. I have written of the significance of this catastrophe.

Metrolink 111 had begun its run at UNION Station in Los Angeles. It crashed full speed into a UNION Pacific freight train traveling in the opposite direction. The results were horrendous as dozens were killed and many more were seriously maimed and injured.



Metrolink 111 Train Crash

I have related how this is a parable of the disintegration of America as a UNION. Barack Obama has been compared largely to Abraham Lincoln. Both were from the state of Illinois. Both had limited political experience prior to becoming president. Both were tall and lanky. Both have some relationship to the struggle for minority civil rights.

Soon we will be able to add:

Both were president when the nation went through a great constitutional crisis and the nation was divided, martial law was instituted, thousands of Americans were locked up without trial, and federal troops were employed to battle the citizens of this nation.

What I do know is that the hour is very late. Solar eclipses have long been considered by the Jews to be an omen of judgment falling upon the nations. Certainly a time of great judgment is at hand. The Father would have His children to be watchful, alert and sober. He would have them to be very attentive to the voice of His Spirit that they might obey Him quickly and make whatever preparations (spiritual and physical) that He would direct them to.

Through days of great tribulation the Father will bring forth a people who have been purged, purified and refined. He will acquire those mature sons that His heart seeks after. It is an hour when all Christians must put aside a pursuit of the world, and lay aside a pursuit of the desires and passions of the flesh. They must seek the will and pleasure of the Father. Where He says go, they must go. What He says do, they must do.

America is being given a cup of wormwood to drink. The drink is exceedingly bitter. It will cause her to stagger and fall.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days.